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FALL, WINTER, AND HOLIDAYS

Greetings from District 9. These last 3 months flew by without me getting a Newsletter out and now I need to put 3 months in one. November and December are always busy with the holidays and extra plays which is a lot of fun, but I don't keep up on paper work as well. At any rate, will try to just give you the highlights of the past 3 months.

Of course the last 3 months of the year each have a significant holiday and we try to include music for each when we are playing. In October we enjoyed playing for all our regular sites which included a tri-play day of 3 sites, two in Pullman and one in Moscow. We play at the Sr. Meal site in Pullman and they always include us for the noon lunch. We also play at a Sr. site at Bishop Place in Pullman, Sr. meal site in Potlatch, Moscow Sr. meal, Good Sam Sr. site, and this month we also played in Troy which we only play for a few times each year. They are all great sites to play for and the enthusiasm is fun. October also found us electing officers for the coming year. The positions stayed the same with Skip and Carol as Co-Chairpersons, Dave as Vice Chairman, Marge as Secretary, and Tom as Treasurer. We were sorry that our piano player, Lou who will be 91 in January, fell and hurt her bad knee and injured a wrist. She had to spend some time in the hospital and was out of commission for a while but was able to get back in the swing of things later on. Shelly and Carol established a web site for the District which will be nice for communication. It is <http://idahofiddlers.webs.com>.

November again found us at the usual places with one play date being moved to the following week because of Veterans Day. All play dates were well received and we tried to make music for the fall season. Lewiston put on a Fiddle Show on November 9<sup>th</sup> that all were invited to attend. And we played in Kendrick which we play every other month. This again is a Sr. Meal site and they always offer a great meal to enjoy before we go back up the hill. Gary and Karen went on a trip to Australia for a little over a couple of weeks

and reported that the experience was terrific. And we got out the Christmas music at the practice meeting to brush up for December.

In December we enjoyed our first play date of the month at Bishop Place since they always put out such wonderful decorations including 30 trees throughout the facility this year. It is very festive and a lot of fun. It is also the first time we do Christmas music for the season and we are always a bit rusty. But everyone still seemed to have a good time. We did a special play for Deary as they wanted us to come up and play Christmas music. I hear it was a great play day. We had our annual Christmas Potluck party at the regular practice/meeting date and enjoyed ham, turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy and many wonderful side dishes and desserts. Wally's wife, Sharon, made the best dinner rolls which everyone really enjoyed. Lou was able to attend with the help of her son and his wife, and Ernie was there as well with his care giver which gave us all a chance to say hello and enjoy some time with them. We ended the month

with the Potlatch play which included a visit from Santa and everyone received a candy cane which brought back some fun memories.

That brings us up to January which I will get a report out for next month. We hope 2014 will be a marvelous year for all of you and we wish you lots of good fiddlin and fun. Until next time our best to all of you.

Marge Nelson

Howdy from District 8

Our regular quick witted funny reporter Dave Schjeldahl is down south enjoying the warmth and sunshine along with Daryl Harris and Ted Kirkpatrick. Although I am not sure why

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they think they need to do that. It was a balmy 4 degrees here with a wind chill of -19. Why oh why did we not go with them. I hope they bring some warmth and sunshine back with them. Our Dave Smith is now in Mexico on his mission and having some wild adventures. We will miss him and his wife dearly, and we wish them well.

Anyway, I will do my best to inform you of how we are doing. January got us back to our regularly scheduled plays with very few extra plays. Everyone in my district likes me again this month. We lost our dear sweet Harvey Meyer this month. He was 90 years old and played the harmonica up until that last week. He was playing with us on Monday and was gone on Friday. We will miss him dearly. He always had some witty thing to tell me before we played on Mondays.

The only extra play we had was a spur of the moment Blue and Gold Banquet for the Boy Scouts. There was quite a large group there and the parents seemed to really enjoy the music. The Boys? Well, let's just say they tried their hardest to drown us out with the games and fun they were having.

Martin Fewkes joined us the first week of February for both of our weekly plays. He always challenges us with songs we don't know and he didn't let us down this time either. He played Amelia's Waltz. A beautiful tune and I think we will work hard to learn that one.

The last newsletter stated that Idaho Falls would be doing a contest. We have decided to do a show to benefit The Red Cross instead as we think we will get more response to that. Any questions, please feel free to call Teresa Mortensen in District 8 for details. Date to follow. We hope this winter is treating you all well and your music is warming the hearts of those you play for. We all know that music heals the soul and is a pleasure for all. Best wishes and we will be in touch next month.

Teresa Mortensen