

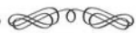
# The Squeaky Bow

November/December 2024

## Spring Mountain Ranch State Park 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Saturday October the 5<sup>th</sup>, seventeen intrepid fiddlers and backup players drove through beautiful Red Rock Canyon to the Spring Mountain Ranch. Under the much-needed shade of a grove of mesquite trees, we set up our chairs and our sound system (thank you Terry Jones for bringing it). The day was beautiful and we played to a small but appreciative crowd of young folks who are intrigued to watch live music being played. This is such a fun venue to play outside in a beautiful setting. Thanks to everyone who participated.

See you next year!



In attendance but not pictured:

Marian Schmitt, Julie Berliner,  
Ray Brown, Ed Veronda, Mary Howard

Thanks for the great pictures, Ed!





## Once a fiddler, always a fiddler!

*Napoleon Bone-a-Part joined us at Bass Pro*



### FIDDLERS PLAYING AROUND

The Nevada Old-timer Fiddlers made their presence known at the Henderson Bluegrass event. We were chosen to fill in between acts and found out upon arriving that we would be performing on the apron instead of the stage. Two sets were done, one for half an hour and the other for 45 minutes. The organizers promised stage time next year. However, the attendees of the shows had to pass right by whether they were coming or going. The reaction with the crowd was much better than being on stage. All NOFA members attending agreed to turning down the stage and performing on the apron again next year. One of the young employees of Henderson took a short video of Huckleberry Rag. Thank you, Emily.

— Submitted by Bill Thornhill

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## Upcoming Events



Paul & Kath De Patta's Home  
8041 Bradley Rd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89131  
November 30, 2024  
10:00 – Noon



Thornhill residence  
1305 Radwick Dr.  
Las Vegas, NV 89110  
December 14, 2024  
10:00 – Noon+



## Yesteryear in Las Vegas

Tony Messina loves researching the history of early Las Vegas history: 1900–1910. Below are some articles from old Las Vegas newspapers featuring music in early Las Vegas.

"One thing that often pops up is the presence of music at many celebrations and other social events ... like the dances held by the volunteer fire department and the Elks Lodge. I've attached a couple of clippings from the Las Vegas AGE ... our most established pioneer newspaper ... from 1905 forward. Note that besides the piano, we had locals playing violin (Beckley and Park were both standout pioneer family names), guitar, and even banjo (Rev. Harry Grey was one of the first Church rectors). When the musicians tired out, they took a break and the "phonograph" was called into service. The music needed to keep playing! The quartets listed in the programs likely sang barbershop harmonies. Music was important to our pioneer ancestors ... it rejuvenated them and distracted them from hardship and worry. Let's carry on the tradition—enjoy the music—play the tunes—and use them to build fellowship in the community." —Submitted by *Tony Messina*

Las Vegas times. [volume], January 13, 1906,  
About [Las Vegas times. \[volume\] \(Las Vegas, Nev.\) 1905-1906](#)

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The "old timers" will give an "old time" dance on the evening of the 26th. "Old time" music will be one of the features of the entertainment. It will be an "old time" in the "old town" and it will be the old timers who will furnish all of the music entirely.



Above: Jodie, Jim, Bill, Lynn, Wes & Tommy

### STOLEN GUITAR FINDS ITS WAY HOME

Bill Thornhill's personalized guitar was taken from the Bass Pro Shop a couple of weeks ago. When the thief discovered the owner's name inlaid into the fretboard, he threw the instrument into the bushes alongside the road. A passerby retrieved what he thought was a guitar case and took it to a buddy. A quick check on Insta-gram identified the missing instrument and contacted Bill, who is again the happy owner of the instrument he bought when 19 years old. *Happy Ending!*

Las Vegas age. [volume], November 23, 1907, I  
About [Las Vegas age. \[volume\] \(Las Vegas, Nev.\) 1905-1947](#)

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the judge.

Mrs. Peter Buol entertained some 50 or more friends at a dancing party Wednesday evening, at her splendid home in Buck's addition. The large parlor and dining room were cleared for the occasion. Fine music was provided by Mr. Beckley, violin; J. J. Tuckfield, guitar, relieved at intervals by the phonograph. Harry G. Gray gave some pleasing selections on the banjo. Pete Buol, who doesn't "cotton" much to the light fantastic for his, "made good" by serving coffee (his own brew) and cake in a side room. Part of the jolly company didn't want to go home at all and Pete says he had to "fire" them out.

Las Vegas age. [volume], December 14, 1907,  
About [Las Vegas age. \[volume\] \(Las Vegas, Nev.\) 1905-1947](#)

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### Great Success of Bazaar

The Ladies Guild will clear about \$175 from the bazaar last Friday evening and Saturday. The gross receipts were \$276, with expenses about \$100. Nearly \$150 worth of goods were sold the opening night. Saturday night a most pleasing musical entertainment was enjoyed, with the following program:

Violin Solo—Dr. Wm. S. Park, accompanied by Mrs. Dillon.  
Piano Solo—Mrs. Robt. Dillon.  
Song, Male Quartette—Messrs. John S. Park, Wm. S. Park, Roy W. Martin, F. W. Brandt.  
Cornet Solo—Mr. Schuyler.  
Vocal Solo—Mrs. Sharpe.  
Banjo—Rev. Harry G. Gray.  
Vocal Solo—F. W. Brandt.  
Reading—Mrs. Elsie C. Bartlett.  
Song—Male Quartette.  
After the program Pete Buol as auctioneer succeeded in clearing up the



### NOFA MEMBER MAKES THE NEWS

KTVN News Reno, produced the following piece on Lynn Baldwin, airing on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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