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## MAY FLOWERS ABOUNDED EVERYWHERE AND FIDDLIN RIGHT IN THERE TOO

Hello fiddlers! Hope you had as nice a May in your area as we did. The flowers were overwhelming this year and everywhere you went, things were so colorful. The sites we attended were so pleasant with the aroma of sweet scents. And the trees are finally showing their leaves.

We did our usual sites this month with several of us missing since we; Gary B., Herb, and Marge, were on a trip back to Savannah, GA and Charleston, SC for a week. I don't think we missed many plays, but it does make a difference when some of the regular players are gone. I do think that play sites were covered by the faithful to make a joyous sound for those who look forward to our coming to entertain.

And we did play for the local square dance club and the evening was a real blast. There were several dancers from the surrounding area who came to dance to live music and four of us: Gary P., Gary B. Herb and Marge; fiddled instead of danced as we belong to both groups. Gary P. is the caller for the dance club and couldn't dance or play as he had a more important task at hand. We had a full floor of dancers and there were several compliments about how well we sounded and played.

We wrapped up the month with two play dates, one in Kendrick and one at the Moscow Sr. Meal site. They were both attended by a good group of players and we enjoyed a meal at each site with Kendrick having ham with potluck dishes brought by the meal site seniors. They had to move out of their regular building as construction was going on too close to the building and they wanted to avoid any accidents. So we met at the Fire Station.

This coming month we will be playing for a Tractor Show and BBQ at Bishop which is one of our regular senior retirement sites we usually play for each month. A tractor club brings in some old timers for the seniors to enjoy and they do – especially those who formerly farmed. Then we all enjoy a great hamburger or hot dog and all the trimmings.

And we are looking forward to our 6<sup>th</sup> annual 3-Rivers campout on Aug. 17-19<sup>th</sup>. We enjoy a potluck on Friday evening with chicken provided by the restaurant at the campground and everyone brings salads and desserts to share. We will be having lots of music and some lessons for those who want to participate. We end the event with a prepared breakfast put on by some of our own members – Gary & Karen B., Willard & Barb G., Herb & Marilyn J., Char G., and Marge N. There is always help from everyone else who attends to get things together and cleaned up. It is a great event all the way. And you are all invited to come on down and enjoy the weekend with us!

With that, will close for this month and will report on the Tractor Show the end of June. Hope your spring goes well and we are hoping for more sun here. Our best ---

Marge Nelson

## *DISTRICT 8*

Howdy Fiddler's:

Wow!!! It just keeps comin' and then it's gone. We've been busy playing our regular Monday and Wednesday plays with a couple of Farmer's markets and specials thrown in too. Gail Fielding sang Dolly Parton's "Coat of Many Colors" at Bonaventure last night. It gave me goose bumps. Wow! It's almost summer, according to the calendar, but so far it's been mostly wind. Sposed to be in the eighties this week.

The big news is that the Beverly Kirkpatrick Memorial Campout at Cedar Park near Ririe, ID was held the first weekend in June. It was well attended with Fiddler's from Districts 4, 7, 8 and 12. We had a couple of new faces and lots of familiar ones. We jammed hard on Friday eve and Saturday morn, but had to lay down our stringed wood for golf putters Saturday afternoon. Yes, the 4th annual Cedar Park Golf Putting Classic. About forty golfers (if you could call them that) showed up and grounded out 18 holes of the challenging course. Some players favored cross-county and scenic routes to the holes, but all turned in a score. Some just learning that the goal was the lowest number of strokes. There was lots of

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laughing and only a little cussing. The big story is that Darryl Harris is our new champion, unseating Ron Moore, AKA, the Tiger of Cedar Park. Ron defended nobly and went down gracefully after holding the title for several years. Teresa did not win the highest score award, but, I've been bribed to not divulge the new highest score winner.

**Attention Guitar players-** Did you know that WD-40 can be used to clean and lubricate guitar strings? Give it a try, but use it sparingly. I don't want anyone to slip and fall off the neck. We need all our guitar players healthy.

I'm told that fiddle strings were once made from catgut, a sinew string made from the entrails of a sheep. Fiddle bow hair is, to this day, taken from a horse. Years ago our frontier forefathers were debating whether fiddle music was devil inspired because it made folks want to dance and play rather than work and pray, or whether fiddle music was God inspired because it was so wonderful and joyous. A committee was appointed to study the issue. After years of researching the dilemma the committee announced that Fiddle music was indeed heavenly because only God could make such beautiful music by dragging the tail of a horse over the intestines of a sheep.

We are not doing a float for the Fourth of July Parade here in Idaho Falls this year, but instead, we've been asked to play a mini concert on the downtown greenbelt. This is a new focus for the Fourth celebration here in IF and we're proud to be asked to participate. Here's to a Happy Fourth celebration wherever you are. Keep them fiddle's hummin'!

-Dave Schjeldahl

### ***District 6:***

The month of May seemed to zip by quickly for our busy members. Our group also provided a special performance for a local facility not on our regular play schedule. The residents there seemed especially appreciative of hearing the old and familiar tunes of their youth so perhaps we will be scheduling additional special plays there periodically.

Our monthly jam at the Idaho Pizza early in the month gave numerous musicians an opportunity to share with folks as they dined and we had many compliments from out of town visitors. Our group feels honored that several families with small children are regular attendees and we hope that perhaps our music will spark some inspiration in the younger generation to keep the old tunes going in the future.

So far in June, we have had one outside performance during the Western Days Celebration in Twin Falls. Our group played hot tunes to match the sizzling summer temperature on Saturday, June 2nd. A few couples danced on the hot cement in front of the band shell while other couples danced in the cool grass under the shade trees. Even though the musicians worked up a vigorous sweat, we did enjoy providing entertainment for the community.

Our group has been requested to provide music for the Camas County Pioneer Picnic in Fairfield on July 15th. The picnic this year will be a tribute to the late Manny Shaw. Many of you will recall that Manny Shaw, who started this organization, lived in Fairfield during his later years and enjoyed being a host in his personal music museum located near his home. In addition, our group will be

providing entertainment for the annual Edward Jones Customer Appreciation picnic on July 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Until next time, keep that wonderful music alive by playing every chance you get.

Mary Baldwin, Reporter