



# August 2012 Newsletter

## A message from our President, Fred Buckley

Summer sure has been flying by. Fiddle camp took place the first two weeks in June. Weiser was the third week.

The 4th of July and the annual State Fiddle Contest took up another month. The Quebe Sisters Band concert on July

30th was a fundraising event for the MSOTFA. That took place, in case you weren't there, at the Ellen Theatre in Bozeman.

Fiddle camp was a complete success. I don't know what to think any more about people signing up early. May 1st we had approximately 25 students the first week and 53 the second week. All through the month of May, we received emails and phone calls from folks wondering if there was still room for camp. Don't wonder any more! Just sign up early. As it turned out, we had 48 the first week and 102 students the second week. That is an average of 75 students each week. That was incredible!!

This year, I could only be at camp the second week. I called Cole Flikkema to see if he could do week one. He graciously accepted (well anyway, he said yes.) To make a long story short, he received the Walt Collins Memorial Trophy for doing an outstanding job that first week. He had it all figured out.

Thanks go out to all the volunteers that helped behind the scenes, especially in the kitchen. Thanks go to Warrie Means for doing all the bathroom duties (you know what that includes.) You're a good man for the job. (Hah!) A big thank you goes out to the Hoxters who manage Saint Thomas Church Camp. They are always there for any problem that may arise. Joe Loncki, the business manager for the diocese of Great Falls, deserves a big thank you, for keeping the rent for camp at a very affordable rate. Thanks to Penny Callender for all your work on registrations, money handling, name tags and keeping me in line and informed. (There is surely a lot more that you do.) Jill, thanks for holding down the fiddle camp store. Hal and Julie Phelps, we can't thank you guys enough. Last of all, thanks to my better half Jeanne, for providing affordable meals for all the staff and campers. We surely don't go hungry at Montana Fiddle Camp.

The State Contest was a great time. We had about the same number of contestants this year as last year. Not bad considering that Choteau is hosting our contest for the second year. The take at the gate was down a bit, but overall a wonderful time was had by all. We had 11 contestants for the dance fiddling contest. This contest was well represented with fiddlers that played great dance tunes. Thanks go out to all the contestants that participated in this new addition to the state contest. I think it is a keeper. The Novelty and Twin fiddling jackpot participation was down, but we had a record crowd that didn't seem to mind at all. As for the Open and State title competition, the Saturday event went as scheduled. Thanks to Nancy Padilla, Bonnie Zieske, Audrey King and Sandy Schlender for all the behind the scenes work that they provided to make the contest go smoothly. A HUGE thank you to Orville Graddock for the beautiful handcrafted trophies. And many other folks volunteered for numerous duties that deserve thanks. All in all, I think the one day contest, at this time, works well. Joey McKenzie put on a great fiddle workshop on Sunday morning that was well attended.

**If you have any suggestions about the contest, come to the meeting at the Convention on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 1:00pm, at Three Forks HS Auditorium.**

We want to thank all of you folks that attended The Quebe Sisters Band concert. We had a fantastic turnout of people that traveled from as far away as Billings and Malta. This fundraiser for the MSOTFA was very successful. Nancy Padilla was the one that ran with this idea from the git-go. Thanks so much for all you've done, not only for the concert, but for what you've done since I became president. You Rock!! And thanks to Ray Padilla and R&R Taylor Construction for their financial support in bringing The Quebe Sisters Band to Montana.

President's Letter continued...

Well that about does it. We will see you at the meeting on September 8, at 1 PM at the Three Forks High School Auditorium, 210 East Neal, Three Forks. Remember, this is your organization. We can't continue to exist without your support.

Fiddlingly yours,  
*Fred Buckley*

➔ **Contest Lost and Found**-A ladies' denim jacket was left at the contest site. Contact Nancy ([nancypadilla406@gmail.com](mailto:nancypadilla406@gmail.com) or 582-4426) to claim.

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**State Convention-Saturday, September 8TH!**  
**Meeting at 1 PM**  
**Evening Show at 7 PM**  
**Three Forks HS Auditorium, 210 East Neal in Three Forks**  
Fiddlers and musicians that are MSOTFA members can sign up for the evening show, beginning in the afternoon at the meeting.

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A big thank you goes out to District 1's Reg Wearley for his donation of speakers to the Fiddlers' Museum in Polson. Also to District 1 guitarist Dick Tobel for his donation of a beautiful locked CD case. And Steve Webb has donated to the museum, in memory of his son, a 12- CD player/changer. If you have a fiddling CD that you can donate to the museum, please contact Reg at [vkstudio@montanasky.us](mailto:vkstudio@montanasky.us) or 849-5099



### **2012 Montana State Contest winners....**

#### Dance Fiddling

1. Max Armstrong
2. Maggie Magee
3. Fred Lohmann
4. Savanna Stewart
5. Bonnie Zieske

#### Accompanists

1. Jim McMillan
2. Ray Padilla
3. Sandy James
4. Jeanne Buckley
5. tie- Terry Schwindt and Bonnie Zieske

Novelty Division-Sandy James

Twin Fiddling Division-Max and Jurnee Armstrong

Accompanist- Jim McMillan

Favorite Fiddler- Hannah King

Favorite Accompanist- Ray Padilla

Walt Collins Memorial Trophy- Cole Flikkema

Youngest Fiddler- Abigail Curtis

Oldest Fiddler- Barbara Burnett

# 2012 Montana State Fiddle Contest

## Certified Divisions-Top 5 Results

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

Championship	Round 1	Round 2	Subtotal	Round 3	Total
Lilly Brogger	812	812	1624	815	2439
Tobi Magruder	801	773	1574	773	2347
Hannah King	802	756	1558	782	2340
Tiffany Boucher	804	782	1586	744	2330
Chelsey Padilla*	815	783	1598		

\*2nd Open-Non-resident

Senior	Round 1	Round 2	Subtotal	Round 3	Total
Fred Lohmann	759	758	1517	817	2334
Fred Buckley	791	727	1518	776	2294
Penny Callender	763	719	1482	795	2277
Jim McMillan	810	697	1507	764	2271
Alida Wright	736	769	1505	745	2250

Adult	Round 1	Round 2	Subtotal	Round 3	Total
Audrey King	796	745	1541	802	2343
Infinity Thomson	797	752	1549	776	2325
Leah Farnes	777	757	1534	730	2264
Lori Schreiner	717	701	1418	707	2125
Janet McGehee	710	691	1401	696	2097

Junior	Round 1	Round 2	Subtotal	Round 3	Total
John Schlender	815	791	1606	787	2393
Julia Heinen	811	761	1572	772	2344
Maggie Magee	805	736	1541	742	2283
Jeanette Colgrove	764	754	1518	742	2260
Sylvie Johnson	743	747	1490	729	2219

Junior Junior	Round 1	Round 2	Subtotal	Round 3	Total
Savanna Stewart	814	804	1618	804	2422
Jurnee Armstrong	775	773	1548	783	2331
Angelina Johnson	738	744	1482	759	2241
Zachariah Curtis	712	762	1474	745	2219

Pee Wee	Round 1	Round 2	Subtotal	Round 3	Total
Madison Anderson	817	786	1603	778	2381
Abigail Curtis	757	734	1491	720	2211

Novice	Round 1	Round 2	Subtotal
Mark Koob*	800	829	1629

\*Non-resident

Congrats to Montana fiddlers who were top finishers at the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho!

**Tobi Magruder- 1st place Adult Division**

**Madison Anderson-4th place Small Fry Division**

**Jesse Maw- 7th place Championship Division**

## **Fall Fiddle Festival and Halloween Dance** **(submitted by Dustin Farnum)**

We are having a **Fall Fiddle Fest and Halloween Dance** on Saturday, October 27th, 2012 in Boulder Montana. Lunch will be provided for participating musicians from Noon to 1 pm. Informal jamming and music workshops will occur from 1 to 3 pm in the fellowship hall. There will be an open microphone held in the Old Methodist Church from 1 to 4 pm. Featured bands will play from 4 to 6 pm in the church, followed by a \$5.00 Spaghetti dinner served in the fellowship hall from 6 to 7:00 pm. A called dance will be held in the ballroom at the historic **Boulder Hot Springs** starting at 7:30 pm and ending at 10:00 pm. A sound system will be provided for the performances and dance.

The festival and workshops will be free to the public, with donations accepted for the renovation of the historic old church. The dance will be open to the public; \$7.00 charge for adults, \$5.00 for Students and children free.

This event is sanctioned by the Montana Old Time Fiddler's Association.

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