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Annual ISBA Spring Super Jam:

The Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Association is hosting their annual Spring Jam at the Lewis and Clark Resort in Kamiah, Idaho May 14-17, 2015. Offerings include instrument and vocal harmony workshops, Kids in Bluegrass, and open mic opportunities, with an afternoon of music on Saturday. Performances on Saturday will feature Wanigan, Higher Ground, Flat Grass, Will Williams and Gravel Road, and the Elk River Ramblers. The jam is held at the Lewis and Clark Resort in Kamiah. Cabins, motel rooms, tent camping, and RV facilities are available. For more information on accommodations, contact the resort at 208-935-2556, or check their website at: www.lewisclarkresort.com. For more information about the Super Jam, feel free to email us at isbassn@gmail.com.

District 12 Newsletter – February 2015

Hello everyone from your friends in District 12.

Anyone want to move to Boston? I can't complain about our weather here and we even have sun now! This next week will be WARM and we will Spring forward on Sat. night.

We were invited to Jerry & Marian Eastman's home at Tendoy on Feb. 21st for our Cabin Fever Jam. I was absent as Ed and I and our golden retriever Red were in Meridian visiting kids and grandkids. Wish I could have been in two places at once as I really missed a wonderful afternoon with 17 players and a couple extra guests. Diane and Susan's nephew Aaron Gilpin (who has a local Salmon band of his own) was there and Arlene Wolf, a local teacher, sang and played her guitar. Rich, the banjo player, kept everyone on their toes; and Doyle brought his daughter from Southern Idaho as well as her husband and son. A new addition was a Leadore High School senior girl who is learning to play the guitar.

Tomorrow night (Thurs. the 5th), we will play at Discovery Care Centre with our jam afterwards at Imperial Apts. Recreation Hall. Next week, Thurs., we will start out at The Meadows Assisted Living near the airport. We jam every Thurs. night til 10:00 p.m.

We are beginning to plan ahead and hope to be invited again to play at the annual Salmon Select Horse and Mule Sale April 10th & 11th at the Lemhi County Fairgrounds. We play in the vendor barn and the vendors seem to enjoy having us both Fri. & Sat. entertaining them for a couple hours each. Have been practicing some good music including Ozark Moon, Mocking Bird Hill and Same Silver Moon.

Let us know if you will be in town and come join us for a jam.

Kay Smith, Salmon Dist. 12

DISTRICT 8

Hello from District 8 Idaho Old Time Fiddlers. We hope you are all enjoying the nicer weather

this year in our fine State of Idaho. I know we have. We have been fairly busy this winter with our monthly plays and some special plays as well.

On February 7th, District 8 held their 2nd annual food drive benefit concert. We had the students of the local music studio join us again this year and they did a marvelous job. The food drive this year was held in Rigby, Idaho. Our little town helped us gather 10 boxes of food and \$400 for the Senior Citizens Food Bank. The students played some great songs as a group and we had some super soloists perform. The talent of these kids is amazing. We are always trying to get them to join us

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at our plays. As you can imagine, they are all very busy with their own lives so it is a slow process, but we are not giving up on that.

We also held a Valentine Day Dance in Rigby this year. Our first attempt at a dance in Rigby. It didn't go very well, but it was a great opportunity for us to jam and have a great time together as our fiddle family. We will keep trying to have dances in the area from time to time and I think once the community gets used to it, they will come.

We did have a new fellow come join us at one of our monthly plays. He is just learning the mandolin and would like to come again he said. And I also had a woman call with interest, so we will see how that goes. Hopefully, some new blood for our group.

We will certainly be happy to have our snowbirds return. They are greatly missed.

Teresa is asking for every member to get your biographies and photos in for the Blue Book asap. District chairmen, please help your life time members that can't get out to get theirs done. Most of them probably do not realize it is time again.

Keep up the good work with your fiddling efforts and have fun. Remember, the people we play for are what keep us going.

Until next month,

Hello Fiddlers

Can you believe that February is already gone!! I hope everyone is doing well. I know this last month was a hectic month with the flu season. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who are suffering medical problems or having treatments or the loss of your loved ones. We are looking forward to having you come back out and play or listen with the approaching warmer weather.

Betty Gull's East group reported that they will be meeting for their monthly practice in a different location. The name of the place is called the Spring Creek Eagle Island and the address is 3705 W Flint Drive, Garden City, Boise. They also get the building for free and with air-conditioning and the folks will also set up for us. We so appreciate this!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!. Anyone that has any questions about this , please call Betty Gull at 887-2113.

Bonnie's group (the night group) didn't have anything new to report this last February.

Jerry VanBuren's group, the West Group is staying busy and are booked for 5 plays. We are excited to entertain these folks and learn new songs.

I am hoping that everyone is taking the time to learn the new song that Leslie Beck gave to us , a Irish tune called Hundred Pipers. It is fun to play and we are please to announce that Judy Vanburen is going to play it next month in Jerrys group for her song. She does a great job performing that tune. I hope that all of us will make the effort to learn these new songs that Leslie Beck is introducing to us. Perhaps we could all play them together at the meetings.

The last meeting in January we all voted to start having our potluck start at 5:30 instead of 5:00 and then have the meeting at 6:00 and start jamming when the meeting is over. WE hope that this will make it easier for the folks to be able to attend the potluck where we all can socialize and eat together.

There isn't much to report for the district 5 this time, so everyone keep a song in your heart and a smile on your face and keep fiddling around.

Your reporter
Linda Lyle District 5

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