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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It's going to be a busy November for anyone planning to take in the activities that are of interest to fiddlers. On Sat., Nov. 4, there will be a meeting of the contest committee at the Cliff Bukers home in Waldport, and our next jam session will be on the Sunday of the following weekend, Nov. 12. The Saturday after that, Nov. 18, will be the one day training session on judging oldtime fiddle contests. This will be held at Whiteaker school here in Eugene. Following that will be a contest the next weekend in Ilwaco, Wash.

Complete details about all these events will be found in this Hoedowner. I hope all of you will take in at least one of these events, and that some of you will participate in all of them.

Our convention committee has met and have decided on a great many details about our annual meeting in March. They will meet at least once more, probably early in January, to make final plans. After looking over Chairman George Stout's notes, I'm confident our 1973 convention will be the best ever.

My final word for this month is: don't wait for someone to twist your arm before you take part in these activities that are planned. If you have ideas about how contests could be improved, come and share them at the contest committee meeting. What you might not be able to accomplish by yourself, might be brought about by the entire group. And if you are a fiddler, and do not attend the judges training, you will have only yourself to blame for missing out on something that could very well prove to be invaluable. So take part. Make your ideas known, and your presence felt.

WAYNE HOLMES

KELSO OREGON JAM SESSION AND POTLUCK NOV. 12

Our next Jam Session and potluck dinner will be in the town of Kelso, OREGON. Kelso is located about 8 miles S.E. of Gresham on Hwy. 26. Take the Kelso turnoff off of Hwy. 26. I am told there are only two buildings in the town of Kelso and the jam session will be in the dancehall. The doors will be open at 10 A.M., DIN-DIN at 12 noon, with the show to start at about 1 P.M. Don't forget your table service, food, instruments, and friends. Arrangements were made by Clarence Davis.

BUSY FIDDLERS

Fred's Fiddling gang with special guests Bennie Thomasson, Chuck Griffen, and Don Poindexter played at the Holgate House on Oct. 7th. Refreshments were served.

On Oct. 7th, Dorance Giddings and Nell Turner, played a 2½ Hr. Concert at the Harvest Festival in Portland, I.O.O.F. Nell also plays for the senior citizens in Portland by herself.

REPORTS ON JAM SESSIONS

Our monthly jam session and potluck was held on a nice clear autumn day in Eugene at Whiteaker school, on Sunday Oct. 22. After some good food an appreciative crowd heard some outstanding fiddling. Following several numbers played by the entire group of fiddlers, an unusual treat was provided by the colorful Eugene Highlanders, a bagpipe band led by pipe Major Hector Smith. The group included some dancers, as well as several pipers in their brilliant costumes.

There was plenty of good fiddling heard too, as these fiddlers played some of their favorites: Wayne Holmes, Charlie Johnson, Bob Hawes, Shorty Allen, Fred Virtue, Bob Fast, Cliff Buker, Charlie Francis, Leroy Sims, Valdemar Nelson, Linda Danielson, Don Gish, Clarence Davis, Fred Hildebrandt, Buck Aulman, George Stout, Rusty Modrell, Jerry White and Bill Yohey. Accompanist: Minnie Bennett, Bessie Buker, Shirley Sims, Dave Winkelman, Ron Gimm, Roy Ziegler, Steve Sims, Marshall Jackson, Charlie Francis,. John Daugherty played a couple of tunes on the mandolin and Linda Danielson and Fred Hildebrandt played some waltz duets. The entire group of fiddlers and accompanists played several requests after the individual performances, during which time Ron Gimm sang two songs.

Behind every one of our get-togethers there is someone who quietly does a lot of work getting things ready. For this meeting in Eugene, Ray Walker made all the arrangements. He not only prepared for it but took care of the public address system during the entertainment. He also stayed and cleaned up the place afterward. Thank you, Ray, and thanks to all who are willing to work behind the scenes and in the kitchen, and in cleaning up.

WAYNE HOLMES.

GRANTS PASS

The first Jam Session of the fall season was held in Grants Pass on Sunday, Oct. 15th. Even though it was hunting season we had a nice turn out both in musicians and in the audience. The fiddlers were: Wayne Holmes, Chris Christiani, Van Southwood, Ivan Schuck, Jim Hoots, Billy Warwick, John Hoerster, Ralph Diaz, Hjalmer Edwards, Jack McCasland, Jim Rose, Ned Coverdale, Earl Willis, Phil Simmons, Hugh Samples. The seconds were: Rodney Harris, Allen Sartaine, Jim Hoots, Chris Christiani, Jimmy Bevel, Dave Winkelman, Tom Veiling, Jack McCasland, Alan Trugman, Phil Simmons, and Billy Warwick. The Harris children, accompanied by their dad sang a cute song for us.

MARTHA WARWICK

MEDFORD JAM SESSION DECEMBER 10

The date for the December Jam Session to be held in Medford will be December 10. The location will be the American Legion Memorial Bldg, at 404 Walnut St. in Medford. Turn off Riverside onto Walnut St, the Legion Building is just behind Pulvers Motel.

MARTHA WARWICK

MORE CAMPOUT NEWS

For those who were concerned about the upper little narrow bridgeway when they came to the campout I thought they would like to know what Red put in a wide culvert and now that is just road way all the way in, no bridge. Another thing, if anyone has any extra wiring around and would like to donate it to the camp ground they can give it to Wayne Holmes and we will try to get it from him.

MARTHA WARWICK

TO THE HOEDOWNER

We were among the fortunate people who spent Labor Day week-end at the Warwick Ranch. I must say it was one of the nicest week-ends we ever spent. Who could ask for more than a beautiful place to camp, all kinds of good food, and to be able to listen and enjoy all the good fiddling all day long, including the night shows. A special thanks to Martha and her family.

ROBERT AND DULCIE FAST.

SWEET HOME

A relatively productive convention committee meeting was held at the Stout's residence in Sweet Home on Sat. Oct. 21, and big thank you goes to all those who were able to be present. My apologies to Fred Hildebrandt, I was not aware that you had volunteered to be on the committee, so therefor I didn't advise you of the meeting. I'm sorry Fred.

Chairmen and Co-Chairmen of the various convention activities were appointed. A great number of items were discussed, some finalized at this first meeting.

I would hope that the Chairmen of these activities will proceed immediately to accomplish as much as possible and report to me as to the progress, before we meet some time in the first two weeks in January, '73. At this meeting we should be able to finalize all the activities in order to have the schedule "in the groove" for the Convention in March.

Again, thank all of you for attending and working so congenially on our first Convention committee meeting.

GEORGE STOUT
Chairman Convention "73

CONTEST COMMITTEE MEETING SAT. NOV. 4 CLIFF BUKER HOME

Several People have volunteered for the contest committee, but if you haven't or even if you haven't heard of such a committee, don't let that stop you from coming to this meeting. What we want are ideas, suggestions, gripes, plans, and anything and everything about contests and how they should be run. I've never talked to a fiddler about a contest that he didn't think that something about that contest could have been done better. So come with your ideas on how the ideal contest should be conducted. Let's see what we can agree on, and then make a report that we can show to contest sponsors telling them how the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Assoc. would like to have contest run.

This meeting will be held at the Buker home in Waldport. When you get to Waldport, Call Cliff and he will go th where you are and lead you home. We will start the meeting at 1 P.M. If you are concerned about contests, and want to do what you can to see them improved, be at this meeting. whether you are a fiddler, an accompanist or simply a concerned person.

WAYNE HOLMES

MADERA, CALIF, CONTEST RESULTS

It would be impossible in a short space to do justice to the Madera contest. I will always treasure my memories of many fine people I met there, the gracious treatment that the Madera Old Timers Day Comittee gave me and all the other fiddlers and their families, and of course, the outstanding contest itself.

In particular I would like to thank Fred Beavers, the Old Timers Day Committee chairman, for his hospitality. He just couldn't do enough for the fiddlers to suit him, He gave us a dinner party I'll never forget.

Fred has written to me that plans are already under way to insure that next year's contest will be even better.

With \$1625.00 cash awards, and in addition 16 of the best trophies ever seen, this contest must be ranked right next to the big Natinnal contest in Weiser, Idaho in terms of value of the awards made to the contestants.

RESULTS:

CHAMPION DIVISION: 1st Loyd Wanzer; 2nd Benny Thomasson; 3rd Vernon Keathly.

REGULAR DIVISION: 1st Wayne Holmes; 2nd John Francis; 3rd Tim Rued; 4th Roscoe Whight.

JUNIORS: 1st Billy Warwick; 2nd Bruce Johnson; 3rd Deith Cummings.

SENIORS: 1st Van Cunningham; 2nd Ernest Hall; 3rd Marion Parsons.

LADIES: 1st Francis Anderson; 2nd Maxine Taylor; 3rd Ruby Zang.

WAYNE HOLMES

CONTEST ILWACO, WASHINGTON SAT. NOV. 25th

Preliminaries start at 1:00p.m. with finals at 7:00p.m. The contest will be in the new school auditorium in Ilwaco. Judging will be remote. Five categories: Ladies, Juniors Intermediates, Seniors and Reglars or open. Age limits: Jrs. of either sex under 18. Ladies 18 and older. Seniors of either sex 70 and older. Intermediates of either sex 18 to 70. Opens of either sex 18 to 70.

To qualify as an Intermediate a fiddler will be eligible if they have not won first in any Intermediate contest, have not placed in top five in any state or Regional contest, or in top 20 at Weiser, Idaho. Fiddlers must be signed in before start time of category in which they will play. Ladies first, Juniors second, Intermediates third, Seniors fourth and Opens last. Please, all fiddles tuned to the piano on stage so all can play in the gropp playing. No electrified instruments will be allowed. Each fiddler can have no more than two accompanists, or he may play without an accompanist if he wishès. ENTRY FEE: None for Ladies or Juniors. \$2.00 each for Intermediates and Seniors, and \$3.00 each for Opens. Each fiddler will be required to play three tunes, each of a different type for each round of play. If he plays two tunes of same type in one round, he will recieve no score for the repeat type tune. Fiddlers cannot play the same tune twice during the contest. If he does, he will recieve a zero for the repeat tune. Each fiddler must play one Hoedown per round. He can play the Hoedown first, second, or last if he wishes. And he can choose from one each of the following types for his two other tunes; Polka, Jig, two-step, Waltz or Schottisbhe. UNDERSTAND THIS RULE. Fiddler need not play a waltz, but can do so if he wishes, the same goes for the jig, polka, two-step, schottische or waltz. The only Required type tune is the Hoedown.

PRIZES: A dandy Rotary trophy to be awarded to the winner of the open. This trophy is to be brought back to the contest next year and will again be awarded, to the winner of the open. Ladies and Juniors: Trophy and \$15, \$10, and \$5. for top three. Intermediates: Trophy and \$30., \$25., \$20., \$15., and \$10. Seniors: \$35., \$25., \$20., \$15., and \$10. Opens: \$50., \$40., \$30., \$25., \$20., and \$10. Errors may be rectified before close of contest.

Ilwaco invites all fiddlers and followers to attend this contest. Good seats at a low rate. Weather on the beach is always good. Ilwaco is in the NW tip of Washington across Columbia from Astoria. See you all at this contest.

MARSHALL JACKSON.

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 4	-----Contest Committee Meeting-----	-----Waldport
Nov. 12	-----Jam Session-----	-----Kelso, Oregon
Nov. 18	-----Judging School-----	-----Eugene
Nov. 25	-----Contest-----	-----Ilwaco, Wash.
Dec. 10	-----Jam Session-----	-----Medford

MORE ABOUT JUDGES TRAINING EUGENE, NOV. 18

I want to urge every Oldtime Fiddle Contest Judge to attend the session here in Eugene, Nov. 18, starting with registration at 10 a.m. As far as I know, this will be the first time ever, anywhere, that people have assembled for the purpose of learning the right way to judge oldtime fiddle contests. So come and help make history by being a part of this training. As I have said before, it will not be judges only who will be welcome to come and learn. Everyone who is vitally interested in the judging of fiddle contest should plan to attend. This includes all fiddlers, even if you have never judged, or do not want to judge, a contest. This is because you will learn how to score better when you compete in a contest. Can you pass up the chance to learn how to do this?

Any Washington, Idaho or California fiddlers and officers of your Associations will be most welcome to attend. We will have the place, the program and the expert. You plan to come or send a delegate.

I have nothing to add to the agenda. It will go on as given in last month's Hoedowner.

Here are the directions on how to get to the Whiteaker Elementary School, 21 North Grand St. Eugene. From The I-5 Freeway take Hiway 126 westerly for about 3.5 miles following the signs to downtown Eugene and "Ocean Beaches" to the first traffic light (First St.) turn right for .4 miles to the next traffic light (Van Buren St.) turn right again for one block.

This training session could have far-reaching effects, and influence on contests and oldtime fiddling for years to come. You be sure you're there.

WAYNE HOLMES.