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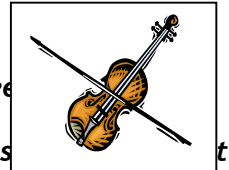
KEEPING THE FIDDLE SPIRIT ALIVE
YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

August 2011 Newsletter

A Message from our President, Fred Buckley

Dear members of the MSOTFA,

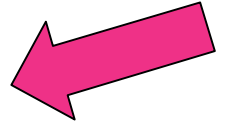
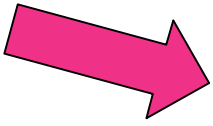
Our 16th Annual Montana Fiddle Camp was a complete success. Actually, the first week was a muddy mess, as most of you that were there can attest to. There was a log jam several hundred yards from Belt Creek and made its way down through the middle of camp. All the campers were in high spirits, despite the circumstances. "We came to Montana for an adventure" was the most common phrase during the week. Trust me, they got it! The second week went on just as it has in the past, with the exception that we didn't have any snow to dig out of. I want to thank all of you that participated in this year's camp. That includes the kitchen help and all the folks that just pitch in to help. Just one last request to all of you that attended Montana Fiddle Camp this year: PLEASE!! Don't wait until May to register, and then ask me if there is still room. I don't need this kind of torture. I don't know what ulcers are and I plan to keep it that way.



The State Fiddle Contest, in Choteau, was a grand time. The town welcomed us with the utmost enthusiasm. I want to thank the crew that played at the assisted living facility, the nursing homes, and hospital. They also walked up and down the main street of Choteau and played for all the contributors that helped financially with the contest. We had 30 contestants, plus 11 at the dance fiddling contest at the street dance. That could mean that we had 41 contestants total. We had lots of positive feedback about the dance fiddling division. From what I can gather, I think this division is a keeper. The Saturday morning go-rounds were well attended with local folks, as well as the afternoon and evening shows. There were some people from out of state as well, that came to the festivities. The street dance was well attended with about 250-300 people. It has been a while since we've had a street dance. I think the last one was in Polson.

A big Thank You! goes out to the Choteau Chamber of Commerce, for all of the ground work and support that they have given us since last November. Kudos! to all the businesses that helped out with financial assistance. Together, you guys made this event happen. And one last tip of the hat, to all of you that attended our contest as spectators. We hope that we provided you with plenty of entertainment for the day.

Our state convention and evening show will be held on September 10, 2011. The general meeting will take place at the Three Forks High School Auditorium at 1PM. The annual Fiddlers' Show will also take place at the same location at 7PM. The address is: 210 East Neal, Three Forks, MT. 59752. I want to encourage all of you playing and associate members to attend the general meeting. There are many issues to discuss, and your input is needed to keep our organization going forward. Attendance has been relatively low these past few years. Let's make a change this year and see record attendance. For anyone wanting to attend the evening show, tickets will be \$5 at the door and 12 years old and under will be free. There will be tables available for anyone that has CD's, tapes etc for sale. Sale of these items will be your responsibility. This is a great opportunity for members to perform, and maybe sell recordings on the side.



Fiddlers' Show-Saturday, September 10th, 7 PM

We need all fiddlers and musicians, that are members, to show up to play for the evening concert at the Three Forks High School. It is not required to attend the afternoon meeting to play for the evening Fiddlers' Show. (It would be great to have a big turnout for the meeting, though!) A signup sheet for the show will be at the meeting and also at the high school auditorium at around 6:00pm on Saturday, September 10. The show will start at 7PM.

Thanks to those of you who have given me your email addresses. We are able to save postage costs by sending out newsletters by email. If you have not yet given me your email address, please do so, by sending an email to:

Nancypadilla406@gmail.com. (Please note this is a new email address for me.)

Thanks, Nancy Padilla, MSOTFA Secretary/Treasurer



We are so grateful for Orville Grasdock, who has made the beautiful trophies for our State Contest for the past several years. In recognition for his wonderful contribution to MSOTFA, Orville has been awarded a lifetime membership. Orville, we appreciate you so much!



2011 Montana State Fiddle Contest Results

Walt Collins Memorial Trophy- Reg Wearley

MSOTFA Hall of Fame Inductee- Jim Widner

Best Liked Fiddler- Hannah King

Best Liked Accompanist- Jim McMillan

Youngest Fiddler- Ellyce Shimmin

Oldest Fiddler- Fred Lohmann

Twin Fiddle Division Winners- Shelby Rae Russell and Hannah King

Novelty Division Winners- Max and Jurnee Armstrong

Dance Fiddling Division

- 1. Leah Farnes**
- 2. Gladys Burns**
- 3. Fred Lohmann**
- 4. Max Armstrong**
- 5. Orin Fredenberg**

Accompanists

- 1. Ray Padilla**
- 2. Jim McMillan**
- 3. Jeanne Buckley**
- 4. Jill Flikkema**
- 5. Warrie Means**

MONTANA STATE AND OPEN FIDDLE CONTEST 2011 RESULTS

A big thank you to all contestants for supporting our State Contest!

<u>Championship</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>Round 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tiffany Boucher	844	838	1682	840	2522
Hannah King	845	834	1679	839	2518
Fred Lohmann	792	814	1606	821	2427
Shelby Rae Russell	831	850	*1681	Non-Res	Non-Res

*2nd place Open

<u>Senior</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>Round 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alida Wright	834	801	1635	819	2454
Jim McMillan	801	798	1599	836	2435
Bonnie Zieske	809	803	1612	813	2425
Penny Callender	801	785	1586	821	2407
Gladys Burns	799	799	1598	805	2403

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>Round 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Steven Stafford	843	831	1674	835	2509
Audrey King	823	832	1655	813	2468
Infinity Thomson	818	828	1646	814	2460
Leah Farnes	830	805	1635	809	2444

Junior

Julia Heinen	827	835	1662	832	2494
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Junior Junior

Brayden Shimmin	851	839	1690	811	2501
Savanna Stewart	830	809	1639	829	2468
Maggie Magee	836	811	1647	806	2453
Jurnee Armstrong	819	809	1628	812	2440
Gabriella Shimmin	828	786	1614	800	2414

Pee Wee

Zachariah Curtis	815	830	1645	803	2448
Allyson Kamps	810	805	1615	792	2407
Megan Pincon	793	778	1571	777	2348
Ellyce Shimmin	821	798	1619	694	2313
Audrey Hofer	828	820	*1648	NMembr	NMembr

*Winner of Open

Novice

Lori Schreiner	828	819	1647		
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