



# The Grapevine

March 2017

Newsletter for  
**CSOTFA**



California State Old Time Fiddlers Association, District 6

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## Message From the Editors



It's been a long wet winter, and it may still be wet, but the blossoms on the trees say that spring is here! So warm up your fiddle-fingers, because contest and festival season is upon us. Send any correspondence to PO Box 990462, Redding CA 96099-0462. And of course, you can always email [carolyncork@gmail.com](mailto:carolyncork@gmail.com), or [george.fredson@yahoo.com](mailto:george.fredson@yahoo.com).

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## March Schedule/Upcoming Events

March 5 – Jam Session: 1-4:30pm  
Free Old Time Fiddle Concert: 2pm  
Open mic after the concert. At St. James Lutheran Church, 2500 Shasta View Drive, Redding (First Sundays)

NOTE! The regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday music event at the Palo Cedro Community Hall (Grange) is cancelled this month because of the State Old Time Fiddle Contest that weekend.

March 17-18 – 2017 CSOTFA State/Open Fiddle Championship & Picking Contest, held at OROVILLE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL - 2374 Montgomery St. Oroville, CA

July 22 – Save the Date! The Third Annual Summer Mountain Music and Arts Festival will take place again this summer!

## Non-Club Events

Thursdays – 6:30pm Scottish Country Dance: Palo Cedro Community Center, 22037 Old Forty-Four Drive. Live Music. The Scottish Country Dance Band will be accompanying the dancers on March 2. “You don't need a partner. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water. This dancing is lively and energetic. All dances taught and walked then danced. This is a fun evening for all.” Each Thursday evening, 6:30-

8:30PM. Cost \$6. For more info, <http://www.meetup.com/reddingdancegroup/> Or (530) 347-0825.

March 25 - 7:00 pm Contra Dance: Odd Fellows hall in Palo Cedro IOOF/Rebekah Hall - Off of Hwy 44 22551 Silverlode Lane The “Curvy Road Band” plays fast and fun Celtic music for the dancers. \$8 admission/\$4 students.

For info and updates <http://reddingfolkdance.blogspot.com>, or [redingfd@gmail.com](mailto:redingfd@gmail.com)

Mondays—The First and Third Mondays at 6:00-7:30pm, Nicki Carlisle's Ukulele jam (any acoustical instrument) at Nicki's studio, 20 min. out of Palo Cedro on Hwy 44. Call 520-474-4427.

April 11-15th 2017: Julian Family Fiddle Camp  
Contact: R. Avery Ellisman, Director  
Phone: (760) 522-8458  
Email: [info@familyfiddlecamp.com](mailto:info@familyfiddlecamp.com)

“The Julian Family Fiddle Camp (JFFC) is a five-day music immersion program for people of all ages and musical abilities. JFFC is held each April at the rural 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.”

*(as always, please confirm dates and times before attending an event)*

***Calling all Fiddle Teachers and Students!***

The California State Old Time Fiddlers Association, District 6 is hosting an event for all fiddle/guitar/mandolin students to gain some experience on stage, in front of a supportive audience, to help them prepare for the State Competition in Oroville on March 17 and 18th, or just to give them a little practice onstage, whether they intend to compete or not.

We're dedicating our First Sunday of the Month event, **March 5**, held in the Community Room at St. James Lutheran Church, to performers (young and old) who would like to play their best three tunes during a "mock competition" format, monitored by our experienced fiddle contest emcee, Tex Ash.

The church is located at 2500 Shasta View Drive, Redding CA. The doors open at 1:00 and the performances will begin at 2:00 and will run until 4:30. If time allows we will have Open Mic for others that would like to perform before the day is over.

If you would like to pre-register for the event please contact: George Fredson at george.fredson@yahoo.com or complete a sign-up form at the front table when you arrive. Everyone will perform in the order they sign up.

We hope that we will see you there!

***Latest News on Dist 6 Fundraiser—Summer Mountain Music and Arts Concert, in Manton 2017***

The planning committee had another meeting in February, and we are now able to announce this year's food vendor. We are very pleased to have gotten Dill's Deli lined up to offer their delicious wares. Dill's has great experience providing catering in many different venues. They have special menus for off-site events like ours, and we know that it will be wonderful!

We are in the process of contacting the bands we want to bring in for the festival, and when we start confirming them, we will announce on Facebook and in this space. When we start to offer tickets, they will be available online and at

selected locations. That information will be available here, on Facebook, and on our website, [www.northstatefiddlers.com](http://www.northstatefiddlers.com). Please save the date, Saturday July 22, 2017, and tell your friends and family too.

Funds from this project will be used to help our new fiddle scholarship program, along with other expenses necessary to the club, such as sound equipment maintenance.

Our first year was a wonderful success, the second year proved it was no fluke, and we are confident this third year will be even better!

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***Dance and Music!*** *By Nicki Carlisle*

Scottish Country Dance group will meet every Thurs. at 6:30PM at the Grange in Palo Cedro. The 2nd of Mar. the Scottish Country Dance Band will be accompanying the dancers. (We are there the 1st and 3rd Thurs.-We'll be at the state contest on the 3rd this month).

The contra dance will be on Mar. 25th at 7PM at the IOF/Rebecca Hall on corner of 44E and Silver Bridge RD. The "Curvy Road" band plays fast and fun Celtic music for the dancers.

My ukulele/ jam (any acoustic instrument) meets at my music studio (20min. out of Palo Cedro on Hwy 44) on the 1st and 3rd Mon. at 6PM.

Ukulele meets from 6-7:30PM Beginners welcome (we have instruments that you can use during sessions also chords and tunes).

Mar. 6th and Mar. 20th are our next get togethers for lots of fun and music!

For information, please call Nicki Carlisle at 520-474-4427

## **First Ever CSOTFA, District 6 Fiddle Scholarship Winner!**

The California State Old Time Fiddlers, District 6 is very proud to announce the winner of its first annual Fiddle Scholarship. Annalisa Freemyers of Red Bluff was the recipient of the award. The 13-year-old fiddle student's winning application was selected by the board of our association on February 9. The prize offers one full year's worth of weekly individual fiddle lessons and other helpful support. Annalisa has been playing the fiddle for four years, and also plays percussion and clarinet in school. The CSOTFA, District 6 Fiddle Scholarship is open to any fiddle student, ages 7-18, in the service area of District 6. Information on the 2018 Fiddle Scholarship may be obtained by mailing CSOTFA, Dist.6, P.O. Box 990462, Redding CA 96099-0462, or contacting [carolyncork@gmail.com](mailto:carolyncork@gmail.com). Congratulations, Annalisa!



## **2017 CSOTFA State/Open Fiddle Championship & Picking Contest**

We hope you are planning on attending the California State Old Time Fiddlers Association State Championship Contest! This event will be held Friday, March 17, 2017 at OROVILLE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL - 2374 Montgomery St. Oroville, CA. For your planning purposes, here is the general schedule, although times are preliminary and may change as much as 15 minutes.

### **Friday 17th:**

- 1:30 PM CSOTFA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING in the Auditorium
- 2:30 PM Registration opens
- 3:00 PM Opening Ceremony-Flag Salute-Invocation-Reading of the Deceased Members
- 3:15 PM Fiddle contestants meet with Judges in the Auditorium
- 3:30 PM Senior-Senior Fiddle Preliminaries (70 years & over)
- 4:30 PM Senior Fiddle Preliminaries (60 – 69 years)
- 5:25 PM Senior-Senior (70 years & over) Top 5 Finalists
- 5:50 PM Senior (60 – 69 years) Top 5 Finalists
- 6:15 PM AWARDS: Senior-Senior, Oldest Fiddler, Senior
- 6:30 PM ANYTHING GOES – any age, any instrument

### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:30 AM Registration Opens (Young Adults first PLEASE)
- 7:45 AM Judges meeting with all contestants
- 8:00 AM Young Adults (18-36 years) Fiddle Preliminaries
- 8:30AM Junior (13–17 years) Fiddle Preliminaries
- 9:35 AM Junior-Juniors (9-12 years) Fiddle Preliminaries
- 11:20 AM Pee Wee (8 years & under) Fiddle Preliminaries
- LUNCH BREAK
- 1:00 PM Adult (37 – 59 years) Fiddle Preliminaries
- 2:10 PM Open (any age) Fiddle Preliminaries

- 2:50 PM Junior Twin Fiddle (17 years & under): ONE ROUND ONLY fast/slow tunes, 4 min. limit
- 3:15 PM Open Twin Fiddle (any age): ONE ROUND ONLY fast/slow tunes, 4 min. limit
- 3:40 PM Open Picking (any age): ONE ROUND ONLY fast/slow tunes, 4 min. limit
- 4:15 PM Junior Picking (17 years & under): ONE ROUND ONLY fast/slow tunes, 4 min. limit
- DINNER BREAK
- 6:00 PM Opening Ceremonies –Presentation of Colors-Invocation-Mayor’s Welcome
- 6:15 PM Pee Wee (8 years & under) Top 5 Fiddle Finalists
- 6:40 PM Junior-Junior (9 – 12 years) Top 5 Fiddle Finalists
- 7:05 PM Junior (13 – 17 years) Top 5 Fiddle Finalists
- 7:30 PM AWARDS: Huffman Service Award, Twin Fiddle, Open Picking, Junior Picking  
Pee Wee, Youngest Boy & Girl Fiddler
- 7:45 PM JUDGES ENTERTAIN
- 8:05 PM AWARDS: Junior-Junior, and Junior
- 8:15 PM Adult (37 – 59 years) Top 5 Fiddle Finalists
- 8:40 PM Young Adult (18 – 36 years) Top 5 Fiddle Finalists
- 9:05 PM Open (any age) Top 5 Fiddle Finalists
- 9:30 PM AWARDS: Adult, Young Adult, Accompanist, Open

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>:

- 8:00 AM CSOTFA State Officers & Board of Directors Meeting – in the Blue Room, Municipal Auditorium  
CSOTFA Members are welcome to attend

*For more information, please go to <http://www.csotfa.org>.*

**Feature Article:  
A Short History of Fiddling and the  
California State Old Time Fiddlers  
Association, part 4**

Written by: Kenneth Leivers, 1974  
www.northstatefiddlers.com  
Page 5.5 of 7, of a serialized article

Toward the end of 1968, the fiddlers in the Sacramento area split into two groups. The McGraths, the O’Neals, Roscoe Keithley, the Gunns, and Charlie Marshall officially formed the Sacramento Fiddlers. Delbert McGrath registered this group as a club with the State of California at the Secretary of State’s Office in Sacramento. The remainder of the fiddlers in the Sacramento area realigned themselves with the California State Association (the original Paradise-Oroville group). By the end of 1968, small but active groups of fiddlers were also found in the Los Angeles area and in the Fresno area (with Ray Parks and Cy Widener).  
1969

In 1969, membership in the California State Old-Time Fiddler’s Association continued to grow. Doug Ward was president and the home of the California State Association was now considered to be Oroville. A new set of bylaws was drawn up which placed the directive power of the California State Association more in the hands of the Board of Directors than with the president. The authorized number of Directors was to be five and they were to be elected at each annual meeting of the members. They included Frank Knight, Ray Giles, Robert Mitchell, James Steppe, and Ivan Gray in 1969. The officers of the California State Association were increased by one: an editor of the monthly news bulletin.

The California State Championship Old-Time Fiddlers’ Contest was held in May in Oroville. The divisions were Regular, Junior, Senior, Ladies, and Exhibition Fiddling. The judges were Lloyd Wanzer, Charley Marshall, and Kelley Kirksey. Rules for judging were identical

to those used in the 1967 Oroville and Bakersfield contests. Before the contest, the judges held a question and answer period with the fiddlers over questions of age, style, and type of tunes to be played. Thirty-five fiddlers competed and about 450 people attended the finals. In the Regular division, Jay Belt was first, followed by Ray Krogstead and Ronald Hughey. Ruby Zang won the Ladies division and Louise Allen was second. The first through third place winners in order, in the Senior division were Floyd Chilton, Van Cunningham, and Frank Knight. Scott Ward, Doug's son, came in first in the Junior division followed by Marilyn Cunningham. In Exhibition (or Trick) Fiddling, the top three places went to Ronald Hughey, Delbert McGrath, and Marilyn

Cunningham. Best Accompanist was won by Aaron DeCamp on 23 guitar. This contest was open only to residents of California and was attended by fiddlers mostly from northern California.

Also in 1969, Articles of Incorporation were filed by the California State Association (the Paradise-Oroville-Sacramento group) with the State of California so that none of the other fiddling organizations in the state could use its name without permission. The Sacramento Fiddlers and the rapidly growing Southern California Fiddlers in Los Angeles, organized by the Moores, were not affiliated with the California State Association.

*Part 6 next month...*

### ***D6 Band News and Bios:***

#### **The Down Home String Band**

*(plus Kathy Kampschmidt, Nicki's twin fiddle partner)*



*Left to right: Lee Brushett, Nicki Carlisle, Kathy Kampschmidt, Barry Breen, Don Nichols, George Fredson, and Lloyd Raeg*

What would District 6, and Redding, do without the Down Home String Band? This group of enthusiastic and reliable entertainers are a fixture at music events needing some enjoyable acoustic songs and melodies.

#### **Neighborhood Swing Trio**

3 lifetime musicians: Diana Kelley (accordion), Joy Stander (clarinet), John Tiedeman (mandolin, guitar).

Styles: Swing (standards + western); Gospel; Celtic; Bluegrass; German (polkas)

"We support and represent the mission of CSOTFA District 6."

#### **The Mountain Messengers**



*The members include Honey Storlie, vocals, Gerry Goldman, banjo, Lloyd Raeg, guitar, mandolin and vocals, Don Palmer, resonator guitar and banjo, Daniel Lindberg, bass, fiddle, mandolin, and vocals, George Fredson, guitar and vocals.*

This six member (sometimes seven) band plays a variety of Americana Music including Bluegrass, Gospel, and some contemporary songs that always leave their audience begging for more.

They play at Copper Ridge, and at the California Veterans Home every Wednesday. Lately Jade Johnson has been practicing and singing with the band.



## Old Kennett String Band



*Tim Garrison (Mandolin), Carolyn Faubel (Bass)  
Amy Vogt (banjo), George Fredson (Guitar),.*

We are a 4-Piece string band playing and singing Bluegrass and Old Time Music in the Redding and Shasta County area. 3/4 of the band regularly plays at two area assisted-living facilities: Vista Care Center, and Golden Umbrella Senior Activity Center. We love playing there and would like to encourage other bands to find a place to give away your music. The payment is in smiles and the best appreciation!

The OKSB is a supporting band for CSOTFA, D-6.

## Loosely Strung



Tex Ash,  
Pat Scott,  
Rich  
Reynolds  
and Becky  
Huskey

Loosely Strung has its roots in the 1970's when Tehama and Shasta Counties were both producing old-time players, young and old. At the Bend School, Linda Scott started the Bend Fiddle Jammers which drew in a young Pat Scott. By 1980, Linda and many other players had left the group. Rich Reynolds, by divine intervention (for him, anyway!) got involved with the group and the

rest is North State Platinum. Loosely Strung has performed throughout Tehama and Shasta Counties for many social events for a couple of decades. They have played major hotels in Redding, Elk's clubs in Redding, Red Bluff, and Chico, and many small private parties in the years since. They have played for weddings, funerals, dances, barbecues, parties, and even a funeral for a draft horse! Today, the group plays twice a month for a retirement home in Orland and twice a month for four different senior homes in Red Bluff. Rich Reynolds is on guitar, Pat Scott on fiddle, Tex Ash on bass, and Becky Huskey on mando-guitar, accordian & penny whistle. They like to say, "Between the 4 of us, we figure we have over two centuries of musical experience." Wow, that's a lot of fun times playing music!



## Old Time Jam Band

In June of 2016, when Becky retired from teaching music, we started *Old Time Jam Band*, a new community string program, so her young fiddlers could continue fiddlin'. We enjoy working with these young fiddlers and Thomas, a budding young guitar player. This group meets twice a month for lessons and jams. They enjoy performing for community events. Old Time Jam Band eagerly accepts new members. Come join in on the fun! Check us out on Facebook or e-mail us at [oldtimejamband@gmail.com](mailto:oldtimejamband@gmail.com).

*Do you have news on your band? Submit to the editor for publication.*

### **Classifieds:**

*We will run classified ads for instruments and other musical-related items for 3 months, unless you request a renewal. If you do sell the item, we ask that you make a donation back to the Grapevine to help with costs.*

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### ***Fiddle Teachers Directory***

- Kathy Kampschmidt: (530) 934-4749, [kdkampy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kdkampy@sbcglobal.net)
- Tex & Sharon, Pat Scott, Rich Reynolds and Becky Huskey: a community fiddle and string program in Red Bluff: [oldtimejamband@gmail.com](mailto:oldtimejamband@gmail.com). Also at Old Time Jam Band on Facebook

*If you are a local fiddle teacher, we'd love to add you to our contact list!*

*To add to or update your contact information, please contact the editor at [carolyncork@gmail.com](mailto:carolyncork@gmail.com)*

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**SIDELINE**

**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 25, 2017**  
**\$ 65.00 Per Person**  
**5:30 No Host Cocktails**  
**6:30 Dinner**

**WILLOWS MEMORIAL HALL**  
525 West Sycamore Street  
Willows, California

All proceeds from the concert will be donated to C.A.S.A.  
for information and reservation call: 530 934 7632

### ***Advertising in The Grapevine***

6 month run :

1/8 page (about 3.5" x 2") = \$25

1/4 page (about 3.5" x 4.5") = \$40

(larger sizes, inquire)

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### ***Upcoming concert! By Lucy Smith***



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15: JOHN REISCHMAN AND THE JAYBIRDS** are returning to Chico for another fabulous performance! **John Reischman** is widely acknowledged as one of the premier mandolinists of his generation, a tone-master and lyrical composer. John formed the Jaybirds in 2001, and the original lineup remains the same: Spokane's **Greg Spatz** on fiddle; Chilliwack, BC's **Trisha Gagnon** on acoustic bass; and Nanaimo, BC's **Nick Hornbuckle** on banjo. While the Bay Area's **Jim Nunally** is usually on guitar, he will be replaced by **Patrick Sauber** for this tour. (Patrick is a musician's musician, always in demand with numerous touring bluegrass bands. And you can count on him adding some spice to this already great band!)

The concert will take place at the **Trinity United Methodist Church, 285 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Chico CA**. Doors open at 6:30pm, music at 7:00pm. Tickets-- available at **The Music Connection** (as before) and at **Pullins Cyclery at 801 Main Street**—are \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door. Children 12 and under are free; kids 13 to 17 are \$10. There is also a \$2 discount for CBA members & Trinity Church members. (Members at the Trinity Church can get them at the Church office.) You can also reserve seats by calling me (Lucy Smith) at [530-894-1449](tel:530-894-1449).

## ***Band Bios/Press Releases Needed!***

If you would like to have your District 6 band listed and featured in the Grapevine, please contact [carolyncork@gmail.com](mailto:carolyncork@gmail.com) or [george.fredson@yahoo.com](mailto:george.fredson@yahoo.com). And indicate whether your band:

- A) Represents CSOTFA (portrays the style of music, Old Time Fiddling, that is described in our charter.
- B) Supports CSOTFA (helps at club events and activities with music that is in a related genre, such as Bluegrass, Celtic, Folk, Gospel).
- C) Either, as needed.

*CSOTFA – District 6 is a part of the California State Old Time Fiddlers Association. We are a California non-profit and U.S. IRS 501 (c) (3) IRS #23-7288853 Charitable Corporation, formed to educate about and perpetuate the art and cultural heritage of Authentic Old-Time Fiddle Music.*

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