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HERE COMES SUMMER

Hi from District 9. The last time I wrote we were looking forward to winter snows backing off and today it is around 95 degrees. Guess that happened. Wow! I'm a little late getting this out, but with a little nudging, here it is.

APRIL

We worked our way through 11 play sites this month and kept quite busy. Spring is always a good time and residents as well as attendees show up in good numbers for the resident sites and noon luncheons. We cover

quite a circle of locations going up to Potlatch, down to Kendrick, over to Colfax, back up to Deary, and several locations in Moscow, and Pullman. Keeps us on our toes, but everyone loves to hear us and it gives us a good feeling to entertain.

The main event for this month was the N.W. Regional Fiddle Contest at E. Valley High School in Spokane. The event was on April 28th and they celebrated their 50th

Anniversary. I'm sure there was a good attendance.

Della Mae performed at the Dahmen Barn in Uniontown this month as well and that was well attended.

Debbie competed in a competition in Kalispell, MT and placed first in the Senior Division. Way to go, Debbie.

So activities abounded this month and we were glad to have decent weather to travel in.

MAY

This month found us playing at 10 sites in the area to keep us pretty busy. We also played at a special event for the Appaloosa Horse Club Museum. It was a fund raiser and we performed at Bloom, a local lovely restaurant with a great turn-out which benefited a nice income for the museum. We played our hearts out and were pretty tired at the end, but we received great applause and were glad to be a part of the event.

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This month was the Idaho State OTF Association Meeting at Hoots which several attended and enjoyed. Mabel was honored to receive the Elray Woerman Award for 2017 and she certainly deserved this honor. She also entertained at the banquet that evening. I understand there was continued playing into the night after the festivities.

It was noted the Washington Old Time Fiddlers Workshop will be held in Moses Lake, WA on July 16-20. Several members were considering attending and it should be a good learning event.

So we also were kept busy this month as well.

JUNE

We didn't play at as many sites this month as we go into our summer schedule where we cut back on some play sites since so many are gone making it hard to cover locations with enough members to play. This is a good time for everyone to kick back some and enjoy summer. But we did enjoy one play which we have performed for in the last 3 years, I think. We play for Root Beer Float night at Bishop Place. It's pretty fun as they have a one hole golf green located outside where we play and there are people sitting below us and above us and it's quite an event. We start around 7:00 and it gets pretty comfortable by the time we finish and again, there is a good attendance. Then we get to enjoy root beer floats! Great time!

So that winds things up for this quarter and we hope the heat is kind to us and you as we continue through the summer. We hope you are all enjoying a lot of good fiddling and performing. We wish you a continued happy summer.

Marge Nelson, Secretary