

The Squeaky Bow

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Official Newsletter of Nevada Old-Time Fiddlers Association

LOOKING FORWARD

NOFA will begin the month of May with the Nevada Fiddle Contest at Eureka, May 17th & 18th. Terry Jones backed by Terry Jobin are the two players appearing in the contest representing our Club.

NOFA will have a table at the entrance with club signage, selling "T" shirts and having handouts about our club. We will also sell memberships to any interested parties.

Because of the active role he played with NOFA, we will have photo honoring Herb Gilkey, our first founding member to pass on. See the Thank You note from Nevada Fiddle Contest thanking NOFA for sponsoring the Junior and Junior/Junior portion of the 2024 contest.

THANK
YOU

Thank you so much for the generous donation and continued support of the Nevada Old-Time Fiddlers' contest. Your contribution will be applied to the 1st-5th place winners in the junior-jr. and junior open divisions.

We look forward to seeing you all next month.

Sincerely,
Kim Russell

FIDDLERS PLAYING AROUND (Special events to pay attention to)

May 16th: Thursday, Special Jam with Bob Black and Lynn Baldwin, Thornhill residence, 1305 Radwick Drive, Las Vegas starting at 6:00pm

May 17th & 18th: Friday & Saturday, Nevada State Fiddle Contest.

June 29th: Fifth Saturday Jam at Paul Kupsh residence, 1875 Wood River St, Henderson, 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Oct 5th: Spring Mountain Ranch Pioneer Day, 6375 Hwy 159, Blue Diamond, NV, 10:30 to noon.

BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

The second annual City of Las Vegas event for NOFA was a huge success for both the City and NOFA. Extremely strong winds forced the Bluegrass event to be moved to the amphitheater. Indications are this will be the setting for future Festivals. NOFA performed second on the agenda. Dave Carol videoed the attached NOFA portion of the event. Good job NOFA!

BASS PRO SHOP

The attendance at the Bass Pro Shop remains strong. Amazing how many passer by's are taking photos or videos. Donations, though appreciated, have been smaller with \$262 total to date.



MIRA LOMA ASSISTED LIVING

Mira Loma attendance with musicians and residents has been strong since the start of the year. Let's keep up the good work on both ends.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

This space is to be used by the Music Committee in our future editions.

TUNE OF CHOICE

“Festival Waltz”

Squeaky Bow will select the “Tune of Choice” for this edition. Kenny Baker’s “Festival Waltz”.

Not Easy. This will take an effort on the Club’s part. Dave Carrol has selected a copy of sheet music he believes is the most appropriate. The guitar cords are extremely difficult and hopefully we can get Tony Messina to publish using ordinary cords.



YESTERYEAR

NOFA has a box of documents here that is a treasure chest of what the Club has done in the past. Each future “Squeaky Bow” edition will highlight interesting events from the past. This edition contains a photo of NOFA members performing at the “Nevada Southern Museum”. Not sure of the year This music event took place in the shop in Boulder City. We took advantage of Dan Markoff’s 1875 steam locomotive for a photo op.



HISTORY OF AMERICAN FIDDLING

The photo of the violins are from the 1908 Sears catalog. If you live in a rural mail route you give your order number and the money to the mail carrier who will turn it into a money order and send it to Sears. You pay the freight when you get the goods. Las Vegas was not listed on the chart. Carson, Elko, Eureka, Reno and Tonopah were the sites showing for Nevada. The freight charge averaged \$2.30. My best guess is you would be lucky to get the instrument that you don't even get to see until you pick it up within a month. No next day delivery like you get today.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS

We are coming to a cross roads for the Club by having two candidates vying for President. This will be the first time NOFA has had an election and I do not think this one would be healthy for the Club.

I know we can work together and ask everyone to examine the compromise proposal presented. In this proposal, I would be reporting to the Board without having a vote. The new Board will have the power to perform these duties listed as they see fit. I would be standing by to volunteer for the tasks that do not have interest for other volunteers.

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