

THE HOEDOWNER

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE OREGON OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION
 DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES ISSUED 25th OF EVERY MONTH
 APRIL 1978

PRESIDENT-----	LEROY SIMS	1036 Main P.O.Box 166	Philomath, Or.	97370
VICE-PRESIDENT----	LES TUCKER	8349 Booth Rd.	Klamath Falls, Or.	97601
SEC.TREAS.-----	GYNN DEATON	P.O. Box 487	Canyonville, Ore.	97417
EDITOR-----	EVELYN WALTER	2735 S.E. 18th	236-0628 Portland, Ore.	97202

COMING EVENTS

				DIST.
Apr. 2	Jam Session	L.C. Stehur Bldg	Beaverton, Or.	7
Apr. 7 & 8	NW Regional Contest	High School	Spokane, WA	
Apr. 8	Jam Session	Community Hall	Merrill, Or	1
Apr. 9	Jam Session	Talent Hall	Talent, Or	4
Apr. 16	Jam Session	OSU Memorial Ballroom	Corvallis, Or	6
Apr. 16	Jam Session	Winema Hall	Yreka, CA	4
Apr. 16	Jam Session	Moose Lodge	Powers, Or	5
Apr. 23	Jam Session & Bus.meet.	Legion Hall	Aurora, Or	8
May 13	Jam Session	Bay City Hall	Bay City, Or	7
May 14	Jam Session	Elks Lodge	Cottage Grove, Or	6
May 20	State Contest	Bend High School	Bend, Or	
May 27	Jam Session	Azalea Festival	Brookings, Or	5
June 4	Jam Session	Senior Citizens Center	Gresham, Or	7
June 9 & 10	Contest	Int'l Peace Gardens	Botteneay, N.Dakota	
June 11	Jam Session	Cowboy Breakfast	Cherry Grove, Or	
June 18 - 24	National Contest	High School	Weiser, Idaho	
Aug. 27 - Sept. 4	Campout	Warwick Ranch	Williams, Or	4
Sept 1 - 4	Old Time Country Music Contest		Council Bluffs, Iowa	
Sept 16	Talent Harvest Festival		Talent, Or	4

MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT:

I would like to take this last opportunity to thank my officers, district chairmen, and committee people for all the help and hard work this past year. I have said before that it takes a team effort to make things work, and this is what we have had this year. A good example of this are the efforts of the many people who made our convention '78 one of the best and biggest we have ever had!

It has been a privilege and a pleasure working with you and I am sure that with the new slate of officers and district chairmen, we can expect even better things happening this next year.

Best regards, John Melnichuk

NOW A WORD FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT:

I wish to thank everyone who raised their right hand and rushed me into the office of President. I do feel honored and will do my best to do my duty.

Many, many thanks to all the wonderful people who helped with the convention. You did a great job and it was a real success. I missed a lot of old familiar faces at the banquet and we wished you could have been there. It was a great dinner, thank you, Wayne Holmes.

We need a volunteer to be our 1978 show director, anyone interested, please let me know. This is a very important job for our organization, as we need both the money and the good will it brings us.

Everyone keep fiddling and we will have a big year of fun.

LeRoy Sims

A NOTE OF THANKS:

(2)

I would like to thank everyone who has helped me during my two years as Secretary. It takes all of us working together to make our organization a success, and I'm sure our new officers will have your full co-operation. The silver dish came as a complete surprise and it is beautiful. Thank you all.

Edna Yohey

AND ANOTHER:

Dulcie Fast and I would like to tag along on Edna's shirttail and thank you all very much for your co-operation and help with our newsletter this past year. We were both very surprised and thankful for our silver bowls, it was very thoughtful of all of you. Thanks again,

Dulcie Fast & Evelyn Walter

AND OUR BIGGEST THANK YOU OF ALL:

Our show Friday night was a huge success with gate receipts of \$1,540.00. The following people we have to thank for this:

A fantastic job of emceeing by our new vice-president, Les Tucker, with Jim Secor and Martha Warwick doing the leg work, the fiddlers did a fine job. Lead off was our great and oldest and one of the fathers of our organization, Cliff Bukor. The other fiddlers not in order were: LeRoy Sims, John Melnichuk, Carol Wheeler, Rusty Modrell, Bob Fast, Jim Hoots, Gary Moore, Jonny McDonald, Marsh Mitchell, Walt Westberry, Wayne Holmes, Wally Bloom and Jim O'Bryant doing a duo, Fred Hildebrandt, Penny Mead, Stan Gonshorowski, Steve Bennett, Ray Kropstead, Guy Kinman & Earl Willis. Accompanists were Don & Ruth Loring, June Secor, Stan Gleason, Everett Bennett, David Boyd, Dolores Lackey, Cynthia Llano, Eldon Powell and Lee Eddy. Several of our fiddlers also appeared as accompanist, but they were too numerous to mention, but our thanks go out double to all of them.

There were specials by Jerry Caudle, vocal, Joey McKenzie on Mandolin, The Sims Family, a group called The Good and Country and closing our show was LeRoy Sims, Carol Wheeler and John Melnichuk doing the ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL.

If anyone was overlooked, it was not intentional and please forgive me as it was a great, great show.

Evelyn Walter, Editor

ABOUT OUR STATE CONTEST:

A complete rundown of our state contest will be in the May Hoedowner, but we would like everyone to know in advance that registration will be open from 9:00AM to 11:00AM with no exception. If you find that you can not make it at this time, please pre-register with Edna Yohey, registration chairman. If you are unable to make it to the contest all fees will be refunded. The date is May 20, 1978 at the Bend High School. The fees are Jr-Jr - no fee, Junior - \$2.00, Seniors - \$3.00, Intermediates - \$4.00, and open Division - \$5.00. Also this year for the first time you have to be a member of the Oregon Old-Time Fiddlers Assn. prior to contest time.

Edna Yohey, Registration Chairman
934 N. Davis, McMinnville, Or 97128

FOREST GROVE CONTEST WINNERS:

<u>Jr - Jr</u>	<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>Open</u>
1. Jim Braskett	Loretta Brank	Eddie Johnson	James Mason
2. Mike Dukart	Cynthia Bartlett	Fred Hildebrandt	John Melnichuk
3. Scott Raney	Brenda Wallace	Tony Descombaz	Gary Moore
4.			Nolan Murray
5.			Margaret Lenker

A NOTE FROM FLOYD:

Dear Fiddlers and Friends;

We had what I thought was a fine contest at Forest Grove, March 4th and I appreciate all the Fiddlers and helpers who showed up for the contest. I had some complaints about the raise in entry fees. I even had a few fiddlers that would not enter because of the \$10.00 charge in the open. I also had a few comments about paying the Jr-Jr fiddlers too much prize money. I think the Jr-Jrs work just as hard if not

harder to win a contest than anyone else. I was also under the impression that the Oregon Old-Time Fiddlers Assn's main objective was the preservation of Old Time Fiddlin. How better to preserve it than a 6 or 8 year old with a small undersized fiddle in front of 6 or 800 people????

The contest went in the red for the first time in eleven years but I'm sure it was the weather, and I'm sure that next year it will be a much better day. It's very fortunate that I have the local Elks Lodge to sponsor, for they are very understanding people.

I hope to see you all next year at the contest here in Forest Grove.

So long & Happy Fiddlin, Floyd Parsons
Chairman Old Time Fiddlin Contest,
Ballad-Town USA

THIRD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL OLD TIME FIDDLERS CONTEST:

Where: Bottineau, North Dakota. When: June 9-10. Pre-registration is required by the 15th of May. Entry fee in Championship Division; \$20.00. Gen. Div.: \$15.00. Ladies Div.: \$15.00 (with womens lib I don't understand this category) Senior Div.: \$15.00. Junior Div.: \$10.00 and mail to Box 328, Bottineau, N. Dakota 58318. Judges are Loyd Wanzer, Caldwell, Id., John Kushneryk, Prince Albert, Sask., Shelley Clark, Moose, Wyo.

WE GET REQUESTS:

Dorothy Brown of the Brown Family asked if we could volunteer some of our talent to help with a Cowboy Breakfast on June 11th in the Cherry Grove area, which is just outside of Forest Grove, Or. Money goes toward opening the Oregon Trail from Gales Creek to Tillamook for Back-packers, horses, cycles or picknicking. The breakfast starts at 9:00AM to noon and from noon til 4:00 PM. There will be hot dogs and such. All you can eat all day and play as long as you would like. For more information the secretary of this is Terri Elrerud, 357-5061.

Connie R. Dias, Resource Co-ordinator for Volunteers in Service for the Aging has asked our help thru out our great state of Oregon. VISA provides volunteer assistance to the nursing care elderly. They visit the elderly without families, write letters, read for the elderly. They donate transportation, take them to movies, provide entertainment craft classes etc. and they have asked us to volunteer our service for the various nursing homes in and around the state. Many nursing homes have asked us to play as the elderly dearly love fiddle music. Many of our districts provide this free service and it is one of the things our organization was founded for. Ms Dias wanted us to know she appreciated our volunteer work and if anyone of you feel you have more time to give toward this worthwhile project please contact her at 4420 S.E. 64th Ave. Portland, Or. 97206 or call 777-4761.

The Traditional Arts Services with John Ullman as Director has sent us information concerning the 1978 American Old Time Music Festival. It will be held in Portland, Or on Friday, April 14th at 8:00PM, Swann Auditorium, Portland Art Museum. Tickets in advance \$4.50 Gen. Admission, \$2.50 under 18 or over 65. It will be \$.50 more at door. This group will appear in Corvallis Sat. April 15 at 8 PM at the Milam Auditorium, OSU. The performers for the American Old Time Music Festival are the Strange Creek Trio with Mike Seeger, Alice Gerrard & Tracy Schwarz playing Appalachian Mountain Music, The Trio Lydia Mendoza playing the Norteno music from the Rio Grande Valley & Sweet Honey in the Rock with Patricia Johnson, Evelyn Harris, Yasmeen Williams & Bernice Reagon singing the afro-american vocal tradition.

Dick Barrett & Benny Thomasson will tour the West Coast in May. They will be in Wash. & Or May 5-18. Any group interested in sponsoring one of their performances, contact Jim Britton or Evy Warshawski at Traditional Arts Svcs. (503) 248-0022. The confirmed NW dates will appear in May Hoedowner.

DISTRICT #1:

Our next jam session will be April 8 in the Community Hall in Merrill, Or. Everyone is asked to bring Tacos & dessert. Supper at 6:30PM, meeting 7:30 and jam at 8 which is open to the public.

Members played at their usual nursing homes during the month and at the County Museum for the special Oldtime Fiddling exhibition on display this month. They also played for a senior citizen club dance in Dorris, CA. ⁽⁴⁾

June Sandusky, Reporter

DISTRICT #4:

The months roll by so fast, can't seem to get caught up. Campout will be all too soon. We've had several phone calls as early as Jan. to see if we're on again this year. Dates are as follows: Aug. 27 thru Sept. 4. Should have our usual fun.

The southern fiddlers in Dist.4 enjoyed themselves Sun. March 19 playing a packed audience at Talent. Had the usual "too fattening" potluck. Lou Hoots was kitchen chairman - thanks Lou.

Dist.4 welcomes our new kitchen co-chairman-they are Velma Lowery & Olive Hudson. Thanks girls for being willing to help. Several others have offered to help you.

April 5 from 1-3PM fiddlers are needed to play at the Central Point Library.

April 9 the Talent Hall will open at 1PM for fiddlers and close friends. This is like the afternoon party held in Feb. at Talent Hall. A collection will be taken up to pay for the hall. Last time it cost each a quarter. We had fiddlers from several districts last Sunday. We always thank these people who travel so far. We enjoy their music and company. We had some 33 fiddlers Sunday and about as many seconds.

How we have grown. We have our first fall date set for Sept. 16 at the Talent Harvest Festival. We have played for this function several years now. Keep it in mind. April 16 will find our fiddlers traveling to Yreka - Winema Hall at the fairgrounds. There will be the usual potluck about 11:30 with the show open to the public at 1PM. Marvin Wright was to have emceed this show, but he was lucky enough to have won a trip to Hawaii. Vic Flood has graciously agreed to emcee this one. This trip to Yreka is always one of the highlights on the fiddlers calendar each year.

Martha Warwick, Reporter

DISTRICT #5:

April 16 there will be a jam session at Powers, Or. at the Moose Lodge. Doors open at 10AM, potluck at noon. Jam to start at 1PM. There is a County Park where camping is available. On May 27 the fiddlers have been invited to the Azalea Festival in Brookings. Will have a float in the parade at 10AM. Headquarters will be at the VFW Hall. Kitchen facilities available. Parking at the school grounds across the street from the hall. Time open till 3PM. Traveling from the North go to only stop light turn left, go to top of hill to stop sign and hall sits in a V across from the stop sign.

Barbara McLeod, Reporter

DISTRICT #6:

Our jam session at the Cottage Grove Moose Lodge was a biggie. Would you believe 31 fiddlers, 18 accompanists and 12 specials? We were pleased to have guests from other districts and newly-signed members from our district.

Good judgment was shown at our business meeting. We installed the following: George Stout - Chairman, Jerry Kineman - co-chairman, Mary Holmes - Sec-Treas. and Marian Hyatt - reporter.

A reminder!!!! Keep in mind the jamboree and potluck April 16 in Corvallis, Or. Our district is receiving a hefty donation for it, so let's show our appreciation with a large turnout. Just follow the sign to the OSU campus. A guard will be there to direct you to the building. See you all there.

Poco Boyd, Reporter

Dave Altman sent me a copy of the schedule for the Folklife Festival being held at the O.S.U. campus for the week of April 13-17. Anyone wishing copies please let me know. Of particular interest to the fiddlers will be the fiddle workshops on Saturday which are free and the District 6 jam session on Sunday. Also any fiddler who wishes to play for the dance on Sunday evening is more than welcome.

The jam session will be videotaped on Sunday for possible broadcast over Channel 10, 7 and 3 on T.V. In addition, the potluck will be held in the extension service section of the Home Economic Building. This is located across the quad from the Memorial Union where the jam session will be held. Signs will be put out to direct anyone once they arrive on campus.

Saturday, April 15 between 1 and 4PM there will be a fiddle workshop with Kenny Hall, Mike Seeger and Tracy Schwartz. Mike Seeger plays a number of instruments be-

sides fiddle, including banjo, guitar, harmonica and jew's harp and is currently one of the most prominent folk musicians in the country. His American old-time music festival has been responsible for exposing unique styles of indigenous folk music to thousands of people every year.

There is a mandolin workshop on Friday, April 14 between 4 and 5PM by Kenny Hall, blind fiddler and mandolin player who has been one of the most important individuals responsible for popularizing old-time music in California and the country as a whole. Milam Auditorium. Hope to see you all there.

Dave Altman

DISTRICT #7:

Our February jam session was held at the Sunnyside Grange Hall. Election of officers were held, with Ed Mead being re-elected as chairman - Fred Hildebrandt, co-chairman - Kathy Eades, Sec-Treas. Penny Mead will remain as reporter. We had a very nice turnout for our jam session with about 36 fiddlers and 15 accompanists. We will have a jam June 4 at the Senior Citizen Hall in Gresham. Doors open at 10:00pm, potluck at noon, open to the public at 1:00PM. Don't forget our April 2nd jam at Beaverton, see you all there.

Penny Mead, reporter

We will have a jam session in Bay City, which is north of Tillamook, at the Bay City Hall. Just follow signs to the fire station and it is in the same building. The doors will open at 2PM. Potluck at 5PM, doors open to the public at 7PM. Let's make this a good turnout. This is one of the few evening jams we have. Also there will be dancing afterwards.

Directions for getting to the hall are from the north, turn left at the blinking light and first left, hall is on the right. Green building. From south, turn right at the blinking light, next left. See you all there.

Vi Modrell

DISTRICT #8:

There will be a jam session and business meeting on April 23 in Aurora, Oregon. This will be held at the Legion Hall. Business meeting will begin at 11AM. Doors will be open at 10AM, potluck lunch for members and their guests at noon. The public is invited for the afternoon jam session which will start at 1PM. The Legion Hall is in the main part of Aurora. Hope to see a big crowd.

Jeanette Robinson, reporter