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SPRING IS SPRUNG!

Hello from District 9 on this pretty nice spring day. Hopefully, winter snows are backing off and we can enjoy the spring days ahead. Was reminded that 3 months are gone already in 2018 and my intentions are to send out quarterly newsletters. So here goes for round one.

JANUARY

January started off with our usual play site at Bishop Place. We have a good crowd gather to listen to us every time and they really enjoy the music. Lots of toe tapping and even some clapping on occasion make the play very enjoyable. We played at 9 additional Sr. meal and resident sites to complete the month. Our addition of Kendrick Sr. meal site was included this month and we only play occasionally for these folks. They do enjoy as well. When it's still winter we are glad we have good turnouts since this is a break from the winter season.

FEBRUARY

Again, a good month. We added Deary Sr. Meal and Potlatch Sr. Meal as well as Colfax

Courtyard Sr. Living which we don't play for every month, so it is fun to see all the smiling faces when we arrive. The meals are pretty darn good too - they are always willing to serve us lunch. We had a tough run from Potlatch to Colfax as there was a pretty bad snow storm underway as we were leaving Potlatch. Was quite an event getting home from Colfax, but those who made it to Colfax did okay. You never know about winter weather. We also received word that the Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Assoc. has a 2018 Super Jam scheduled at Kamiah on June 1-2-3, 2018 at the Kamiah KOA campground (formerly Lewis-Clark Campground) if anyone is interested.

MARCH

This month we had our usual play sites with no additions. All were well attended and received by happy faces. We are starting to look at additional sites we have requests for that will be coming up in the months to come. It's always interesting to see where we might be playing that is not routine. We have a play at Troy Days in July that should be fun and they invite us to have lunch on them. We've also been notified we will be playing for the

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Latah County Fair in September which we enjoy as there is so much activity and good turn out of people to listen. They may be walking around on the grounds, but always seem to stop and listen to at least one or two songs.

So now we finish up March today with our play time at Kendrick. Then on into April and we hope the weather will be truly Spring! We wish you happy fiddling and will check in again in 3 months to try and keep with the quarterly plan.

Marge Nelson, Secretary

District 8

Greetings from South Eastern Idaho where the wind is blowing hard indicating that spring is on the way, if not already here. When my fence in the back yard begins to sway with the strong wind, I know the warm sunshine and better weather is just around the corner. You couple that with this dazed Robin that comes twice a day to the tree in front of our bay window and proceeds to spend its time repeatedly flying into the bay window, and you have some idea of what happens to birds in the spring time. I've tried all sorts of things to discourage the behavior but so far nothing has worked.

However, some good news for the day is the return of our Sunbirds is beginning to happen. Ted Kirkpatrick is back in town with his great sense of humor and his big old bass after a stay in the warm southwest for the winter. We anticipate seeing others return in the next few weeks and then let the fun begin.

During March we dodged a few snowstorms and rain to make appearances at our regular scheduled plays where we found lots of happy people enjoying the music and keeping beat to their favorite songs.

We have also been busy learning several new tunes to add to our play list. There are some good ones in the group and fun to included them in our plays.

Not much more going on in this part of the world. I had a little eye surgery yesterday to correct cataract problem and I can tell the difference already. Round two is next week for the right eye and then I'll be back to telling jokes and knocking over microphones whenever possible.

Have a great month everyone.

Dave Smith

Reporting for District 8

DISTRICT 5

MARCH 2018, NEWSLETTER

HELLO FIDDLERS:

WE DON'T HAVE MUCH NEWS TO REPORT THIS MONTH.

THE MONTHLY MEETING AND POTLUCK WERE A BIT SCARCE THIS LAST MONTH. WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE MORE FOLKS TO COME OUT AND BRING A SIDE DISH TO GO WITH THE MAIN ENTRE AND ENJOY THE MUSIC AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING. WE WANT TO WELCOME ALL THE VISITORS THAT ATTENDED THIS LAST MEETING AND JAM AND WE PERSONALLY INVITE THEM TO COME BACK AND JAM WITH US.

JUDY VAN BUREN REFRESHED EVERYONES MINDS OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE HAPPENING IN HOOTS THIS COMING 1ST WEEKEND IN MAY. SEVERAL WORKSHOPS AND LOTS OF JAMMING WITH SHOWS FROM EACH DISTRICT PERFORMING ON SATURDAY NIGHT, WITH A WONDERFUL BUFFET SERVED. THOSE THAT ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING NEED TO GET THEIR RESERVATIONS OR CAMPSIGHTS RESERVED. THE WHOLE WEEKEND WILL BE A 'HOOT'!!!!

BETTY GULL HAS BEEN ILL THIS MONTH AND WE ARE WISHING A GOOD WELL WISH ALONG WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF HER GROUP THAT HAVE BEEN OUT SICK.

THE MOORES ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM THEIR SURGERIES AND WE ARE MISSING YOU GUYS ALSO. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVE YOU BACK WITH US AND PLAYING AND SINGING.

BONNIE'S GROUP HAD A INVITATION TO PLAY FOR A FUNERAL AT THE PLANTATION ASSISTING LIVING THIS MONTH AND THE PLANTATION PLACE DONATED \$100.00 TO THE IOTF FOR ACCOMODATING THEM IN THIS SITUATION. THAT IS REALLY A GREAT GROUP TO PLAY FOR, THEY HAVE A WONDERFUL AUDIENCE AND THEY LOVE THE FIDDLE MUSIC THAT BONNIE'S GROUP HAS PROVIDED THERE FOR MANY YEARS.

THE WEST GROUP IS PLAYING FOR A NEW PLACE IN NAMPA CALLED WELLSRING ASSISTED LIVING ON EVERY 3RD TUESDAY AT 2:30.

THE EAST GROUP IS CONTINUING TO DO WELL. THEY ARE PLAYING AT LIFE-TIME MEMBER, PHOENIX FULLINGTONS' RESIDENCE, THE GARNET PLACE IN GARDEN CITY IN APRIL. IF INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT WITH BETTY'S GROUP, CONTACT BETTY GULL. (208 887-2113) BETTY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK ERIC BERGSTRAM FOR TAKING OVER THE GROUP AND LEADING OUT WHILE BETTY WAS ILL.

BONNIE'S GROUP (THE NIGHT GROUP) HAD A WONDERFUL SURPRISE. OUR STATE PRESIDENT, MONTE MORTENSEN AND HIS WIFE TERESA, DISTRICT EIGHT CHAIRPERSON, PAID THEM A VISIT AND HELPED WITH THE PERFORMANCE AT CHATEAU D'BOISE. THE NITE GROUP SAID THEY WERE A 'GREAT' ADDITION. THANKS GO OUT TO THEM!!!!!!

WE HAVE DISCUSSED CHANGING THE VOTING OF THE NEW OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR TO TAKE PLACE IN THE SPRING, SO THAT THEY MAY BE PREPARED TO TAKE THEIR NEW OFFICE IN THE FALL. MUCH DISSCUSSION IS NEEDED ON THIS SUBJECT. EAGLE SR CITIZENS HAS BOOKED US IN FOR MAY MEETING ON THE 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. MARIYLN HAS VOLUNTEERED TO HEAD UP THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND SHE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP. GIVE HER A CALL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

OUR CHAIRMAN, JERRY VAN BUREN LEAD OUT A TIP FOR HOW TO START A TOON TOGETHER. WE

APPRECIATE YOUR TIP AND WE SHOULD ALL TRY TO WORK ON THIS, I KNOW IT IS HARD TO TRY SOMETHING NEW, BUT WE WOULD ALL SOUND BETTER IF WE COULD BE TOGETHER AND START TOGETHER.

NOT MUCH TO REPORT THIS MONTH. HOPE EVERYONE WILL HAVE A GREAT EASTER !!!

“APPLY YOUR HEART TO INSTRUCTION AND YOUR EARS TO WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE.”

PROVERBS 23:12

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