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HELLO FIDDLERS:

WE WERE BEGINING TO THINK THIS SNOW WASN'T GOING TO STOP!!!! HOWEVER, I DO THINK IT WAS PRETTY SITTING AND LOOKING AT IT FALLING FROM THE SKY FROM THE WINDOW INSIDE OUR HOME.

WE HAD A GREAT MEETING AND SEVERAL MUSICIANS ATTENDED OUR LAST MEETING IN FEBRUARY. WE ALSO HAD A GREAT ATTENDANCE IN OUR AUDIENCE AND WE ALWAYS APPRECIATE THEM COMING TO LISTEN TO OUR MUSIC.

WE NEED TO GET OUR DUES PAID UP TO DATE!. WE MUST REMEMBER THAT THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE

IOTFA FOR TWO YEARS AND ARE OF THE GREAT AGE OF 70 GETS THEIR DUES FREE. THAT'S A GREAT BENEFIT OF BECOMING OLDER

DON'T YOU THINK? THE DUES ARE \$25.00 FOR COUPLES AND \$15.00 FOR SINGLES. SHARON MATHEWS, OUR NEW TREASURER, WILL BE TAKING YOUR MONEY AT THIS COMING MEETING IN MARCH.

THE CD'S ARE FINISHED AND BONNIE LONGSTRETH HAS THE TABLATURE ALONG WITH THE CHORDS FOR THE MUSIC. WE WILL NEED TO HAVE COPIES MADE, THEREFORE ,THERE WILL BE A SIGN UP SHEET FOR ANYONE THAT WISHES TO HAVE THIS PACKAGE DEAL. THERE ISN'T A CHARGE FOR THESE IF YOU ARE A IOTF MEMBER. A SUPER BIG BIG BIG THANKS TO BONNIE LONGSTRETH AND ROY VIKIN FOR PREPARING ALL OF THIS MUSIC AND THE CDS FOR ALL OF US . WE ALL MUST REALIZE WHAT DEDICATION AND TIME COMSUMING JOB THIS WAS FOR THEM. YOUR FOLKS ARE DEEPLY

**APPRECIATED!!!!!!!!!!!!
!!!. AS OF YET,
THERE HASN'T
BEEN A WORKSHOP
SCHEDULED TO
FOCUS ON USING
THESE CDS.**

**MORE
INFORMATION WILL
COME AT THE
MARCH MEETING.**

**NONE OF THE
FIDDLE GROUPS
HAD ANYTHIING
NEW TO REPORT
EXCEPT BETTY
GULL DID REPORT
THAT SHE HAS
SEVERAL FOLKS**

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OUT SICK THIS WINTER. WE ARE PRAYIING THAT THEY WILL BE BACK FIDDLING WITH THE GROUP SOON.

RON MOORE REPORTD THAT THE SUMMER CAMPOUT NEAR LOWMAN WILL BE JULY 13TH-16TH. THEY HAVE POTLUCK SUPPERS AND SOME BREAKFASTS TOGETHER, CONTESTS TO COMPETE IN, IF DESIRE TO, LOTS OF FELLOWSHIPING AND LAUGHTER!! LETS PUT THIS DATE ON OUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND. IF ANYONE NEEDS MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL RON MOORE, 208-397-7133.

HOOTS IS COMING UP QUICKLY!!! NEED TO GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IF PLANNING ON GOING. LAST YEAR SOUNDED LIKE IT WAS A REAL HOOT!!!! LOTS OF FIDDLING AROUND AND FELLOWSHIPING AND LEARNING NEW TUNES FROM YOUR FELLOW MUSICIANS. THE DATE FOR THIS OUTING IS MAY 5-7TH. IF ANYONE NEEDS MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS OUTING PLEASE CALL OUR CHAIRMAN JERRY VANBUREN. 208-546-8232.

RENA LUTE VOLUNTEERED TO PICK UP THE CHICKEN FOR THIS NEXT MEETING IN MARCH. THE POTLUCKS HAVE BEEN GREAT THESE LAST MONTHS, WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE DOING THEIR PART TO HELP TO KEEP THINGS RUNNING SMOOTHLY.

WE DO HAVE A REMINDER FOR EVERYONE TO PLEASE HELP PUT THE SENIOR CENTER BACK TOGETHER AGAIN AFTER OUR NIGHT THERE AND BE SO KIND TO HELP WHERE ELSE IS NEEDED.

BETTY GULL GAVE A EXCELLENT READING ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF MUSIC. WE FOUND OUT THAT MUSIC BRINGS JOY,PEACE AND RELAXATION AND INCREASES OUR BRAIN KNOWLEDGE. LETS REMEMBER THIS THE NEXT TIME WE PLAY OUR MUSIC!!!!!!! THANK YOU BETTY FOR THAT INFORMATION.

I BELIEVE THIS TAKES CARE OF ALL THE INFORMATION THAT I HAVE AND HOPEFULLY I DIDN'T LEAVE ANYTHING OUT OF IMPORTANCE. ANYONE HAS INFORMATION THEY WOULD LIKE PASSED ON IN THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME. 208-830-1278.

'SPRING SHOWS WHAT GOD CAN DO WITH A DRAB AND DIRTY WORLD'

VIGIL KRAFT

LET'S ALL KEEP A SMILE ON OUR FACE AND PLAY A HAPPY TUNE FOR EACH OTHER...

YOUR REPORTER

LINDA LYLE

District 8

February certainly has given us an interesting weather pattern here in Southeastern Idaho. We've had snow, wind, rain, sunshine and everything in between this month. Surprising to us all has been the two weeks of very mild weather coupled with quite a bit of rain that melted most of the snow banks around town. Last week we got snow again to cover the lawn and today it is trying to snow a little without much success. Just think, a few more days and it will be March, then April and May doesn't look all that far down the road.

We have been busy this past month with our regular schedule of plays. Each has been a lot of fun and we always look forward to making our rounds each month to visit all of our friends at the different care facilities we visit. Our monthly jam session at Leo's was a lot of fun as well. We tried out a few new tunes to challenge us all and as we get additional practice we will include them in our play schedule.

We were happy to see some of our regulars return to our plays after missing several weeks for various reasons. Chief among our concerns is our banjo man, Charlie Lahm who has had some health problems that have kept him away for a while now. We hope to see him back with us soon. As well, we are also very concerned for our great friend Bob Butler who has had lots of health problems this winter. We pray for him and hope he can soon be out of the hospital and back home.

Not much more to report at this time, so we'll sign off for another month wishing well for everyone out there in fiddle music land. Have a great month.

Dave Smith

District 12

Hello everyone from your friends in District 12.

Regular plays at Discovery Care Centre and The Meadows Assisted Living are on our agenda the first two Thursdays of each month. We are warmly welcomed at both places and enjoy the residents. Then we are off to jam til 10:00 p.m. at a new location at Bird's Les Schwab Tire Center where Alicia Bird has a nice dance studio that we jam in one end of. It is very pleasant and great atmosphere.

Our snowbirds flew the coup and left us with a few feet of snow and extreme cold weather carrying into February. It has been quite a winter for all the districts. Won't it be nice to see the ground again. Ironically, the seed catalogs started appearing late in December.

We are so fortunate to have some new participants at our jams. Joining our group are Eric Foss (a local music teacher in our charter school) and his daughters Erykah (age 12) and Ilah (age 10). Erykah is taking violin instruction and playing in her school orchestra. She is preparing for the Solo Ensemble at the Idaho State Competition in Southern Idaho (Rexburg). We had the pleasure at the end of our jam Thurs., Feb. 2nd, to hear her play Csardas by Monti which she knows pretty well by heart already after only practicing it for two weeks! This girl lives to play her music and it shows.

We also had young Sarah Tucker (age 9) who is beginning fiddle join us with her proud dad Jim sitting nearby. Our Eliza Fisher appears periodically and asked Santa for a chello for Christmas so it will be interesting to hear how she is doing teaching herself to play. I believe there will be some YouTube lessons.

We have played recently at Betty Morton's home on Carmen Cr. and just a few days ago we had our February Cabin Fever get-together at Jerry and Marion Eastman's residence, playing with a packed house full of musicians. We all had a great time with the variety of instruments, voices and great snacks and soups. Our friends make winter bearable—like rays of sunshine!! Good grief, this has been a long old season.

We are looking forward to the horse and mule sales, a reunion and possibly a wedding. Happy Almost Spring!!!!

Kay Smith

First Annual Fiddle Competition

May 20, 2017

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Hello there!

I hope this finds you well! As you may already know, we run an acoustic music camp in Julian, CA, April 11 - 15, 2017. We thought your members & readers would be interested in learning about this event! We were hoping you would publish the info below in your newsletter and calendar. Please feel free to get in touch with any questions or suggestions about how to share this opportunity with your music community. Thanks so much!

The Julian Family Fiddle Camp

April 11 - 15, 2017

Guitar • Mandolin • Fiddle • 'Ukulele • Banjo

Old Time ~ Bluegrass ~ Texas Style ~ Traditional & Swing 'Ukulele

A 5-day music immersion program for people of all ages and musical abilities. The camp is held each April at a beautiful family retreat center near the historic mining town of Julian, CA. All meals, instruction, camp-based activities (swimming, archery, climbing tower) and evening concerts are provided for a single fee. Instructors include: Molly Tuttle, Joe K. Walsh, John Mailander, AJ Lee, Matthew Hartz, Anthony Mature, Avery Merritt, Nina Weisman, Henry Barnes, Craig Lee, Sarah Maisel, Dan Gelbert, Jennifer Albrent and Luke Price. Questions? Email info@familyfiddlecamp.com or call (760) 522-8458. Register online at www.FamilyFiddleCamp.com.

Best wishes,

Rachel Wohlander

Coordinator

Julian Family Fiddle Camp