



## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **What is the Blackstone Valley Bluegrass Band?**

We are four fellows who, at one point in time, all lived in the Blackstone Valley of Massachusetts. We all have backgrounds in music ranging from being career bluegrass musicians, to orchestra members, and even a member of drum and bugle corps. The four of us came together one summer in order to fill an opening in our hometown concert series. Afterwards we were so enthused about the ensemble we decided to keep it going. And thus was born the Blackstone Valley Bluegrass Band.

### **Why are you named after a Valley?**

We love the Blackstone Valley, and it has a rich history. Located in South Central Massachusetts and Rhode Island, running the length of "America's hardest working river," the 46-mile Blackstone, it is here that America's Industrial Revolution began in 1790. We theorize that exposure to the heavy metal content of the Blackstone River has produced the unusually large number of fine bluegrass pickers here. ☺

### **What is it that you do?**

Well, primarily we have fun. Although we think of ourselves as musicians and singers, we are most importantly entertainers. The music we play is fairly mainstream bluegrass; however we do mix up things quite a bit. We are neither "traditional" nor "progressive". You'll hear everything from well-known standards, blazing hot instrumentals, rollicking fiddle tunes, gospel quartets, even a folk song here and there. Our primary instrumentation is acoustic guitar, five string banjo, mandolin, and acoustic bass, and we feature excellent harmony singing.

### **Just who are these four fellows?**

The band consists of the brothers Bob and Dave Dick, with Dan Nowlan and Ken Taylor.

### **Why should I have the Blackstone Valley Bluegrass Band perform at my event?**

We will increase the fun factor at almost any event. We appeal to a wide range of tastes in the bluegrass music style, and deliver a professional show with style and humor. Being performers with decades of experience you can count on us to entertain you and your audience.

### **How do I get these guys?**

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