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The State Fiddle Contest Let's chat a bit this month about a variety of things. It is approaching an exciting time for young and old fiddlers alike. When you read the March 1 Hoedowner the contest will be about 3 weeks away. There is still is plenty of time for you to get in some good practice time. Maybe you are thinking that you won't enter because you won't win anyway. Hey, that's not the right attitude. John Audubon was to have said, "The woods would be strangely silent if no bird sang but the best." You may not be the best basketball player, or softball player or swimmer. Maybe you don't win every race you run but you participate in all of these activities and many more - knowing you may not win. But it is fun to be in such activities anyway. It can be fun to enter a contest and hope that you play your best. It isn't all a matter of competing to be best but rather to enter for the challenge of doing your best.

If you haven't pre-registered, it is time to send in your pre-registration - either by mail or by email. Supply the following information.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Email Address _____

Division Pee Wee through 8, Jr. Jr. 9 - 12. Junior 13 - 17. YA 18 - 34, A 35 - 59. Sr. 60 -69. And Sr.- Sr. 70 and older. To enter the contest you must have been a resident of Oregon for 6 months or more and be a member of the OOTFA. If you have not renewed your membership or have not joined, it is best to send your membership in with your pre-registration. Your membership cards will be in your packet at the contest. Supply the following membership information:

Name	
(Parents, children)	
Address	
Phone number	
Email Address	
County you live in _	

And include a check for \$20.00 made out to OOTFA.

We are very proud and excited about our new facilities for the contest. The contest will be held in building 6 which is across the Chemeketa Campus from where the contest has been held for many years. See the Editor Emeritus article for directions. The auditorium is very nice. The seats are comfortable, sloping to the stage for good visibility. There is a near by warm up room with a hall leading to the back of the stage. Contestants will not go by the audience. Check out our website for more details. Hope to see you there - we are counting on you and you and you.

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Tune of the Month: Alex and Maureen's Two-Step, by Graham Townsend

Graham Townsend is a well-known Canadian fiddler and composer of over 400 fiddle tunes who died in 1988. He was a co-founder of the Ontario Old Time Fiddlers Association.

