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SPRING HAS SPRUNG

After reviewing my last newsletter, I noted I was going to try and send a newsletter every 2 months. Well, that went out the window and now I am finally sending one for 3 months and hope I can at least handle that plan. My, the time just flies and I've been trying to keep up with fiddling and other commitments and just staying above ground. So will get this going and hope your fiddling dates are being well received.

MARCH

We had a good month with 8 play sites with some dates including more than one play site. We find it better with some sites to be playing more than one time per day since we are already out and about. We enjoyed meals at 5 of the sites as well. Was a good month and good attendance where we played.

APRIL

This month turned out to be very busy with us playing at 11 sites. We had a couple of sites we only play at 3 or 4 times a year which added more activity to the month. Again, all were well attended and we even played some songs where people got up and did some dancing. That is always fun and makes for more entertainment.

Also, Mabel and sister Debby attended the N.W. Regional Fiddle Competition in Spokane this month. Mabel took first place in Senior-Senior Div. and Debby took forth in Senior Div. Way to go gals!!

MAY

We were almost as busy this month with 10 play sites and a first time play at Genesee Sr. Meal which is a small town close to Moscow and turned out to be a good time and great meal offered after we played. There weren't too many in attendance, but they really enjoyed us as we did them. They want

us to come back and we will for sure. We also played live music for the local square dance club which we have done for the past 4 years. Four of us belong to the square dance club including the caller who did call for the dance and we were pleased to play that night rather than dance. It was sure tempting to want to dance and listen to the fiddling, but duty calls. We had a good turn-out and after the dance ended, we played some additional music for their listening pleasure or free dancing. Was a good evening.

That brings us up to the start of June which will begin next week with our first play date at Bishop Place in Pullman which we usually begin our months with. Today our thermometer reads 92 and I sure hope that drops a bit. Too hot too quickly when we have been in the low 70's and such. So we wish you a good month ahead and as we head into summer, we will continue to fiddle around a lot. Enjoy the upcoming events!

Marge Nelson, Secretary

Howdy From District 8

July 1st, 2016

Another June has slipped by. We had eleven plays. They included all of our regular plays and a two-hour play at the Farmer's Market and a new play for the Humanitarian Centers annual picnic. The Center's picnic was held at a local historic farmstead south of Idaho Falls. It reminded me of brush arbor from days gone by.

The month of June started with the annual Cedar Park Campout- three days of fiddlin', eating, and putting around. It was so good to see friends from near and far.

I'm hoping that everyone had a great and safe Fourth of July weekend. I always look forward to summer but then end up wishing it was a little

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more spread out. We are enjoying a week off of fiddling. Then we are back with four plays a week for the rest of the month with Farmer's Market on the 16th, Iona Day on the 23rd and a new play at the Mud Lake Museum.

We are continuing with our members split into two groups; "A" group and "B" group, because we have too many members. What a great problem to have. Guitarist, Daryl Lopez, is back after a six weeks tour of Iceland and Northern Europe. Glad your back Daryl.

I asked my wife, "Do I come across as grumpy to you?"

"Honestly?" she asked.

"Of course", I say.

"Well, yes. At times you do come across as Grumpy. Other times you come across as Dopey or Sneazy." That's when the fight started.

"May you live as long as you like and have all you like as long as you live."

Adios, David Schjeldahl