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District 5

District jam session getting to look more like Hoots with 50 attending

It was great to leave February behind but so far March has been a lot of wind, rain, head colds, upper respiratory. Just look ahead to April.

Our jam sessions are getting bigger and better. Fifty were in attendance for the March jam and potluck with at least 30 playing on stage. We are getting to look more like Hoots.

We have several talented new members. Ryan and Trista Hammer and children Sydnie, Kaylee and Caleb from the Junior Jammers with Trista playing fiddle, from Nampa. Also welcome to Loren and Eva Mae Turnipseed from Boise, Loren on guitar. Kathy Werner's

daughter, Kaisa played on fiddle for us at the Kuna Living Center. She presented a good performance with Kathy as backup.

The co-chairmen from the Boise evening members and from Mountain Home report to meeting their regular plays. The Boise day members played at eight Assisted Livings and Rehabs.

Fourteen members played for the first time at the Spring Creek Manor in Eagle. The audience was great with many joining in singing, clapping and foot stepping. Another special play was at Sunbridge in Meridian. We have been invited back to Sunbridge

every other month. Betty hosted two practices at her home in Meridian. It is great to work on each members songs for the coming month. Her house is getting smaller with each practice.

On March 8, we play at Southwind from 2-3 p.m. We have been invited to play on St. Patrick's day at Hillcrest. Wear green and bring some Irish tunes. On March 11, we will travel to Horseshoe Bend to play at the Senior Center. It starts at 5 p.m. and bring something for the potluck. This is always a good jam with a great audience.

We are looking ahead to some extra plays in April. April 8 at Horseshoe Bend Senior Center at 5 p.m. for a jam and potluck. April 12 to play at Heatherwood, 7-8 p.m. in the evening. Heatherwood is off of Kootenae in Boise. April 20 at the Spring Creek Manor in Eagle from 2-3 p.m.

Two of our members are taking some downtime getting themselves fixed up. Jack Cline had heart surgery and Kathy Flaten had hip surgery.

We have lost Weldon Johnson, age 83, longtime member and banjo player. Margee Wright passed away. Her husband, Orin, played fiddle with IOTF for a number of years.

Hoots is May 5 and 6 in Whitebird. Our May meeting is going to be on the third Thursday on May 18. This will be the last meeting for the year.

—Ava Lutteman

Idaho State Old Time Fiddle Contest

Get out your fiddle and rosin up your bow and plan to attend the 44th annual Idaho State Old Time Fiddle Contest in Iona, Idaho, on April 7 and 8, 2006, at the Iona City Building, 3548 N. Main, Iona, Idaho. The state contest follows the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest certification rules.

Excellent judges, excellent facilities and excellent committees offer promising expectations for one of the best state contests ever!!

Friday night will be the challenging Gamblers' contest (play it or fake it!) and the talent of the Flat Pickin' contest with those Idaho individuals so talented on guitar and mandolin. RV camping is available, you can plan on coming in anytime Friday. In an effort to streamline registration and avoid last minute rushes to register, preregistration is requested if at all possible.

Concessions will be provided.

For more details contact: Teresa Tomita, Contest Chairman, (208) 520-9588 or email ttfiddle@hotmail.com or Charlie

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March 18 — District 12 Cabin Fever Party, American Legion Hall, 1 p.m.

April 7-8 — State Fiddler's Contest in Iona at the Iona City Building, sponsored by District 8.

