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District 2

Cabin Fever Party and workshop will help break the winter doldrums

A reminder to all that the District Two winter Cabin Fever Party is set for Jan. 28 at Hoots Cafe in White Bird. Play will start at 10 a.m. A buffet dinner will be served at 12 noon, with jamming the rest of the day. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate for those who might attend from a distance.

We are saddened to learn of the death of Louise Braucher, one of our District Two faithful. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to her husband Warren for his loss.

District Two will hold a workshop for our fiddlers and backup accompanists Feb. 28 at the IOOF Hall in Riggins, starting at 1 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. Fiddlers and accompanists from other Districts and surrounding area are welcome to attend. While this event is a work session and not a show, the public is welcome to listen in, too, and dancing to our fiddle music is certainly accommodated.

The Riggins IOOF Hall is located behind the Riggins Chevron, and the doors will open around 11 a.m. The workshop is planned as a session to familiarize our newer fiddlers and accompanists with more fiddle tunes and their chords, and we will emphasize player participation rather than exhibition. Remember to bring your tape recorder to capture tunes

that are new to you.

This will be our second workshop. Our session last year was not large, but it turned out well, and we are looking forward to another. We intentionally want to expose our newer fiddlers and accompanists to more fiddle music and to give them opportunity to participate in extended group jamming and to learn the tunes and chords by playing them. These working sessions also give our older fiddlers a way to pass on the fiddle tunes and the fiddling tradition to the next generation.

—GMS

District 8

Pizza enjoyed at holiday get-together

Hi, Fiddlers and Happy New Year from District 8!

How has your year started off? We had a play the day after Christmas and the Wednesday after, as usual. Our audiences were still in a festive mood, if a bit smaller due to holiday travel. We have put our Christmas tunes to a lot of use, so it was good to get back to the "regular" fare.

Monday, Jan. 2, was our annual holiday get-together at 5:30 p.m. As Leo's Pizza allows us to use their conference room each month for our jam, we held our

dinner there. Twenty members were in attendance — some couples — with three "extra" spouses spectating. We were served A LOT of really yummy, various pizzas, and pizza "desserts" which were awesome! We then had a very short business meeting, mostly to collect the last dues that were due, and Teresa passed out our membership cards.

We do not have any extra plays this month so no discussion regarding plays.

Teresa asked for volunteers to help with the Fiddlers State Competition being held in Idaho Falls (Iona) Saturday, April 8. We are looking forward to that being as good as the Convention — if possible.

Many new numbers were presented, as well as running over some old ones. As always, with such a wild and crazy group, we had a very fun time.

We are missing our snowbirds, however, more recently gone are Dave Chaffee and Dick and Sonja Saunders.

We hope you all have a warm, good winter, and we will be in touch in February.

—Gail Fielding



Jan. 14 — District 12 Cabin Fever Party, American Legion Hall, 1 p.m.

Jan. 28 - District 2 Cabin Fever Party and Jam Session at Hoot's Cafe in White Bird at 10 a.m.

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District 9

Christmas tunes brings out Jolly Old Saint Nick for a visit at Potlatch

Christmas is past and the kids have gone home so I will try to jot down the fiddler news of the month.

We have been very busy making all of our playing dates along with shopping and all the other events that go along with the season.

Finishing up in November, we played for Ridgepointe Retirement Center in Pullman for a very appreciative audience. They are not on our regular schedule but we do play there a couple of times a year.

Starting December with Bishop Place Retirement Center in Pullman, we played for a festive group of residents in their decorated lobby. They all seemed to enjoy as we practiced on the Christmas tunes.

At Good Sam in Moscow a small number of OTF played to both groups. Entering through the out-

door garden was like walking in a winter wonderland with all the lights and decorations, very nice for the season.

Dec. 11 we had our Christmas potluck, jam, gift exchange and once again Daphne was able to schedule it at the Methodist Church in Moscow. What a nice facility for a party. Daphne, Marilyn and Karen had the hall decorated to make for a festive afternoon. We had about 42 for the ham and turkey dinner with all the trimmings and most stayed for a jam after dinner.

On Dec. 12 we played for the Avalon Care Center in Pullman and then down the street to the Pullman Senior Center for more tunes and a good stew lunch.

Dec. 13 we played for a good size group at the Gritman Adult Daycare in Moscow and finished up with a piece of pumpkin pie. I wonder if we would keep going to so many places to play if we didn't get all these good things to eat.

On Dec. 16 we had good roads to make it to Potlatch for the senior lunch. Mabel Vogt joined us and we played so many Christmas tunes that the door flew open and in walked Jolly Old Saint Nick with candy sacks for all and of course we followed that with a good lunch.

Dec. 20 was a rainy night for Latah Care in Moscow but a small group got there to add Christmas carols to the residents hearts for the season.

By the time we make Aspen

Park, Troy Seniors and the Moscow Seniors, it will be a very full month. As we close out the year of 2005 and move on to '06 we must be extremely thankful that we are alive, our house is standing and our feet are dry after all the natural disasters of the year.

Hopefully the New Year will not be quite so harsh.

Reporting for Lou Stevens as she is visiting family for the holidays,

—Gary Bloomfield

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