

## Come fiddle Aug. 29 and then enjoy an evening of fishing

Greetings from District 2.

Well, summer has really arrived here in Grangeville. It is 95 degrees as I write this news for the paper. It was 100 degrees last Saturday, Aug. 1.

Our group had a good time playing in the city park in Grangeville on the Fourth of July. I missed this one, as I went to a reunion in Winchester to celebrate the towns 100 year anniversary.

We had a wonderful time playing at the Winchester Lake State Park on July 18. They were having their annual Paddle Boat Races on the Lake and wanted some musical entertainment for the festivities.

We played for two hours Sunday afternoon, Aug. 2, at the Raspberry Festival at St. Gertrudes Academy which is three miles west of Cottonwood, Idaho. They have us play there every year.

We will be playing at Winchester Lake State Park again on Aug. 29. They are having a Dutch oven cook-off and want musical entertainment. This should be a fun event. Bring your fishing pole so if you get tired of fiddling you can try your luck at fishing.

We will be having our District 2 meeting the first part of September, Sept. 12, at Hoots Cafe at White Bird, Idaho. We will be electing district officers. (This is also a good excuse to hold a jam session). Meeting time will be 1 p.m., Pacific time.

Don't forget the annual convention in Salmon, Idaho, the last weekend of September.

-Duane Stephens.

### District 4

## Summer's almost gone, but it's been great fun!

We've had a fun-filled summer but it's hard to believe that it's

almost over as school starts at the end of this month!

We had our summer picnic last Saturday, Aug. 1. We started out the day with breakfast cooked in the park by Chairman Ron as he was there at 6:30 to reserve the picnic gazebo for us. We played lots of music and had our potluck picnic lunch in the afternoon with hamburgers. It was a fun day...but we sure missed the Boise group since their picnic was the same day!

Ron and I had a great time up at the Elk Meadows campout. It was lots of fun and fiddling...and of course, lots of great food!

At our meeting last night, Tuesday, August 4, we had our annual election of officers and we re-elected the current crew. Having our meeting at Cold Mountain Creek has been working out well. The patrons really enjoy listening to our jam session...and it's fun to play for them!

-Marlene Moore

### District 9

## Members keep busy with fiddle show and workshops

I am sitting here this morning after .84 inches of rain overnight. It is a very nice break in the 90+ degree weather that we have been having but it has put a sudden halt to the harvest that was just getting into full swing. Hopefully it will not be a long wet spell that will do damage to

the crops.

We have been able to make all of our regular play dates even with all of the summer travel and other things that everyone has been doing. Our group had several members attend the fiddle workshops at Kittitas, Wash. Mabel Vogt and Jack Lyman both taught some classes. Dave Bezdicek, Sue Akin, Tom Schotzko also attended.

Debby Carlson traveled to Jackson Hole, Wyoming to play in a fiddle contest. We also had several players participate in the Potlatch Scenic Six fiddle show. Although I was unable to attend, all the comments that I heard were very positive.

On the subject of health, Lou Stevens has been able to join us for a few close to home play dates and seems to be doing quite well. Ernie Bunch is home after his surgery and although he has not made it back to playing he is getting out a bit and feeling good.

By the time you read this our summer fiddle campout at Three Rivers will be over and we will be discussing what to do next year to have fun again.

I recently helped a friend of mine with an old beat up fiddle that had been in the family for many years. It really looked rough but after we had new strings put on and few adjustments, it played with a beautiful sound.

Just goes to show you that you can't judge a book by its cover.

-Gary Bloomfield

