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“Preserving and Perpetuating Old Time Fiddle Music”

2017 State Contest Report

It takes a small village to put on a Fiddle Contest. It takes the support of all districts in order to conduct a successful contest. Districts are assigned a task and send volunteers to carry out these duties. District 1 has a huge responsibility because the contest is held in their town. They have to coordinate with the city in securing a venue, permits, parking and on and on. Sharon Barrett & Ruth Oveland deserve a lot of credit also for all their efforts in making the contest function smoothly!

A big Thank You to Brett Johnson and Jimi Beeler the co-chairmen of the contest. Jimi set up places in the community for musicians to go and perform as a way to pay back the community for “fiddlers” invading their town!

It’s always fun to meet up with old friends and musicians that you haven’t seen or played with since last year. And it’s exciting to see the new talent coming up in the ranks from peewee’s all the way to Sr. Sr. This year there were 63 on stage performances. A contest is a lot of work but always gratifying when it’s over. Job Well Done.

There are lots of picture in this edition courtesy of Lyle Dixon and if you would like to see more the link is: <https://goo.gl/photos/KggRQh53VTcK11AU9>
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Open General Membership Meeting held on Friday afternoon before the start of the competition.



Huffman Award Winner
Bob Curtis



Traffic Control
Doug Dempster & Carl Mallot



Judges: Nicki Carlisle, Stacey Snodgrass, Jimi Beeler, Wayne Agnew, Kathy Kampschmidt, Mark Hogan, Pat Scott



MC and #1 Assistant
Tex Ash and Sharon Barrett

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DISTRICT MEETING LOCATIONS, DATES, AND TIMES:

District 1 4th Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m.: Feather River Senior Center 1335 Meyer St. Oroville

District 3 21100 Lonely Lane, Tehachapi Ca 2nd Saturday 2:00-5:00 p.m

District 4 1st Sunday 1:00-4:00 p.m.: Orange Thorpe Pk. Activity Bldg., 1414 Brookhurst Fullerton CA

District 5 2nd Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m.: Orangevale Grange, 5807 Walnut Ave. Orangevale CA

District 6 1st Sunday 1:00—4:30pm: St. James Lutheran Church 2500 Shasta View Dr. Redding CA

2nd Saturday 5:50p—7:30pm: Round Table Pizza, Shasta Mall, 900 Dana Dr., Redding, CA

4th Sunday 1:00p—3:00pm: Millville Grange Hall, 2023 Old Forty-four Dr., Palo Cedro, CA

District 7 2nd Sunday: Terrace Estates Clubhouse, 1815 Sweetwater Road, Spring Valley, CA

3rd Sunday: Village Park Rec Club #2, 2099 Mountain Vista Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024

4th Sunday: Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego, El Cajon, CA

District 8 2nd & 4th Sunday 1:30-4:00 p.m.: Oak View Community Center, 18 Valley Rd. Oak View CA

District 9 4th Sunday 1:30-5:00 p.m.: United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria St., Castro Valley CA

District 10 Redwood Café, Cotati 4th Sun.+ traveling jam: call Mark Hogan 707-829-8012 or Katy Bridges 415-331-9661

California State Fiddle Contest Winners

Peewee (ages 8 and under) (3)

1. Niko Quale, Alameda
2. Owen Anderson, Lincoln
3. Koll Malme, Sacramento

Youngest Boy Fiddler

Owen Anderson, 7 yrs old

Junior Junior (age 12 and under) (5)

1. Nathan Crotty, Fresno
2. Teo Quale, Alameda
3. Leah Bowen, Sparks NV
4. Elsa Crotty, Fresno
5. Annie Culbreath, Chico

Junior (age 17 and under) (7)

1. Miles Quale, Alameda
2. Amanda Culbreath, Chico
3. Sophie Peña, Palo Cedro
4. Ben Cleland, Fair Oaks
5. Cate Huiras, Chico

Young Adult (age 18-36) (2)

1. Laurie Kost, Davis
2. Connie Curry, Oroville

Adult (age 37-59) (3)

1. Ginger Vogel, Chico
2. Ben LiaBraaten, Yuba City
3. Eric Malme, Sacramento

Senior (ages 55-69) (5)

1. Angela Kost, Davis
2. Nicki Carlisle, Shingletown
3. Marc Poschman,
4. Randy Warner, Washoe Valley NV
5. Tom Clausen, San Jose

Senior Senior (ages 70 and up) (5)

1. Arthur Kee, Brentwood
2. Kathy Kampschmidt, Willows
3. Willie Randel, El Cajon
4. Charley Oveland, Saratoga
5. Carl Malotte, Lincoln

Oldest Fiddler

Willie Randel, El Cajon, age 87

Open (any age) (4)

1. Tallon Sandoval, Janesville
2. Celeste Peña, Palo Cedro
3. Eric Anderson, Lincoln
4. Cara Bunnell, San Diego

Junior Twin Fiddle (age 17 and under) (2)

1. Amanda Culbreath/Cate Huiras
2. Leah Bowen, Miles Quale

Open Twin Fiddle (age 18 and up) (4)

1. Cara Bunnell/John-Michael Brooks
2. Angela & Laurie Kost
3. Kathy Kampschmidt/Nicki Carlisle
4. Martha Quenon/Anna Leslie

Junior Picking (age 17 and under) (7)

1. Teo Quale, Alameda
2. Cate Huiras, Chico
3. Xavier Antoine Goeas,
4. Grady Bowen, Sparks NV
5. Zoey Horton

Open Picking (any age) (3)

1. Eric Anderson, Lincoln
2. Connie Curry, Oroville
3. Anna Leslie

Anything Goes (any age) (9)

1. Tallon Sandoval, Janesville
2. Eric Anderson, Lincoln
3. Laurie Kost, Davis
4. Tina Louis Barr
5. Jim French, Weaverville

Accompanist (any age) (4)

1. Jim French, Weaverville
2. Eric Anderson, Lincoln
3. Al Myers, Redding
4. Jimi Beeler, Oroville

Fiddle Judges

Wayne Agnew
 Nicki Carlisle
 Mark Hogan
 Kathy Kampschmidt
 Pat Scott
 Stacey Snodgrass
 Randy Warner

Picking Judges

Wayne Agnew
 Jimi Beeler
 Tom Spence

Contest MC

Tex Ash, Red Bluff CA





Registration

More Fiddle Contest



The wonderful Ladies in the Kitchen



Gospel Night



Old Friends



Anyone Got a Guitar?



Audience



Play Outs in the Community



District Reports

The following districts submitted reports for this edition

District 1

Mary Rose Preston

At the March 19 Board meeting, Mary Rose Preston was appointed Interim Secretary on the CSOTFA State Board of Directors. District 1 is still seeking a replacement to fill the vacant D1 State Director position.

On Monday, April 24, a group played for the annual Cancer Survivors event at the Feather River Senior Center in Oroville. The players did a great job and showed that the Fiddle Workshops are working.

Musicians performed on Friday, May 5 during Diversity Day at Oroville High School. Keep your fingers crossed that we will attract some of the young people.

Saturday, May 6 is the annual Bidwell Bar Day at the Lake Oroville Bidwell Marina, on the island across the old Bidwell Bar Bridge. The youngsters mine for gold and make various old-time tools and other goodies, just like in the old days.

World Fiddle Day is Saturday, May 20, 2017. Try to think of something you can do to promote fiddle music!

Monthly jams continue on the fourth Sundays at 2:00 at the Feather River Senior Center, Oroville, with steady attendance, yummy food (potluck), and a raffle every month. Open mic after the raffle. Good music, good friends, good times!

The Fiddle Workshops are on the first and third Mondays at 7:00 at the Bolt's Antique Tool Museum, Oroville. The group is looking to expand its playlist. Come give us some ideas ... new folks are always welcome!



District 3

Gayel Pitchford



L to R—Ron Blair, rhythm guitar; Grady Nalley, lead guitar, and Joe Hunsinger, fiddle

District 3 is back to having regular fiddle jams, as of Saturday, April 8. We quit having them after mandolinist Jim Smith passed away. It seemed like everyone just lost themselves for awhile. But judging from Saturday's response, we are back at it. Jams are the second Saturday of the month from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., and yes, we have food!!! If you are in town, call our State Director, Gayel Pitchford, for directions to her house (661-823-8249) and come play with us. Our jam circle is a mixture of young and old, fiddlers, mandolin pickers, a piano player, several guitars and singers, so far. Credits: Adrianna Montenegro Estrada photographer.



Annette Scherr, mandolin



Gayel Pitchford, fiddle



Jo Stone, piano

In Memory Of Howdy Forrester

CALIFORNIA STATE OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION

DISTRICT #3 "FIDDLIN' DOWN THE TRACKS"

PRESENTS

41ST ANNUAL OLD TIME Fiddle Contest

SEPTEMBER 15TH & 16TH

COUNTRY OAKS BAPTIST CHURCH

20915 SCHOUT ROAD, TEHACHAPI, CALIFORNIA

15TH @ 3:00 PM

-Senior Division-
-Senior-Senior Division-
-Adult Band-
-Scramble-

16TH @ 8:00 AM

-Twin Fiddles-
-Picking Division-
-Novelty Divisions-
-Jr. Band Scramble-
-Age Divisions-

WINNERS GET A CASH PRIZE, TROPHY OR MEDAL
& ATTENDEES COULD WIN A RAFFLE PRIZE

FREE ADMISSION TO THE PUBLIC

? FOR MORE INFO

CONTACT STEVE AT 661.750.2811

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District 6

Greetings from District 6 -

We know it's spring-turning-to-summer when we look at the calendar, but with all the rain and cool weather we have been having, it's hard to really believe it! We are trusting that Redding's fabled warm weather will arrive soon, in time for the outdoor music festivals and parties!

Summer Mountain Music and Arts Concert, in Manton July 22, 2017— Latest News on Dist 6 Fundraiser - Our planning committee is hard at work! We now have more bands to announce! Along with Rock Ridge Bluegrass Band and One Button Suit, you'll be pleased to hear that we have confirmed the Buckhorn Mountain Stompers for

our main stage! We will have ten bands performing on two stages again this year. We have also been filling the slots for our "Tweener" stage. They charmed you last year, and they are back this year! The HappBees (see picture below) will be playing their special brand of fiddle music and song. Additional bands will be Martha and Morgan - Honeybee, and Stormy Weather. Stay tuned for more band announcements!

Advance tickets will go on sale **June 1**. We will have tickets at several local music store outlets, such as The Brass Reed, Music Connection, and also in Manton, at Manton's Corners. We can sell tickets by mail, and we are also planning on offering tickets online. Because ticket prices will be going up this year, we will be offering a discount for advance sales. We will also be offering a special discount for CSOTFA, D6 current members. Advance tickets will be \$18, either online or by purchasing them from one of the retailers who will be carrying them.

To get the special member discount of \$15, you will need to buy them directly from us by a check in the mail
(CSOTFA Dist. 6 P. O. Box
990462, Redding, CA 96099-0462)

District 4

Pat Nelson

District 4 is looking forward to our annual summer barbeque on June 4 from 1-4 at our usual spot. We love music and food and everyone brings both to this event. We are expecting a big turnout so look for pictures in the next Soundpost!

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or online through our website (below), so that we can confirm your membership status. There will be no discounts at the gate. Gate price will be \$20 for adults. Funds from this project will be used to help finance our new fiddle scholarship program, along with other expenses necessary to the club, such as sound equipment maintenance.

Festival information will be available on Facebook, and on our website. Our Website

< <http://www.northstatefiddlers.com> >

Facebook < <https://www.facebook.com/NorthstateFiddlers> >

Band News: The Old Kennett String Band presented an educational demonstration on bluegrass and Old Time Fiddle music at Simpson College for a music class on April 12. We played samples bluegrass instruments and gave a short history of that musical genre. Around 40 students were present. The band will also be performing



Three-fourths of the Old Kennett String Band at Simpson College

District 8

Spring is in the air here at District 8! Our jams have been filling the Oakview Community Center with terrific tunes! We have brought a few new players on board as members who have greatly enhanced our performances. Our musicians continue to share their talent at various playing engagements around the area. We look forward to a super summer, packed full of great music, workshops and renewing fond friendships! There is always an open invitation for you to stop by on the second or fourth Sunday of every month and check out what's happening in our district. So long until next time.



The HappBees - Ready for the District 6 Summer Mountain Music and Arts Festival



The Alldrin Family Band - Headlining the Happy Valley Strawberry Festival

Bill Whitfield



Thought people might be interested in Bill's progress. He is doing well and trying to put back some weight. The cancer has robbed him of some of his physical strength and you can really notice it in his arm muscles. He's actually looking so well it took his oncologist a few minutes to recognize him! He was very pleased that the choice for no chemo has given him a great quality of life.

He plans to go to Eureka in a couple of weeks as well as to Weiser. He doesn't plan to compete as he hasn't been practicing! I can't figure out how to attach a photo from my phone so I'll send it in a separate email. The photo is courtesy of Grant Wheeler who spent several days on our place. (Picture by Grant Wheeler)

Anita Marley,

District 9

Ruth Oveland



News and Views from District 9

IN MEMORIAM Bruce Goble, Doris Higby, Perry Blackmon,
Patricia Pujols

This year has not started out in a positive fashion for us. We've had 3 members pass away and we will truly miss their contributions to our group and to Old-Time Fiddling. We've also had several members with acute health issues and injuries. Our thoughts and prayers are with each one.

On the up side, we are gaining new members each month. We are so glad to have new fiddlers joining us. Some of them are young persons and that helps with our mission of preserving and enjoying old-time music as well as passing down the traditions of country, folk, and bluegrass music to our families, friends, and interested musicians.

A good friend to our D9 family is Noe Kalima from Big Island, HI. She comes to the bay area frequently to see her grand-baby, but always plans her trip to include our D9 jam Sunday.

In our newsletter, Baystrings, we have a regular column entitled 'Betty Hainley's Library of Wisdom'. Here are a couple of recent ones: 'Of all the gifts big and small, a familys' love is the best of all'; 'Good friends are like Angels, you don't have to see them to know they are there'. Thanks, Betty.

Did you know that your WD-40 has some unique uses: it can remove fingerprints, crayon from walls, sticker residue and scuff marks on the floor! Yes, we even have a section entitled Jean's Household Hints. These are very helpful and sometimes very interesting. Thanks, Jean.

The results from the CSOTFA State Fiddle and Picking Contest indicated several District 9 members did very well in their various fiddle divisions. Congratulations to all who were contestants. I'd like to also thank those D9 members who participated in our RV Parking task of monitoring the RV's, the parking lot, and the potties and trash barrels.

We are looking forward to the weather warming up so more jams can occur outside. Come join us if you are in the San Francisco East bay area on the 4th Sunday of the month. Our Facebook page will tell you how to find us.

'IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE, PLAY ON' –
William Shakespeare



District 10

2017 CLOVERDALE OLDTIME FIDDLE FESTIVAL WINNERS

Pee Wee Old Time

Texas Style (open)

1. Niko Quale
2. Owen Anderson
3. Koll Malme
4. Ava Weekly

1. Danita Gardner
2. Miles Quale
3. Eric Anderson
4. Ben Cleland

Junior-Junior Old Time

Waltz (open)

1. Teo Quale
2. Joanna Mynt
3. Maya Leonard
4. Jacob Bull

1. Eric Anderson
2. Danita Gardner
3. Andi Skelton
4. Christina Thompson

Junior Old Time

Twin Fiddles (open)

1. Miles Quale
2. Emeald Tjin
3. Ben Cleland
4. Ryan Datar

1. Misa Church
& Ryan Datar
2. Teo Quale
& Miles Quale
3. Starr McMullen
& Danita Gardner
4. Darin Smith
& Christina Thompson

Adult Old Time

1. Lael Sigal
2. Eric Anderson
3. Eric Malme

Accompanist

Senior Old Time

1. Paul Shelasky
2. Andi Skelton
3. Starr McMullen
4. Art Kee

- 1st-Eric French
- 2nd-Bob Gardener

Fun Fiddle Facts

WHAT'S THAT RATTLE SNAKE RATTLE DOING IN MY FIDDLE?!?!

There's a couple of stories that I've been told about why you might find a rattle snake rattle in your fiddle.

1. It's a good luck thing.

2. Back in the old day's a fiddler might hang his fiddle up outside on the porch when he/she was not fiddling. Mud daubers or wasps found the inside of the fiddle an ideal home by flying into the "F" holes. The fiddler would put a rattle snakes rattler inside his/her fiddle so when the wasp got inside it's wings would vibrate the rattle, thus, scaring the varmint off.

Why is it called the devil's box?

At one time the fiddle was, and sometimes still is, referred to as "The Devils Box". One reason was because it was considered sinful to play as it would encourage dancing or other so called sins of the flesh. I've read where many a housewife or mother would forbid the instrument being brought into the house. This was one of the reasons they would be kept in the barn, shed, or other location outside of the house. If they didn't have a case they'd stick it in a poke or bag. A lot of times a rattlesnakes rattle would be put in it to keep the varmints out.

I've also read stories of old homes being torn down with fiddles hidden in the walls. Theory is the owners would hide them in hopes of being able to get 'em back out to play someday.

1. Playing the violin burns approximately 170 calories per hour. Forget about your workout and start practicing harder!

2. Violins are very complex. Over 70 different pieces of wood are put together to form the modern violin.

3. The most expensive violin in the world was made by Giuseppe Guarneri in 1741. This extravagant violin was appraised with a value of \$18 million.



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Upcoming Events

July 22, 2017

**"Third Annual Summer Mountain Music & Arts Festival"
Cedar Crest Vineyards
Manton, California.**

Sept.. 15-16

41st Annual "Fiddlin Down the Tracks", Tehachapi CA.

Oct.. 19-21

35th Annual Western Open Fiddle Championships, Red Bluff, CA

Nov 7-11, 2017

**Death Valley 49'ers Encampment, with the Green Picking
and Fiddle contest scheduled for Saturday, the 11th.**

