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District 2

Cabin Fever Party and workshop will help break the winter doldrums

A reminder to all that the District Two winter Cabin Fever Party is set for Jan. 28 at Hoots Cafe in White Bird. Play will start at 10 a.m. A buffet dinner will be served at 12 noon, with jamming the rest of the day. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate for those who might attend from a distance.

We are saddened to learn of the death of Louise Braucher, one of our District Two faithful. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to her husband Warren for his loss.

District Two will hold a workshop for our fiddlers and backup accompanists Feb. 28 at the IOOF Hall in Riggins, starting at 1 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. Fiddlers and accompanists from other Districts and surrounding area are welcome to attend. While this event is a work session and not a show, the public is welcome to listen in, too, and dancing to our fiddle music is certainly accommodated.

The Riggins IOOF Hall is located behind the Riggins Chevron, and the doors will open around 11 a.m. The workshop is planned as a session to familiarize our newer fiddlers and accompanists with more fiddle tunes and their chords, and we will emphasize player participation rather than exhibition. Remember to bring your tape recorder to capture tunes

that are new to you.

This will be our second workshop. Our session last year was not large, but it turned out well, and we are looking forward to another. We intentionally want to expose our newer fiddlers and accompanists to more fiddle music and to give them opportunity to participate in extended group jamming and to learn the tunes and chords by playing them. These working sessions also give our older fiddlers a way to pass on the fiddle tunes and the fiddling tradition to the next generation.

—GMS

District 8

Pizza enjoyed at holiday get-together

Hi, Fiddlers and Happy New Year from District 8!

How has your year started off? We had a play the day after Christmas and the Wednesday after, as usual. Our audiences were still in a festive mood, if a bit smaller due to holiday travel. We have put our Christmas tunes to a lot of use, so it was good to get back to the "regular" fare.

Monday, Jan. 2, was our annual holiday get-together at 5:30 p.m. As Leo's Pizza allows us to use their conference room each month for our jam, we held our

dinner there. Twenty members were in attendance — some couples — with three "extra" spouses spectating. We were served A LOT of really yummy, various pizzas, and pizza "desserts" which were awesome! We then had a very short business meeting, mostly to collect the last dues that were due, and Teresa passed out our membership cards.

We do not have any extra plays this month so no discussion regarding plays.

Teresa asked for volunteers to help with the Fiddlers State Competition being held in Idaho Falls (Iona) Saturday, April 8. We are looking forward to that being as good as the Convention — if possible.

Many new numbers were presented, as well as running over some old ones. As always, with such a wild and crazy group, we had a very fun time.

We are missing our snowbirds, however, more recently gone are Dave Chaffee and Dick and Sonja Saunders.

We hope you all have a warm, good winter, and we will be in touch in February.

—Gail Fielding



Jan. 14 — District 12 Cabin Fever Party, American Legion Hall, 1 p.m.

Jan. 28 - District 2 Cabin Fever Party and Jam Session at Hoot's Cafe in White Bird at 10 a.m.

