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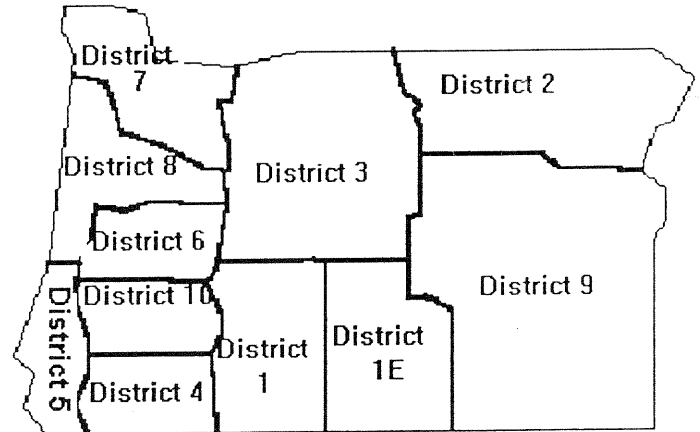
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## Coming Events

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7	Community Hall	Jerome Pr'ie	4
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12	Memorial Hall, Jam, P'luck	Lakeview	1E
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13	Mtng, Jam Comm. Bldg.	Winston	10
14	Mtng, Jam, Tingley Lane	K. Falls	1
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14	Senior Center	Burns	9
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3	Jam, dance VFW	Roseburg	10
3	Grange Hall	Central Pt.	4
4	Willamalane Sr. Ctr.	Springfield	6
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10	Mtng, Jam Comm. Bldg.	Winston	10
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<b>July</b>			
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## Lew Sez

**Lew sez is  
located inside this  
months issue.**

A Nonprofit Organization Article II: "Purpose - To perpetuate and promote Oldtime Fiddling and Oldtime music. To encourage everyone, especially young people, to play the fiddle and appreciate Oldtime Fiddling and Oldtime Music. To provide regular times and places to meet to play this kind of music."

# DISTRICT GREETINGS

## DISTRICT 1

**Chairman** - Jo Harris (503) 884-9852  
**Co-Chair** - Al Nelson (503) 883-2427  
**Sec/Treas** - Harold North

Our **May 14th** business Meeting will be at 1pm and the jam at 2pm. Bring Dessert only.

Time for another report from District 1.

This past month has been good. Spring is trying to spring, altho it gets a little confused some times ---and here comes the snow and rain. Spring can't be far off. The flowers are blooming.

We had 14 District members attend the State Convention in March. A good turn out for us. Hope they all had as much fun as I did. Thanks from District 1 to all that made it happen and so enjoyable. Couldn't have been better. The Friday night show was super. Now we're looking forward to Lincoln City. Another great weekend. Always great to see our music friends again.

We're still pretty quiet in our District. Should pick up with the warmer weather. We have rent to pay now, so money helps.

Guess I should give better directions now for our new location. Hopefully, we will be having Medford Area visitors, as the Mt. snow should be gone soon. Coming from Medford, take South Side by-pass. At the first blink light, turn right towards the airport. Take next right and follow through until you come to the cross roads - Jo Wright and Tingley Lane. You all come!

I want to say Hello to our Calif. Oregon members - **Tex and Minnie Cox** of Shingletown, California. Minnie tells me they're coming up soon. Tex plays good harmonica. Hope to see you soon.

**Don Fleming**, hope you're doing better now after surgery. Miss your smiling face. Also, get well to **Glenna Furrey**. We will pray for your return to good health. Also, **Bill Noble** is still not able to return to our group. We miss you all.

Our jam today was small. Guess the sunshine got people traveling else where. We did have one visitor all the way from Weiser, Id. **John Pennington**, who is a brother-in-law of **Irven Johnson**.

There will be no 3rd Sunday Nursing Home this month. Remember the 4th Thursday for the other two. Clairmont Care Center at 5:45pm. And the Clairmont House at 7pm.

May Birthday Greetings to: **Cherie Lane**, 13th; **Lu Wells**, 10th; **Retha Green**, 2nd; **Leonard McDonald**, 28th.

May Anniversary Wishes to: **Al and Thelma Nelson**, 3rd; **Doug and Evelyn Peterson**, 13th; **Faye and Isom Patterson**, 27th.

Happy Fiddlin'

**Faye Patterson**, Reporter (503)798-5973

## DISTRICT 1E

**Chairman** - Mary Ann McLain (503) 947-2448  
**Co Chairman** - Carla Gannon (503) 947-2351  
**Co/Sec Treas** - Donna Lynch & Lorena McLain

April 10th we had a business meeting at Larry McLain's with 12 in attendance.

Our people who attended our State Convention in March all said they really enjoyed it. Especially the young champion musicians who played. Was very special having **Casey Willis** from Baker area. Come so far and do such excellent playing. Go glad to see teenagers and little ones too, playing the music we all love.

We appreciate **Lew and Alice Holt** for leading our fun group again and finishing with such leadership and i'm sure they want to stop but will continue to be a big help to our OOTFA. Thanks again.

Thank you, **Chad Terrusa**, for accepting the presidency. We're sure you will continue to make our organization grow and be better each year. Even our little **Bill and Rhayanna** got to be in the Thursday night show. Thanks.

April 15 some of our District went to the West-side of Lakeview which the Grange Hall is 10 miles out and played for (glad your alive) **Jack Albertson** who had a tractor run over him full length and lived to walk again. He even danced to some of our playing.

We want to extend sympathy to **Ken and Linda Miller** on the loss of Ken's mother who passed away.

April 30th was a jam at the Memorial Hall in Lakeview.

May 12th at the Memorial Hall in Lakeview at 6:30pm - Jam, Potluck.

June 3 at the Fairgrounds at 6:30pm outside / potluck.

June 30th to July 3rd Juniper RV Park - approximately 10 miles west of Lakeview.

Keep on Smiling & fiddlin'.

Your Happy Fiddlin' friend & reporter

**Homer McLain**, (503) 947-2903

# DISTRICT GREETINGS

## DISTRICT 3

**Chairman** -- Ken Jordan (503) 389-9746  
**Co-Chair** -- Jack Kerr (503) 447-1318  
**Sec/Treas** -- Billie Lanier (503) 536-6218

Gosh, here we are again, its Spring and almost summer even though we are still getting some snow. Seems like that happens a lot here in Central Oregon. Hope you all are having a great time pickin' and grinnin'. We certainly are.

The jams for our district are always the second (2nd) Sunday of each month from 1:30 - 4:30 at the Bend Senior Center. In case I put the dates in the Hoedowner wrong, you will know that this is the standard set up for our jams. Now, the May jam will be the 14th at Bend Senior Center: Corner of NE 5th and Kearney. Going East on NE Greenwood, turn left at the Fabric Warehouse on Kearney, the building with the steeple on the right side on the corner is the senior center.

We had 53 people listening and 15 musicians for our April jam. We had several visitors from yonder and far including many locals, too. We are always happy to have you here. Thanks for coming. We have a new member, **Don Lloyd**, guitar and vocals. Welcome to the Fiddlers, Don.

Those of us who attended the convention came away once again smiling at the good time we had with all of the playing and visiting with our old friends and new friends, too. We even had some first timers who had a very good time, too. Thank you all for being so supportive of our "new fiddlers". It really means a lot to us beginners to have your encouragement, help and support. **A Big Thanks** to those who organized and helped so much during the convention to make it such a success and for the fellow players who all do such an excellent job and makes the whole weekend so much fun.

We were very saddened to hear that our friend, **Joe Higgins**, passed away about a week ago in Prineville. Our Sympathy to his family.

Birthday wishes for May go to: **George Brumbach**, the 3rd; **Carol Real**, 4th; **Betty O'Neal**, the 19th; **Pat Fraser**, the 19th; **Earlene Ervin**, 20th and **Don Hanna** 26th.

We look forward to the coming contests, gigs and happy times of playin'.

Happy Fiddlin' and God Bless.....

Sally Jordan, Reporter (503) 389-9746

## DISTRICT 4

**Chairman** - Don Lindsey (503) 779-0793  
**Co-Chair** - Clyde Pugh (503) 855-7996  
**Sec/Treas** - Ethel Holstin

We had our jam Saturday, April 1st at Talent and no April Fool's jokes were pulled as far as I know! A meeting preceded a very good potluck. We had 22 musicians sign up and there was a nice group of listeners and dancers.

**Hazel Lindsey** hasn't been feeling well enough to come to our jams and **Don** comes out to conduct the meetings. We are all thinking of them and wishing her the best possible. **Neva Flood** is recuperating from a detached retina which was discovered when she went for an eye exam for glasses. We wish her a speedy recovery. **Arne Jorgensen** had a heart attack and was in the hospital a few days but was back at our jam dancing up a storm. We are happy about that. Keep it up, Arne!

Sunday, May 7th Jam at Jerome Prairie Community Hall on Redwood Avenue off Hwy. 199 - turn left on Redwood Ave. past Rogue Community College. Remember to bring your table service. Potluck at noon and open to the public at one.

Saturday, June 3rd at Central Point Grange Hall.

Saturday, July 1st at Roxy Ann Grange in Medford.

Saturday, August 5th Picnic at Central Point Park.

**Dorene Winkleman**, Reporter (503) 479-1621

Dear OOTFA Members:

Before I forget, I d like to invite you to the "Warwick Campout" at my home in Williams, Oregon. The dates are August 20, - Sep 4, 1995. The reason our campout starts early this year is because I ve opened it up for a 2 week stay. Lots of time to play.

While you are camping here, you could take a quick run and participate in the Canyonville Contest on August 26, 1995.

Sincerely, Martha Warwick 2861 East Fork Rd., Williams, Or 97544.

# DISTRICT GREETINGS

## DISTRICT 5

**Chairman** - Russ Hall (503) 271-3519  
**Co-Chair** - Pat Kraemer (503) 888-3362  
**Sec/Treas** - Ruth Whaley (503) 888-4430

Our monthly jam on April 8th was enjoyable, with our visitors and new members. Thanks to our friends from District 10, **Jo Barnes, Paul Lakey, Jean and Bob Hanson, Velma Benefiel, Guy Kinman, and Lewis Roy.** Thank you and Welcome to other new faces and members. They include **Bud Reeder, Bev and Jim Hill, Morris and Judy Stirling.**

There is a silent fiddle in District 5, **Carl Dean** passed away. We will miss him.

Don't forget our jam on May 13th, and the Brookings Azelea Festival on May 27th. (not the 30th as stated before in the Hoedowner.)

For those who would like to play the nursing homes with us, here is the schedule: May 2nd, St Catherines; the 9th, Myrtle Point; the 16th, Live-care (across from K-Mart); 23rd, Hearthside. All of these start at 2pm. If you do not know where these are located, please feel free to call me.

Belated Happy Birthday to our April friends. **El-nora Jorren, Alvin Lewis, & Ron Saylor.** And Happy Anniversary to **Fred and Vera Virtue.**

Happy May birthday to: **Marianne Burns, Rosie Johnson and Charlotte Dow.**

Ruth Whaley, your Dedicated Reporter.  
(503) 888-4430

## DISTRICT 6

**Chairman** - Mark Carmickle 683-9514  
**Co-Chair** - Stan Gonshorowski  
**Sec/Treas** - Ray Mitchell 342-2816/ Vivian Steele

Sunday, May 7th, we will jam at the Moose Lodge in Lebanon. Then on Sunday, June 4th we will hold our Quarterly Meeting at Willamalane Senior Center in Springfield. The meeting will be at 10am with a potluck at 11:45am. Please remember to bring your place settings, a main dish **and** a salad or dessert.

At our June 4th jam, **Betty Hawkins** 746-5579, will have a list of all of the audio tapes (with the order of players) that District 6 has made of their jams since September. The quality has continued to improve on these tapes, and they are great for listening or learning purposes. If you wish a particular tape, please call her to reserve one.

**Allison Roberts** will be collecting small useful gifts for nursing home residents who otherwise would not receive anything. She will have gift ideas available at the June jam, and will also accept any early contributions. She is hoping by starting early, we will be able to give to many more residents this year.

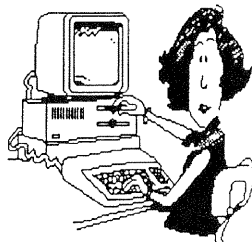
**COMMUNITY NEWS** The Applegate Art Guild has invited any Old-Time Fiddler Musicians to share their talents on Saturday June 10th from 10-4pm at the Old Herold Center on Luther Lane in Veneta. For more information, please call **Sharon Rogers** at 935-3028 or **Sheila** at 935-3011.

**RECOVERY WISHES:** **Cheryl Pruitt** bruised her leg badly and has been wearing a splint. She will be off the dance floor for a while. Get well soon, Cheryl.

**Jim Zajac** will not be available for dance lessons for the next two months at Central Grange. They were fun and may be continued in the future. Thank you, Jim.

**Jim Powell** received a heartfelt thank you from **Glenda Dugan** on behalf of herself and her mother, **Tiny Allen**, for the music provided by the Old-Time Fiddlers at the memorial service for **Jack Allen.** Those who played were **Curly Roberts, Stan Gonshorowski, Jim Irwin, Harry Gates, Bryon Dunnaway, Calvin Boyles, Norris Yates and Jim Powell.**

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# DISTRICT GREETINGS

## DISTRICT 7

**Chairman** - Myrtle Arnold (503)284-1208  
**Co-Chair** - Chuck Gates (503)244-6987  
**Sec/Treas**- Ida Colby (503) 652-0783

Our Jam at Sandy turned out real well and thanks to everyone who made it so. A lot of our fiddlers and back-ups have also been busy playing at centers and nursing homes.

We, who were able to attend the Convention, thought it was all very nice. Chad, your Friday night show was great. We thought Justin Booher did a fine job as Emcee. We want to thank **Cohleen Finley** and **Tillie McFee** for the beautiful head table decorations. In fact, all our tables, as always, were very pretty.

**Lois Heard** has been in the hospital with a broken leg. **Hawley Bloomquist** is in the hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Our next jam will be May 7 at the Elsie Stuhr Senior Center in Beaverton. The address is 5550 S.W. Hall. If you're going West on Hwy #8, turn left onto Watson Blvd. and go to 12th St. and turn left. Doors well open at 11am. There will be potluck at 12 noon and program at 1pm.

Hope to see you there.

**Dulcie Fast**, Reporting (503) 232-4444



These name tags are yellow with blue trim with the OOTFA emblem and district number. The price is \$6.50 each, with an extra .50¢ if you want it mailed. Please send a check to Helen Tracy, made out to her.

151 Lindner Lane, Eugene, OR 97404  
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## DISTRICT 8

**Chairman** -- Don Simons (503) 623-4010  
**Co-Chair** -- Donna Oldham (503) 843-3096  
**Sec/Treas** -- Ruth Jones (503) 843-3638

Things have been kind of quiet around District 8 this month because Lincoln City is in our district, we counted the Sunday jam as our regular jam. Looking back - on the 25th of March, we went to 1000 Trails in Pacific City again and had a great time. We always have a large, appreciative audience who sit there for several hours and only leave when we quit playing. **Gerald and Marcella Allen** became members that evening and he joined us playing his bass. They live in District 7. Welcome to OOTFA! We were glad to have **Linh Renken** and her parents there, too. Linh is a great addition to any show. Thanks also to visiting musicians **Helen Hakanson, & Ruth and Don Loring**. The facilities are great at Pacific City. Imagine playing high on a hill in a recreation room with large windows behind the audience which gives the players a view of the ocean and the setting sun. It adds double enjoyment to our playing.

On a sad note, **Virgie Allen** passed away on April 9th and her funeral was on the 12th in Independence. Many of her fiddler friends were there. We will miss her friendly smile and cheerfulness. Our love and condolences to **Shorty** and the family. Shorty thanks all who attended the funeral and sent cards. **Lew and Jean Standiford** want to thank all of you who expressed sympathy at the death of Lew's brother, **Marvin Standiford**. We attended **Carl Dean's** funeral in Coos Bay - another one of our old-time fiddlers gone.

As we look to the future, there are dates that you can mark on your calendar. In may, most of us will be at the contest in Lebanon. The date hasn't been set yet, but in June, we will be at the Senior Center in Keizer. On July 8th, we play at the Smelt Fry at Yachats (more about this later). The Polk County fair has us playing on August 3rd. We will be at the Yamhill Fair either August 9 or 10th. We'll let you know as soon as we know.

**Alice Holt**, Reporter (503) 391-5377

# DISTRICT GREETINGS

## DISTRICT 9

**Chairman** -- Janet Burgess (503) 573-1323  
**Co-Chair** -- Walt Cooper (503) 573-3417  
**Sec/Treas** -- Darlene Austin (503) 573-2312

Hi Folks! Another month has gone, so here I am again. I've just got to say this. I have never met any folks as friendly and warm as OOTFA Members.

Everyone I met at convention made me feel welcome as a new member of OOTFA. I was a bit nervous when I entered the hall. The music I heard was like nothing I could have imagined. "It was great". Being able to play with so much talent, "WOW!!!" I just want to say to you all, "**Thank You**". I can't recall when I've had so much fun.

Sunday the 9th, we held our monthly potluck and jam at the Burns Senior Center. Those playing were: **Ruel Teague, Julia Milleson, Walt Cooper, Janet Burgess, Lloyd Louie, Brick Calaway, Casey Cooper and Holly Burbank**. I had to be somewhere else that day I understand there was a great crowd, fine food and good music. As always, I'm sorry I missed it.

We will play at the Burns Senior Center again on May 14th.

April 10th the group played at (my favorite place) the Burns Nursing Home. Those playing were **Ruel Teague, Julia Milleson & Janet Burgess**. We will play again on May 15th for these dear people.

By the time this is published, we will have played at the Harney County Fair Grounds for Family Day. The county just decided to have an Old-Time-Get-Together to bring back the Old-Time Values we once had. (Great Idea, Huh?) Good food, Games for the kids, just some Old-Time family fun, with some good Old-Time music for everyone. This is something this 'ole country needs more of.

**REMEMBER**----Our Country Jamboree is fast approaching, June 16th and 17th. Stop by on your way to Weiser!

**Carl Cross, Reporter** (503) 573-7821

## DISTRICT 10

**Chairman** -- Dennis Allen (503) 673-7845  
**Co-Chair** -- Lewis Roy  
**Sec/Trea** -- Etta Powell (503) 836-2601

The **May 13th** meeting will be held at Winston Community Building at 11am with the potluck at noon. Jamming and dancing will be from 1-4pm.

**June 10th** meeting at 11am at the Winston Community Building, with the potluck at noon. Jamming and dancing from 1-4pm.

To get to the Winston Community Building, take exit 119 go through Winston on 99 to Thompson St. (By the Green Tree Inn) turn left and go 4 blocks then turn left on Grape. The community building will be on the right.

**May** playing dates are **6th** at Garden Valley Retirement Center. We will be playing at the Kellogg Grange on the **6th** from 7 - 10pm. The **9th** at Mercy Care Nursing Home and the 25th at Glide Senior Center.

To find the Kellogg Grange, go on highway 138 West from Sutherlin (about 19 miles) will be a red building on the right side. Or coming from Elkton (about 10 mi), the red building will be on the left side.

NOTE: All District 10 members will be jamming and dancing at the VFW in Roseburg on **May 6th** from 1 - 4pm. and on **May 12** from 7 to 11pm.

**June** dates at the VFW are: Sat. the **3rd** from 1 - 4pm. and Friday the **9th** is 7 - 11pm.

We wish a Happy May birthday to members: **Keith Carr, Maxine Modrell, Tom Shepherd, Bill Bettes, Bud Richardsen, Sherry Marshall, Gem Moore and Dean Wilson**.

Sorry to hear that **Marlene Shepherd** was in the hospital. We hope for a speedy recovery.

To get to the VFW take Garden Valley East and on the third light turn right on Walnut St. VFW will be on the left hand side. Everyone is welcome.

**Jean Hanson, Reporter** (503) 672-6929

To Our Members:

Have you noticed the "New Look" in our name tags of late? Your District Number is so much more legible! For one dollar, anyone may have it added to their name tag. Your chairman may collect them and return them to me, and when they are done, I'll return them to your chairman. From now on, ALL new orders will have their district number the new way. It was so many orders from District 1-E that prompted this decision.

State Contest at Lebanon and National Contest at Weiser will be here soon, plus the various campouts. Let people know who you are! Get your orders in promptly. The price is \$7 mailed. Checks made out to me.

I thank you all for wearing your name tags so proudly at convention. We really looked nice. What a help it was at the door for our show to know who was members.

**Helen Tracy**  
151 Lindner Lane  
Eugene, Oregon 97404-2895.

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## District 6 Cont.....

**NEW MEMBERS:** Welcome to **Paul and Nancy Schmitt** and to **Clark and Irene Fee**. We're glad you are members and hope to get to know you at our upcoming jams.

**MAY BIRTHDAY WISHES to:** **Mark Pruitt**, 2nd; **Dorothy Payne**, 3rd; **Velma Boyles**, 6th; **Stan Gonshorowski**, 6th; **Theresa Powell**, 6th; **Roy E. Lewis**, 8th; **Robert Patterson**, 13th; **Ruth Anne Paul**, 19th; and **Evelyn Turner**, 22nd.

**ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS:** **Dick & Jo Gerlach**, 1st; **John & Wanda Davis**, 2nd; **Curly & Allison Roberts**, 17th; **Ray Mitchell & Judy Clement**, 28th; **Mike and Barbara Garcia**, 29th; and **Don & Ruth Loring**, 31st.

Dear Oregon Old-Time Fiddlers:

Jerry and I are going to host the Diamond Lake campout or, Fiddle Fest again this year. We would like to invite you all. We have cabins 32 & 33 reserved for the days of July 27th - 30th.

The lodge has remodeled their former bus building into a recreation hall and we will have that as our central meeting place to play. Come and join us for fiddling fun. Make your own reservations for camping. There is motel rooms and a nice restaurant for those who need it.

For those who do not have self-contained campers, you may use the facilities in one of the cabins. You may park along the road in the wide turn out as you turn in by the cabins free of charge, preferably, the ones with motor homes as they do not have transportation to and fro. The graveled area at the HILL TOP SHOP is available for those who wish to park there at no charge.

The lodge would like us to play for the public as we have in the past. Now that we have a heated hall to play in we could even dance. There will be tables and chairs so for those who do not play music could bring table games or something to do while you listen. Time for the public playing is 7pm - 9pm (or longer) as we did before.

We will serve a breakfast on Friday morning, the time can be discussed by all who wish to participate. There could be a potluck Sat at 1pm. Bring your instruments to jam the hours away. This will all take place at the cabins.

There is hiking and bike trails for your pleasure. Perhaps you'd like to do a little fishing or swimming.

This should be a fun time for Diamond Lake guests and OOTFA members. Could be a way to boost membership.

Please feel free to call me for further information. (days) 503-884-1484 or (eves) (503) 882-6418. Irene Ruddock, 2250 Pine Grove Rd., Klamath Falls, Or 97603.



# CANYONVILLE CONTEST

First, I want to say how I appreciated **Lew Holt's** clever report about Convention happenings in the April Hoedowner. Why can't I ever think of something like that?

It may seem early to begin talking about the Canyonville Contest since August 26th is a while away yet; however, I need the help of OOTFA

the Canyonville Oldtime Fiddle Contest, but every year it is a struggle just to break even. Frankly, I'm getting tired of struggling with it. I must face up to the fact that changes must be made.

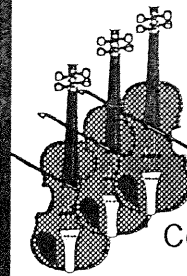
I see the State Contest having the same problems. I fully understand the necessity of asking for cash donations in order to give cash prizes at the State Contest.

I have been asking individual fiddlers how important cash prizes are and the answers have been about fifty-fifty. Some say that trophies only is fine. That the contest is important, not for the prizes, but that it gives fiddlers a reason to work hard for improvement. Others say that the fiddlers won't participate unless at least small cash prizes are available. I have talked to only a small sampling of fiddlers and it is important that I know how the majority feels. **Please let me know** by writing or calling.

Also, I need volunteers for judging. Last year I only had two judges right up to the day of the contest. That is not a good situation. Remember, this is your contest and it can continue only with your help and encouragement.

Thanks!

**Gynn O. Deaton**  
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## Fiddle Workshop Notes

### "How to Play the Fiddle Properly"

by Wayne Holmes

Continued from April Hoedowner...

Try to listen to the accompanist or accompanists. I have heard many, many fiddlers play as though there were no accompanists there. Every fiddler I have ever heard who did not keep proper

**their accompanists it will help them to keep proper time.** (And if it should happen that the accompanists are not keep proper time, the fiddler can do whatever they can to remedy the problem. The fiddler must first listen, or they won't recognize that the problem exists.)

**You will play the same way you practice.** You can't just goof-off and half-heartedly play any old way when you practice and expect, by some miracle, to be able to play lots better when you want to play that tune in public. I once heard a man say, "I like to get all the bad performances out of the way when I practice, so that when I play in public they'll all be gone." What nonsense.

**Virbrato.** My personal feeling is: go easy on the vibrato. The two things that most clearly distinguish the violinist from the fiddler are these: 1. The way the instrument and the bow are **held**. 2. Vibrato. Violinists, of course, customarily use lots of vibrato. In every kind of tune (except waltzes) fiddlers customarily use very little. As far as the proper way of **holding** the fiddler and bow, I have heard some very good fiddlers who hold the fiddle in an unorthodox fashion, but maybe one could say, "yes, but perhaps they could play even better if they held the fiddle properly!" As for the "right" way to hold the bow, I say be must be held at the **end**. To play one's best, the entire bow is needed.

To be continued.....



## More Convention Notes from Gynn Deaton

Convention is a time of renewing acquaintances and friendships in this great fiddle family of ours. I thought the show was one of the best ever. It was just too bad the publicity wasn't adequate to get the people out. I understand that we sold only half as many tickets as usual. What a shame. We mustn't fall down on advertising again as we know Roseburg people will turn out if they know about it.

I know the convention will have been over for a month before this gets in **The Hoedowner** but, I want to thank those who made the kitchen and banquet a success once more.

If you liked the roast beef and turkey served at the banquet, you have **Jim Deaton** to thank for that. The rest of the cooking was done by our daughter, **Christine Morgan** and her husband, **Steve**. Chris also baked the cakes. Due to her organizational skills, the banquet went smoothly with plenty of food for the 255 diners. I guess the only thing I can take credit for is the buying of the groceries, no small chore in itself.

Christine and her 16-year-old daughter, **Anna**, were our lunch cooks with **Val Matthews** and **Joan Daniels** helping as needed. I can't thank Val and Joan enough for filling in wherever and whenever needed. **Jim, Christine, Val** and **Raymond Deaton** did the breakfasts as **Tillie McFee** hurt her shoulder recently and was not able to work this year. We certainly missed her.

Thanks to those ladies who worked on setting the tables, putting the salads together, slicing the cakes, etc. If I try to list you all, I will forget someone. You know who you are and you are deeply appreciated. **Cale Morgan, Christopher, Carl** and **Sherrie Deaton** also helped as needed. **Joan Daniels** and **Ethel Holstin** helped **Christine** wash and dry the pots and pans to wind up the evening. Thank You All!



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