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Hello from District 8. We have been keeping up with our two or three plays a week schedule and have been adding a few extra plays when asked. Our new songs are sounding better. We keep learning and hopefully improving and even our failures are still fun because we get to play music with our friends. We've been very fortunate to have some new people playing with us. Scott Holmen moved to Idaho from Washington where he was a District Chair for the Washington Old Time Fiddlers. He plays old time banjo, guitar and sings. What more could we ask for? Well, he is now the Vice President of the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers. Scott goes to a lot of old time and bluegrass festivals and is always fun to listen to and play with. Another player is from Idaho Falls – Windy Bill Chiles. Windy Bill has been singing Western songs and doing Cowboy Poetry events for years and has been popular with our audiences. Included in a YouTube video with Windy Bill, "In 1999, he was awarded the prestigious Golden Note Award from the largest cowboy poets society in the United States, the Cowboy Poets of Idaho, Inc. In 2012 Bill was inducted into their Hall of Fame."

We recently have been joined by Gerry Grider who moved to Ammon from Minnesota. He is a good guitar player and singer and knows a lot of songs. He also plays mandolin! We've been blessed with the new talent that has been willing to join us and wonder where all the fiddle players are? I haven't mentioned Jack yet because I don't know Jack. He's been with us a couple of years and plays bass and likes bluegrass and is always willing to help us when he can. We really need to talk more so I can tell everyone that I really know Jack.

Happy fiddling from all of us here in the SE corner.

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