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## District 8

In some ways it looks like spring is here or it's well on the way in Eastern Idaho. That is to say, you never know what the next hour will bring but we have had some pretty nice weather this past week. Right now, however, it's back to cloudy and overcast again. That means it's spring doesn't it?

We have had a busy month in March with ten plays and a jam, which makes for lots of good music and visiting with friends at each of our venues. We are taking this week off as Monty and Teresa enjoying some time in Albuquerque working and doing some

recording with family. Hopefully they are enjoying some good weather.

At our jam session we reviewed all the fun campouts scheduled just down the road and it looks like a very busy summer. I forgot to write down all of the dates and places so I'll need to get that information in the next newsletter.

With the coming of spring our snowbird gang

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begins their journey back to “good old Idaho” and we hope to see many of them real soon now. We understand some of them are on the way and we wish them all safe travel.

It’s a pretty brief report for the month, but we send our best to all our Old Time Fiddler friends around the state and look forward to seeing you as the year moves on.

Dave Smith

District 6:

Three members helped play for a two-evening benefit dinner concert for the Buhl community in March. The theme was focused on “Irish” since it was just before St. Patrick’s Day and along with several other musical groups, we provided entertainment while the patrons ate dinner. One performer told jokes with an Irish accent and even played a smaller but quieter type of bagpipes which was rather unique but very enjoyable. Hopefully this performance provided a bit of advertising for our organization.

Our snow birds are slowly returning and we will resume our regularly scheduled monthly plays at the assisted living facilities on April 3<sup>rd</sup> so if you are in the area, come join us.

Mary Baldwin,

Sec/Tr/Reporter

District 9

January-February 2017

## IS IT SPRING YET???

Hello from northern Idaho. I am writing to you in the middle of March, but this is the newsletter for January and February, so will hold March for next time. At least we are snow free and there are some signs of spring in the flower beds.

### JANUARY

So as you are all aware, January was a pretty bad month for snow and travel not very nice. We managed to get to our first monthly play at Bishop and the residents we're so very glad to see us. It was nice to give them an uplift after the holidays and we were glad we could entertain them. Then we had to cancel our meeting-practice day as there was a very bad storm and it just wasn't worth trying to get out. The next day after what would have been meeting day we usually have our tri-play day where we visit a care center, play for a Sr. noon lunch site and finish with a visit to the Circle of Caring Sr. day care center. Well, that too all had to be cancelled because of the continuation of the storm from the day before. Was a bit discouraging, but better safe than sorry.

We were finally able to get out and play at Good Sam, Kendrick Sr. Meal Site, Moscow Sr. Meal Site and Aspen Care Center rounding out the month. All residents were so glad to see us to give them a little cheer with all the bad weather coming and going. What a month!

### FEBRUARY

This month things were better and we were able to visit Bishop Place, Good Sam,

have our meeting and practice, do all three sites for tri-play day and even go to Potlatch and Colfax. Then we rounded out the month with Moscow Sr. Meal site and Clark Place. It was a good feeling to be able to make all the play dates again and enjoy smiles and some laughter at the sites.

So now we are able to continue commitments and look forward to some extra times to play as Spring approaches. We wish you a happy spring and great times ahead this year with fiddlin and fun.

Marge Nelson, Secretary

## DISTRICT 5

Hello Fiddlers:

Once again we had a great turn-out for our meeting and jam session. Thanks to everyone that brought food for the potluck and thanks goes out to the folks that stayed and helped put the equipment away and the clean up duties that needed to be done.

We want to remind all the folks that haven't paid their membership dues, that they are due now .

The members of District Five have decided to purchase more of the music books along with the CD's to those that still would like to receive one. Please be sure to let our chairman, Jerry Vanburen, if you are interested in one of these books. His number is 1-208-546-8232.

There isn't much news to report again this month. All of the fiddle groups didn't have anything new to report. All their plays are doing well and folks seem to be staying well.

It is time to start thinking about the responsibilities of the IOTF for next year. Jerry Vanburen has decided to stay chairman for one more year, however, the other duties of treasurer and secretary and co-chairman are left to have folks take part and run for these offices. To keep our club running successfully we all need to take our turn and take part in the leadership.

We elected a nominating committee and these people are Marjean Viken, Linda Lyle and Judy Vanburen. We will be asking people to think about these positions and decide which office you would be interested in doing for the next coming year. Please contact Linda Lyle at 208-830-1278 if you have an interest.

Folks will be going to Hoots the first weekend in May, therefore, our IOTF meeting will be postponed until the 2nd Thursday of May and it will be the same time and etc.

Jerry and Judy Vanburen will be bringing the Chicken for the Potluck for the May meeting and Jam. Thank You!!!!!!

I guess this sums up the report for the month of April. If anyone has anything to report and want to be put in the newsletter, please contact me at 208-830-1278. Also if there is any corrections to be made to this letter.

Did you know that the first dental school in the United States was established at Harvard University in 1867??

The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds: and the pessimist fears this is true. James Branch Cabell

Suck on an ice cube before you take a bad tasting medicine. Ice helps deaden the tastebuds.

I hope all of you have a great Easter!!!!!!!!!!!!

Your Reporter

Linda Lyle

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](mailto:info@familyfiddlecamp.com) or call (760) 522-8458. Register online at [www.FamilyFiddleCamp.com](http://www.FamilyFiddleCamp.com).

Best wishes,

Rachel Wohlander

Coordinator

Julian Family Fiddle Camp