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COMING EVENTS	MARCH 1986	DISTRICT
Mar 1	Dance, Greenacres Grange	Greenacres 5
2	Jam, Talent Community Hall	Talent 4
6	Fun Nite, Shasta Grange	Klamath Falls 1
9	Bend Senior Center	Bend 3
9	Jam, North Plains Senior Center	North Plains 7
9	Jam, Saterlin Hall	Newport 8
13,15	STATE CONVENTION, Fairgrounds	Roseburg OOTFA
16	Jam, Fairgrounds	Klamath Falls 1
22	Benefit	Silver Lake 1
22	V F W Hall	Bandon 5
23	Jam, Willamalane Senior Center	Springfield 6
Apr 6	Yreka Community Hall	Yreka, CA 4
13	Moose Lodge	Eugene 6
13	Community Hall	Stayton 8
20	Elsie Stuhr Senior Center	Beaverton 7
May 9,10	OREGON STATE FIDDLE CONTEST, Lebanon Senior High School	Lebanon OOTFA
18	Eagles Lodge	Albany 6
25	V F W Hall	Willamina 8
June 8	Strawberry Festival (Benefit)	Lebanon 6
16,21	National OTFA Contest	Weiser, Idaho NOTFA
26,28	High Desert Fiddle Contest	Burns 9
July 4	Timber Carnival	Albany 6
10,13	Campout, Albertson's Reservoir	Lakeview 1
13	Fiddle Show, Bohemia Days	Cottage Grove 6
14,18	Cannon Beach Fiddle Sorkshops Carol Anne Wheeler	Cannon Beach
16,20	Campout	Vernonia OOTFA
Aug 8,9	Benton County Fair	Corvallis OOTFA
16	Polk County Fair	Rickreall OOTFA
April 4,5	Fiddle Contest, Hermiston High Sch.	Hermiston BMOTFA

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

After a very busy week filled with planning and metings, Walt and I sat down for our devotional time together and we ran across this poem. Because it says it all, I want to share it with you here.....

"Beware of those who stand aloof
And greet each venture with reproof:
The World would stop if things were run
By men who say, 'It can't be done!'"

The GIANT PROBLEMS we wometimes have are easy to overcome with the fine will-
ing "to do what I can" kind of people that we have in this organization.
What would the Executive Board do without you! We are proud of you all.
This has been a very busy month, but everything is ironed out now and we
can zero in on the Convention. A complete program of events will be avail-
able on Thursday AT CONVENTION and WAYNE HOLMES will be in charge, so you
can direct your questions to him. Thursday will be a free day. Please
bring fingerfoods for the evening and DISTRICTS, DON'T FORGET YOUR CENTER-
PIECES! Also, those who are bringing drawing items, give them to LEW HOLT.
Just remember....Convention starts March 13th and ends the night of the 15th
with our Annual Fiddlers' Dance! Convention Banquet on Saturday night...
limit 300, so get your tickets early on Friday.
See you there...God Bless.

MAXINE

P.S. Praise the Lord! The Rosters are ready!

DISTRICT 1

February greetings from our district! Sunday, the 16th, there were 20 some
musicians ready and willing to make music at the jam at the Fairgrounds,
and a large crowd of enthusiastic listeners. We had our election of officers
and want to take our hats off to our past officers for a good job well done.
Thanks, guys and gals. Our new officers are Isom Patterson - Chairman,
Ray Lane - Co-Chairman and Anne Johnson - Secretary/Treasurer.
Some of the fiddlers played for the Merrill Seniors' Dinner at the Merrill
Recreation Hall last Tuesday. We want to thank them for the music.
March 6, first Thursday, is fun night at Shasta Grange Hall in Klamath Falls.
There will be a potluck dinner at 6:30, so bring a dish and join in. Plans
are to have potluck every 3 months on Fun Night.
March 16 we will jam at Klamath Fairgrounds. We will have a business meet-
ing at 1 p.m. and at 2 p.m. the public is welcome for a good afternoon jam
for visiting, getting acquainted, clapping and toe tapping.
March 22nd the fiddlers play at Silver Lake for an Ambulance Fund Benefit.
There will be camper parkings available and a potluck at 6 p.m.
The 4th Thursday of each month the fiddlers play for the seniors at Clair-
mont House in Klamath Falls at 7 p.m.
The 4th Sunday of each month the fiddlers play at the nursing homes. Come
help out. Those seniors sure enjoy the music. Seems like it's a small
thing to do to make a happy afternoon for those people.
Now that we have started out with a new year and new officers, I feel enthus-
iastic about a busy summer just around the corner, if we don't go around
the wrong corner (that is). So, let's put these new officers to work and
all get in and ask where we can help out. What's say?

LOUISE POLLICK, Reporter

DISTRICT 3

A cheery "Hello" from beautiful, snowy and rainy Central Oregon. You are
invited to come to our March Jam, March 9, 1986, at 1:30 p.m. in the Bend
Senior Center.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Following the March Jam session we will have election of
officers for District 3. All members are asked to be present and to think
seriously about those you would like to fill those offices.

Our jam in February served a double purpose. The fiddlers provided music
for a farewell party for a lovely lady who has served the seniors for some
time, Darlene Johannssen. She is leaving for a new occupation. The audience
was large and lively. The fiddlers went through their paces in the auditor-
ium and then went into the dining room where they played for the dancers.
Nine fiddlers and nine accompanists kept the feet moving.

We were charmed by the special talents of Alan Ede, from Corvallis. He gave several special numbers and we are convinced that he is a real showman! We'd love to have you back again, Alan.

Vollie Chisholm called in from Bullhead City, Arizona, to say he is feeling much better and that he and Lois hope to be home again in a few weeks. Orlo and Hazel Flock's granddaughter and great granddaughter are still in the hospital very seriously ill. Remember them in your prayers. Harley Nimmo is home from the hospital following recent surgery and is doing fine. Don and Lee Hanna missed jam. It seems they were needed by a cow that was having a calf. Everything turned out fine and Mamma and offspring are fine. March 12th, Don Hanson and Bob Hawes will demonstrate the difference between "fiddling" and "violin" music for the grade-school children in Redmond. This just goes to show the versatility of people who fiddle around with violins. The fiddlers have been invited to play in LaPine on April 12th to help raise money to finance the ambulance service there. More info later.

MARGE NIMMO, Reporter

DISTRICT 4N

Hello, to all you fiddlers out there, from the north end of the District #4. We had a real good turnout for the first time ever Jam in the school at Yoncalla. While Maxine Benson was signing up new members, Wayne Holmes was doing a fine job of emceeing, and keeping the fiddlers and specials lined out. We were pleased to know our good friends, Bill and Sally Christian, and several others, joined our association.

District #4 members were well represented at the Jam in Reedsport, despite the rain and wind. We all had a good time.

After a bout with the flu and complications, Bill and Gladys Washborn are finally getting back to normal. We missed them.

I thought the last Hoedowner was one of the best we have had. With all the news of the Convention coming up, I was proud of it!

GLEN A. BROWN, Reporter

Mike and Dolores Booher and family, want to thank all those who helped make the Yoncalla Jam such a success. Special thanks to the visitors from other districts who came and helped. Be looking for more jams in the area.

DISTRICT 4S

March 2	Jam at Talent Community Hall	Talent
April 6	Jam at Yreka Community Hall	Yreka, CA

We had a great jam, Feb. 2, at Central Point - over 100 people attended and were entertained for listening and dancing by 20 fiddlers, 9 specials and plenty of good backups. We were happy to have visitors from the Yreka area and Klamath Falls. Come again soon, folks! It was voted at the meeting to postpone the election of officers until March 2nd in hopes of more members attending from all parts of the district and some willing candidates. The meeting will take up shortly after 11, so please come! Doors will open at 10:30 and potluck after the meeting.

Yreka has invited Dist. 4 to come there for our April jam, which we have done for many years. It will be April 6, at the Yreka Community Hall. Take the first exit from I-5, go west through two stop signs and the building is on the left. Potluck at noon.

It's good to hear Beulah Wobbe is doing fine after surgery; also Mae Baldwin after knee surgery. Get Well wishes to everyone who has been on the sick list.

Did any lady leave a white sweater at Central Point? We have it. Ph 772-8941. We are busy as usual playing about 10 times a month for nursing homes and senior lunches.

Still waiting for a volunteer reporter.

DORENE WINKELMAN, Acting Reporter

DISTRICT 5

March 1 Greenacres Grange Dance
22 Dance, V F W Hall

Greenacres
Bandon

Greetings from Dist. #5! Our month started with our dance at Greenacres, on Feb. 1. We had 14 fiddlers and a few specials. For a winter night in February, we certainly had a good turnout of fiddlers and back-up. Smitty and Marge presented our dist. with our very own OOTFA sign and silk hanging to use at our functions. Thanks a million.

The next Saturday night, the gang met at the Senior Center in Coos Bay for a dance and finger food. There were 9 fiddlers and 13 back-up, including O.W. Perini from Cottage Grove.

And then, the following Saturday, on the 15th, we, and our guests, gathered in Reedsport for a marathon fiddle get-together. We started a jam at 1:00 with fiddlers from all over - including our State President, Maxine Benson. We do appreciate and were complimented by all of the visiting fiddlers. We hope that you come back again soon. After a break for a potluck (and still a lot of fiddling) we started playing at 7:00 for a dance. Our thanks go out to Paul and Frankie Williams for all of their encouragement and hard work to make this week-end a success.

March will start off on the first with a dance at Greenacres - just 9 miles south of Coos Bay on Hwy. 42 towards Coquille. Follow the sign to the Greenacres school/community. We'd sure like to have you join us for hamburgers at 6:00 a business meeting - with the election of our new officers, and then the dance to follow. All of that rain that you have been hearing about is down in California.

After the State Convention in Roseburg, we'll see you at the VFW Hall in Bandon on March 22nd. That will be a potluck at 6:30 with the dance to follow. The VFW Hall is east of town on 42 towards Coquille

LEW HOLT, Reporter

DISTRICT 6

Our Feb. 23rd Jam at Lebanon was a whopper, with 42 fiddlers and specials, and a great bunch of backups. We played to a packed house, after a lovely noon luncheon. Before lunch, at our business meeting, we elected Jack Walker-Chairman, John Steele-Co-Chairman, and Kay Donathan-Secretary/Treasurer for the coming year. Our thanks to all the fine work done for us by our present officers and we will give our very best support to the new ones who will take office July 1st. Let us know how we can help! Our thanks and appreciation to all those guests from other districts who came and helped at our jam. Stan and Addie, Chuck and Dorothy Booher played at Creswell Nutrition Center Feb. 19th. They had a good time and a good crowd.

A group of fiddlers and backup played Feb. 22nd at Colin Kelly School. Small groups also played for the Willamalane Sr. Center Farmers Breakfast, Feb. 9, for a luncheon at Mobil Town West, Feb. 14th, at a luncheon at the River Rd. Park, Feb. 26 and at the Briarwood Mobil Park. At the Briarwood, Feb. 11, they earned \$50.00 which was turned over to our district treasurer. A small group also played Feb. 22, at the Veneta Nutrition Site for their Rock-a-thon. With the regular nursing homes, etc., you can see we have BEEN BUSY!

Several of our members went to the jam at Reedsport (spent the night) and on to help out at Yoncalla the following day. We would like to thank all of the Booher's for their hard work and efforts that made the Yoncalla jam such a success. We will be looking forward to more.

STAN GONSHOROWSKI, Reporter

On March 11th, 7 p.m., a country gospel bluegrass group, "Shot Home" from the L.A. area will be in Cottage Grove at the Evangelical Temple out by Uncle Bud's. This will be a benefit concert for the Hosannah Children's Center and Stepping Stones Coffee House (based upon Christian principles). They will also give a concert March 18th at the First Baptist Church, 1175 G St., in Springfield. Tickets at King's Way & Berean Book Stores.

Lorrie Jones will be leaving for a visit in Nashville, Tenn., in late March. She plans to be there for the Dove Awards April 6-10.

WALLY BLOOM has a new casset tape out he calls "Strings and Things". They are \$8.00 each (\$8.50, mailed). See him at one of our jams, or order from him at 86589 Territorial Rd., Veneta, OR 97487.

FORGOT TO TELL YOU: Dist. #6 next jam, March 23, at Willamalane Sr. Center in Springfield will be a potluck. Doors will be open for us at 11:00 a.m., potluck at 12 and Jam (Open to the public) at 1:00. We will eat in the large room and need help putting away tables as soon as we eat, to make room for the dancers at the back of the room. See you there.

DISTRICT 7

March 9 Jam at North Plains Senior Center North Plains

April 20 Jam at Elsie Stuhr Senior Center, Beaverton

Hi Folks! Our last jam in Milwaukie was just great! Lots of good music, with a wonderful audience. Keep up the good work. We also elected next year's officers as follows: Bob Fast, Chairman; Jack Smith, Co-Chairman; Myrtle Arnold will continue with another year as Secretary/Treasurer and Virgil Arnold will handle the equipment and Dulcie Fast on the coffeepot. Congratulations and best of luck.

Our next Jam will be at the North Plains Senior Center, March 9, located at 512 SW Commercial (corner of 5th & Commercial, next to the Post Office) in North Plains. Take the Sunset Highway #26, out about 15 - 18 miles and then take the North Plains exit. Doors open at 10:00, potluck at 12 and play till 5. The April Jam will be at the Elsie Stuhr Sr. Center, 5550 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton on April 20th. Rumor has it that the May 18th jam will be in the Astoria area...details on that one later!

I'm very happy to announce that John and Helen Hakanson are the proud grandparents of a brand-new baby granddaughter, Maya, born in Santa Rosa, CA. Parents, grandparents and Maya are all doing fine!

Don't forget March 9, North Plains---see you all there!

JOANNE MINATO, Reporter

DISTRICT 8

March 9 Jam session, Saterlin Hall

Newport

April 13 Stayton Community Hall

Stayton

May 25 V F W Hall

Willamina

The following is a note from our District Chairman, Lee Jones:

"Our annual election was held, Feb. 16, at the McMinnville Grange hall.

A very sparse attendance jeopardized the meeting, but, luckily, before voting time came, enough came in to hold an election. The officers elected were: Dave Robinson, Chairman, Les Johnson, Co-Chairman and Slim Schultz, Sec. Treas. All of these people have held these offices previously, they were excellent officers and most certainly will be again, but I sincerely urge all members to think about the responsibilities of the administration of this organization. You shouldn't expect the same people to go on doing the work forever. Everyone should accept some of the responsibility and at least show up to vote, both on district and state elections.

Our next jam is at Newport, Mar. 9. I have received conflicting directions for finding the hall, but I know it is Saterlin Hall in Newport. It is a large white building within a block or two of the junction of Hwy. 101 and Hwy. 20. If you can't find it, ask directions. It should be a good jam, as we have had good publicity, thanks to member, Owen Hayter."

Thank you, Lee, for your timely and well-put message. I just hope the weather will co-operate so we can have a fine attendance at Newport. It's always so much fun to go to the coast. The hall will be open at 10:00 as usual, potluck at noon and program at 1:00. See you there!

MINNIE BENNETT, Reporter

DISTRICT 9

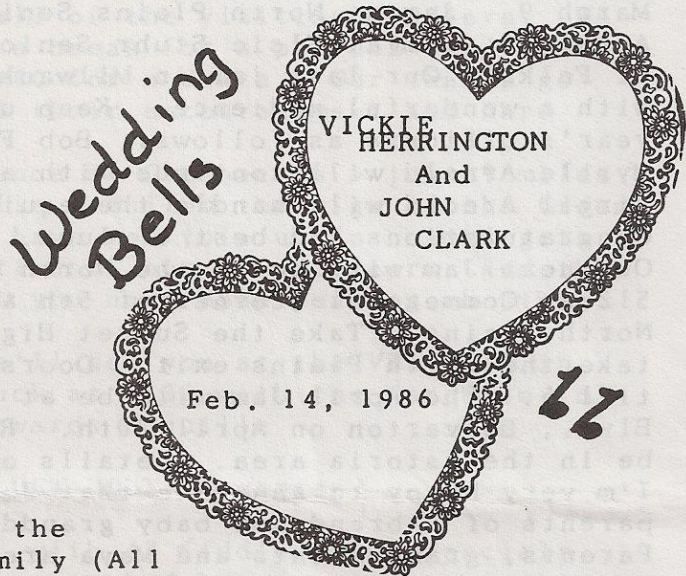
June 26,27,28 High Desert Fiddle Contest. Registration 26, Contest 27-28

Hi! Our monthly Jam session was held at the Harney Co. Senior Center, Jan. 9. At that time, our officers were voted on. They will be: Ruel Teague, Chairman, Susie Smith, Co-Chairman, and Janet Burgess, Secretary/Treasurer. We would like to congratulate all of them and we know they will do a good job in the coming year. Later, on Sunday evening, a small group of fiddlers entertained at Jerry's Restaurant. Monday the 10th we played at the Burns Nursing Home. We had jam sessions at Janet Burgess's and Rose Robirts. We also played at the Palace Lounge here in Burns. We are looking forward to see all of you at the State Convention. See you soon.

PAULA REYNOLDS, Reporter

SCHOLARSHIPS & WORKSHOPS DEPT.

I see in the Fiddlesticks that Lew Holt played to over 400 students in Dist. #5 and showed them quite a few of the different instruments that are used. That's the way to go, Lew, and a million thanks. Susie and I want to thank Dist. #5 for the great time we had at Reedsport and also at Coos Bay. Thanks for all the money donated to the state Workshops & Scholarship Fund. We are picking up more workshops in the schools as we go along and I think this will be very beneficial to our organization in the future. On Feb. 13th we played for the schools in Yoncalla to about 200 students who enjoyed the music very much, and I thank the Booher Family (All 12 of them) for getting us into the school and playing so much and for all the other things they did. Actually, this family put on the whole whing. I just came down to watch how it was done, but I did take our good friend, Walley Bloom, to help. Thanks a lot, Wally. We appreciate your support. In the meantime, on Feb. 13th, Stan & Addie Gonshorowski were asked to attend the Colin Kelly School Workshop. There for 45 minutes, before 25 children, representing 6,7 & 8 grades, and 2 adults, they answered questions and explained all about fiddles and bows and different styles of playing by music and by ear. The fiddle and bow were passed among them for examination and attempts at playing the instrument. The children were very new to fiddling, but interested. About 4 or 5 wanted to know more and were invited to attend jam sessions. A notice will be sent to the school when there are local Jams that they can attend. Thanks, Stan and Addie for a job well done!



BUCK

A small group of fiddlers from around the state visited the Governer's Office on his birthday in Feb. and played for him. Watch the Hoedowner for the upcoming proclamation declaring May 4-10 as Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Week!!!!

THE NORTHWEST REGIONAL FIDDLERS CONTEST will be held August 12 - 16 at Spokane Falls Community College, Spokane, WA 99204-5288. (Wite them for info, direct)

BOB & JOYCE CRUMP will be leaving in mid-April for a big tour of the U.S. They expect to be gone until about July 1st.

Congratulations to PURL & GRACE FOX on their new great-grandson, born Feb. 13th, 1986.

PLEASE help make all these new names welcome to your districts and let them know what a fine FIDDLE FAMILY we are:

Buck Albert, Box 32885 S.E. Valentine Lane, Eagle Creek, OR 97022
Lewis Baker, 1855 Ross Lane, Medford, OR 97501
Jim & Ruby Bodine, Rt 2 Box 9201, Sutherlin, OR 97479
Helen Brown & James Barrett, 601 N Berkeley, Medford, OR 97504
Samuel & Phoebe Buterbough, P.O. Box 313, Reedsport, OR 97467
Henry & Vienna Carlson, 1223 Moore St. #14, Brookings, OR 97415
James & Linda Carpenter, 2596 High St., Eugene, OR 97405
H.O. "Bill" & Sally Christian, P.O. Box 402, Sutherlin, OR 97479
Victor & Anna Cleveland, 414 S. Buena Vista, Burns, OR 97720
Jerry & Hilda Curry, P.O. Box 187, Yoncalla, OR 97499
Daniel & Donna Clifford, 3959 Old Midland Rd., Klamath Falls, OR 97603
Lloyd & Norma Dunn, 2253 E 17th, Florence, OR 97439
Kenneth Garrett, % P.O. Box 203, Lebanon, OR 97355
Cliff & Ada Harris, 2555 S.W. Volcano Wy., Redmond, OR 97756
Ruth Hurd & Gene Mace, 840 E Adams, Burns, OR 97720
Louis & Loretta Jepson, 8231 N.E. Pacific, Portland, OR 97220
Elnora & George Jarren, P.O. Box 264, Reedsport, OR 97467
Hilbert & Theresa Lardy, Rt 3 Box 482, Cornelius, OR 97113
Lloyd & Rosalie Louie, Rt 1 Box 10, Burns, OR 97720
Johnie & Julie Percy, 405 N 24th, Springfield, OR 97477
John & Lola Perry, 5335 Main St. #209, Springfield, OR 97478
Frank & Paulette Proctor, Box 453, Hines, OR 97738
Clayron & Margaret Richardson, HC-52 Box 323, Coos Bay, OR 97420
F. C. & Annie Ritchey, 82979 N. Scott Lane, Creswell, OR 97426
Walter R. Schmidt, P.O. 203, Lebanon, OR 97355
John & Joan Turrentine, 38957 Scrabel Hill Rd. N.E., Albany, OR 97321
Donald & LaWanda Williams, 61 S. Court, Burns, OR 97720
Rick & Patty Wood, 2170 5th St., Lebanon, OR 97355
Raymond C. Wright, P.O. Box 203, Lebanon, OR 97355
Jessie & Sherri Winslow, 220 S. 2nd St., Springfield, OR 97477
Virgil Young, 482 N. Fairview, Burns, OR 97720

ERNEST ALLEN, of Reedsport, will be in the Veteran's Hospital at Roseburg, March 12, for foot surgery. We wish you well, Ernest.

GRANT WHEELER played dual roles of the "fiddler" and Perchik in the High School play "Fiddler on the Roof" recently.

"On Jan. 24, 1986 we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with a party at Mountain View Care Center, Klamath Falls, where Rocky is a patient. It was a small observance with a few close friends and fiddlers and guitar players from the Old Time Fiddlers invited - those who have been long time friends and we knew and liked very much during the years Rocky was physically able to be active in the fiddlers activities."

LU DUDLEY

EXCERPT FROM A LETTER: "Keep up the good work, after you come from a show or a gathering you can't help "have a song in your heart".

DON WOOD, who had a heart attack on December 31st, is doing fine and they are now getting caught up on things, Lois says.

BOB & DULCIE FAST just recently returned from a trip to Missouri where Bob's sister had died.

JOHNNY SUMMERS is at home resting up from open heart surgery, Jan. 16th, for the second time. He says he will be back to fiddling when he gets his strength back. Says he misses all of you, "God Bless the fiddlers...Keep it up".

PLAYING TIME

A lot has been said about a performer being ready and available when it is their turn to play. If you have to be paged over the microphone or have someone hunt for you, it slows down the entire program. In larger districts, where there are usually 30 to 40 key performers, this is a lack of professional courtesy and is not fair to either the audience, to the M.C., or to the other musicians.

Planning a fiddle jam is a big responsibility for an M.C. Usually they try to space vocals or other special numbers throughout the fiddlers for a good musical balance and variety. The sign-up list is available in plenty of time to choose your playing order early.

Herein lies a major problem! A few players ARRIVE LATE, and insist on getting their turn early in the program, after many others have already signed up. This means either "bumping" someone else, or changing the number order. The usual reason given is that they "have to leave early". If they are accommodated (and they often have been) this changes the order of the remaining players who have been keeping track to know when to be ready. Confusion follows! In a TRUE EMERGENCY, everyone is graciously willing to help out another player, but, in 95% of the time, that person who "had to leave early" is still out back somewhere jamming with others, even when the jam is over. THIS IS NOT FAIR! In view of this having happened so frequently (usually by the same few individuals) it should not continue, in fairness to everyone!

If you wish to play early in the program, get there early and SIGN UP EARLY. If you have a "special" number, ask the M.C. how they want to space the special numbers and sign up accordingly. Then, if you are signed up to play as number 7 or number 17 (for example) THAT IS EXACTLY WHERE YOUR TURN SHOULD BE!

Of course, there are ACTUAL EMERGENCIES, and players who have a very long drive home from a jam (especially visitors from other districts), but they can sign up early, play early and leave for home early.

We respect ALL players, beginners or advanced, and feel that each one should be given courtesy and kindness for their performance. Encouragement keeps us trying to do better all the time. Everyone was a "beginner" sometime. If we show unselfish consideration for the rights of others, we will continue to improve our fine performances that are so popular with our audiences.

Sooooo....SIGN UP EARLY, DON'T ASK TO CHANGE YOUR ORDER, BE READY TO PLAY AT THE RIGHT TIME, BE KIND TO OTHERS, KEEP A TUNE IN YOUR FIDDLE AND A SONG IN YOUR HEART. We love you and hope to see you at a jam real soon.

Thelma Shephard

PULLIN' THE HORSEHAIR

Way down yonder on Possum Creek
A man plays the fiddle with a really hot squeak
He cut off the tail of the old gray mare
And made a fiddle bow with gray horsehair.
Now he pulls that bow, does it neat,
Saws that fiddle and stomps his feet
And folks gather round from everywhere
Just to hear him pullin that old horsehair.

CHORUS: Pullin the horsehair
(Repeated 3 more times)

He won't cut wood, he never plows,
But he's got rosin dust in his eyebrows.
They say he's lazy but he don't care
He just keeps pullin that old horsehair.
On Saturday night at the Legion Hall
You can hear that fiddle and a square dance call,
And folks gather round from everywhere
Just to hear him pullin that old horsehair.

By Al Swlgart back in 1938
(He even sang it on the radio)

Words to "Arkansas Traveler" were given to Bill Yohey by Lyle Powell (Ruth Loring's brother) in Mt. Home, Idaho, recently.

ARKANSAS TRAVELER

Oh, once upon a time in Arkansas,
An old man sat in his little cabin door
And fiddled at a tune he liked to hear,
A jolly old reel that he played by ear.

It was raining hard but the duffer didn't care,
He sawed away at the popular air.
Though his roof leaked like a waterfall,
That didn't seem to bother him at all.

A traveler was riding by that day
And stopped to hear him practicing away.
The cabin was a-floating & his feet were wet
But still the old man didn't seem to fret.

So the strangerr said, "Now the way
it seems to me,
You'd better mend your roof," said he.
But the old man said, as he played away,
"I couldn't mend it now, it's a rainy day."

The traveler replied, "That's all quite true
- But this, I think is the thing to do:
Get busy on a day that's fair and bright,
Then patch the old roof till it's
good and tight."

But the old man kept on playing his reel
And topped the ground with his leathery heel.
"Get along," he said, "for you
give me a pain,
My cabin never leaks when it doesn't rain."

COPY OF THE CONTEST
RULES FROM OUR BY-LAWS

REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE OREGON STATE
CERTIFIED FIDDLE CONTEST

May 9, 10, 1986

STANDING RULES

I. OFFICIAL STATE CONTEST RULES

A. Contest Division

1. Championship Division
2. Intermediate Division
3. Senior Division
4. Junior Division
5. Junior-Junior Division
6. Pee-Wee Division

B. Division Rules

1. Championship Division includes contestants eighteen (18) years old and less than sixty-five (65) who have placed as follows:

Note: This rule is underlined to be included in the Contest.

- (a) In top twenty (20) of Championship Division at Weiser..
- (b) In top three (3) of Ladies Division at Weiser or certified Regional Contest.
- (c) In top five (5) of any State Championship Division..
- (d) Any other contestant who qualifies by age and who feels qualified may enter the Championship Division.

Exception:

Any person placing first in the Intermediate Division of the Oregon State Contest must compete in the Championship thereafter. If any such contestant does not make the first elimination in the Championship Division at the State Contest two years in a row, he may drop back to Intermediate Division competition the following (or third) year.

Responsibilities:

Contestants who participate in the Championship Division shall be expected to actively participate at fiddling functions during the year, including fairs, shows and the State Convention.

The first place winner in the Championship Division will be expected to represent the OOTFA at the National Contest at Weiser, Idaho in June. In the event that the reigning champion establishes residency in another state, or for other reasons cannot represent the OOTFA during the year in the State of Oregon or at the National Contest, a Reserve Champion will be selected by the Board of Directors as a substitute. This Reserve Champion will be the second place winner in the Championship Division. Should the Reserve Champion not be able to attend, then a Reserve Champion will be selected in top order of placement in the Championship Division at the State Contest.

2. Intermediate Division includes all contestants eighteen (18) years old to sixty-five (65) who do not qualify for Championship Division.
3. Senior Division includes all contestants sixty-five (65) years of age or older.
4. Junior Division includes all contestants under eighteen (18) years of age and not qualifying for Junior-Junior or Pee-Wee Divisions.
5. Junior-Junior Division includes all contestants nine (9) years old to thirteen (13) years of age.
6. Pee-Wee Division includes all contestants under nine (9) years of age.

General Contest Rules

1. Participants in the Oregon Oldtime Fiddling Contest shall:
 - (a) Have resided in Oregon permanently for six (6) months prior to the contest date.
 - (b) Hold a current valid individual OOTFA membership card for a six (6) month period prior to the contest date.
 - (c) Qualify for competition by payment of entry fee as established by Contest Chairman and may play in one division only.
2. At registration, all contestants shall draw for initial order of appearance for the first preliminary round. Contest Chairman in further rounds will draw before each round for new order of appearance.
3. Contestants at each appearance must first play a headown, second a waltz, and third a tune of their choice other than a headown or waltz. No tune shall be played more than once during all appearances of a contestant. Suggested total playing time is four (4) minutes. Points will be deducted if playing becomes monotonous or repetitious. *(We will be abiding by the A.M.A. rule.)*
4. Contestants may play without accompanist or with no more than two.
5. Any danceable folk tunes played in Oldtime Fiddle fashion are acceptable.
6. Contact microphones and amplified instruments will not be permitted.
7. No trick or fancy fiddling will be allowed during the contesting appearances.
8. Judging will be scored for Oldtime Fiddling Style, Rhythm, or Timing, Tone Quality and Danceability - twenty-five (25) points each; all scores will be accumulative. Points will be deducted for any violations of the above rules #3 through #7 inclusive.
9. Any contestant wanting total scores mailed after contest will pay an additional fee at the time of registration. This fee is to be established by Contest Committee.
10. Any protest must be submitted to the Contest Chairman and signed by not less than three contestants of the contest involved within three (3) hours of the protest occurrence.
11. Judges will be selected by the Contest Committee and will number either three (3) or five (5) at the discretion of the committee.
12. All decisions of the Judges and of the Contest Committee will be final.
13. All other considerations, such as payment of registration fee at the National Contest and determinations regarding residency and eligibility will be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors of OOTFA.

Return entry to: Gynn O. Deaton, Sec/Treas.
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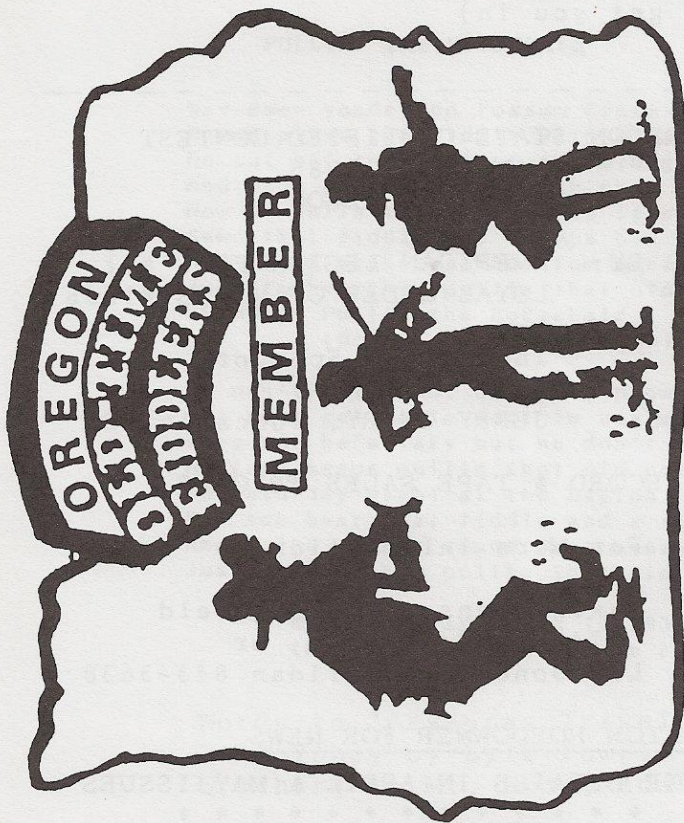


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Shorty Dow reports that the new COOKBOOK has gone to press for the National OTFA and they have enough recipes. Thanks to all of you who so graciously sent in your recipes for them.

I GOOFED AGAIN and my apologies go out to LLOYD & ESTHER SNIDER. THEY are the ones who have so unselfishly been printing our new OTFA buttons for Dist. #6 Scholarship fundraising and I got the wrong names in last month's Hoedown. The pins are beautiful and we have sold quite a few already. Get yours at Convention. (Sorry about that, Lloyd and Esther).

THELMA

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