

Presidents Message

Hello Fiddlers and Fans,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and had a chance to share some tunes. We are heading into the heart of the contest season, so I just thought I would highlight some of the upcoming events. I am sure that many of them will be mentioned elsewhere in this issue of the Soundpost, but it doesn't hurt to mention them again. This is certainly not all-inclusive, but will cover the contests of which I have been made aware:

District 3 Amateur Contest, Saturday, March 14, Tehachapi Valley Methodist Church, Tehachapi CA

District 6 Amateur Contest, Sunday, March 15, St. James Lutheran Church, Redding CA

California State Old Time Fiddle and Picking Contest, April 17-18, Grape Festival Fairgrounds, Lodi CA

Oregon State Old Time Fiddle Contest, Saturday, March 21, Chemetka Community College, Salem OR

Nevada State Old Time Fiddle Contest, May 1-2, Eureka NV

Julian Fiddle and Picking Contest, May 30, Julian CA

National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest, June 22-27, Weiser ID

So, if you could make a really quick trip from Tehachapi to Redding (only about 8 hours or so), you could actually attend ALL of these fun events. I'd love to hear from anyone who actually does this!

As Tex Says, keep fiddlin',





A bit late but here are the photos of the 2019 California State Fiddle Contest held in Lodi, California. This was the first year here in Lodi. It was held in conjunction with the California Bluegrass Association. The 2020 California State Fiddle Contest will be in the same place in Lodi on April 17-18, 2020. We invite everyone to come to the state contest!!! Lyle Dixson



Sharon

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DISTRICT MEETING LOCATIONS, DATES, AND TIMES:

District 1 4th Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m.: Feather River Senior Center 1335 Meyer St. Oroville

District 3 2nd Saturday 2:00-5:00 p.m. 21100 Lonely Lane, Tehachapi Ca

District 4 1st Sunday 1:00-4:00 p.m.: Orange Thorpe Pk. Activity Bldg., 1414 Brookhurst, Fullerton

CA District 5 2nd Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m.: Orangevale Grange, 5807 Walnut Ave. Orangevale CA

District 6 Free Old Time Fiddle Jams 1st Sunday, 1:00 - 3:00 Open Circle Jam, 3:00 Board Meeting St. James Lutheran Church 2500 Shasta View Blvd. Redding ;3rd Sunday, 1:00 Workshop & Jam, 2:00-4:00 Open Mic Palo Cedro Community Hall, 22037 Old Forty-Four Drive Website: http://www.northstatefiddlers.com

District 7 2nd Sunday 12:00-2:45PM: Terrace Estates Clubhouse, 1815 Sweetwater Road, Spring Valley, CA 3rd Sunday 12:30-1:00 PM Workshop, 1:00-3:00 Jam: Encinitas Community Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Dr., Room 140 Encinitas CA 4th Sunday 12:00-2:45 PM: Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego, El Cajon, CA

District 8 2nd & 4th Sunday 1:30-4:00 p.m.: Oak View Community Center, 18 Valley Rd. Oak View CA

District 9 4th Sunday 1:30-5:00 p.m.: United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria St., Castro Valley CA

District 10 Redwood Cafe, Cotati. Every 4th Sunday 3:00 to 5:00. Janette Duncan, Chris Carney, Steve DeLap, 707-570-2745.



California State Old Time Fiddlers Association

2020

54th Annual

California State

Old Time Open Fiddle

& Picking Championships

April 17-18, 2020 Free Admission

Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds 413 E. Lockeford St.

Lodi, CA

In coordination with California Bluegrass Association

RV Camping at Fairgrounds \$35 per night water & electric hookups limited. Tent/vehicle camping \$10 per night.

For More Info Call Contest Co-Chair Mark Hogan 707-479-5529 email: hogiemoon@comcast.net Sharon Barrett 530-604-5279 email: texshar@pacbell.net

Visit our website www.csotfa.org for full listings of schedules, divisions, rules & guidelines

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District Reports

District 1

Mary Rose Preston

& Terrie Rockwell

On Saturday, December 7 the Fiddle Workshop folks and friends performed a concert at the Lake Oroville Visitors Center during the Bidwell Bar Association's Annual Frontier Christmas. Although it was raining, the event was still packed with families enjoying old-fashioned fun and music.

The annual Christmas Potluck and Jam on Sunday, December 8 was a lot of fun, with lots of good food and memorable potatoes. The event was attended by about 30 people, and included a wonderful ventriloquist, "Nancy," and her two lap buddies.

The first and third Monday Fiddle Workshops will resume January 20 at the Bolt's Antique Tool Museum in Oroville.

District 1 provides groups to play the first Sunday of each month at the Pacifica Country Crest Senior Living.

District 1 has scholarships available for lessons and instrument loans.

(Circle) jam sessions are 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. the fourth Sunday of each month (except December) at the Feather River Senior Center, 1335 Myers Street, Oroville.. Bring a favorite potluck dish and enjoy a nice afternoon of good music and good company.

District 3 Gayel Pitchford

11th Annual Amateur Fiddle Contest here at District 3 in Tehachapi. The contest is limited to players ages 20 and under, but I am hoping you will forward the flyer to any young people you know. This contest is especially good, as it is less than a month before the State contest and contestants can come here and try out their stuff and then go home and fix what went awry and come to State and play perfectly. We have had a contestant who played a rag as a hoedown and didn't know the difference, but the judges certainly did! We talked to her afterwards, she picked a real hoedown to play at State and won her division that year. We have contestants who were very nervous here, but after playing in a smaller venue like we have here, went to State and played really confidently. So this is a great opportunity.

Thanks for all you guys do to help promote fiddling!! And if you just want to come and listen—or even help out with the contest—we welcome you with open arms! We do this contest on a shoestring, so all helpers are really useful.

The Difference

Between A Violin

And A Fiddle?

Violins Have Strings.

Fiddles Have STRANGS.





District 5 continues to hold hold it's monthly jams on 2nd Sunday of each month at the Orangevale Grange Hall at 5807 Walnut Ave, Orangevale, CA. Our next monthly jam is February 9th, from 1PM to 4PM

Since our last report we had our Christmas social and jam which was a lot of fun and entertaining. The results of our officer elections will be in the next SoundPost.

I received information and a Memorial Article from Bob Fitzgerald, our Retired CSOTFA#5 Master Of Ceremonies. Bob is reported the passing of long time D5 member, Peggy Rheault. Below is Bob's message, the PDF file with the Memorial Article can be seen on the D5 blog site at blog.csotfa5.org.

From Bob FItzGerald --

Regarding the death last November of Peggy Rheault, who was a member of District 5 and who volunteered at the reception desk & snack bar at the District 5 monthly jams at the Grange. She also was a volunteer & supporter of what I always will refer to as "Preston's Jam" at Lakewood Village. She even sang with us sometimes at that jam session. Because of all her involvement with those, I know she had a lot of CSOTFA friends that should know of her passing. Perhaps by reading the attached memorial article they'll now also know a little about her background.

In addition to all that, for years Peggy provided transportation for Gary Goodenough to those jam sessions, and to my Country Club Aires (CCA) men's chorus & band rehearsals & gigs every week.

Bob Fitzgerald, Retired CSOTFA#5 Master Of Ceremonies + Preston's Jam Sound Man & Emcee



CALIFORNIA STATE OLD TIME FIDDLERS District 3

11TH ANNUAL "AMATEUR" OLD TIME FIDDLE CONTEST

When: Saturday, March 14, 2020—registration opens at 8:00 a.m.; contest starts at 9:00 a.m. sharp

Where: Tehachapi Valley United Methodist Church, 20400 Backes Ln, Tehachapi

How Much: NO registration/admission fees (Donations welcome)

Who: All Fiddlers and Pickers ages 20 and under may compete. Listeners and toe-tappers of all ages are invited to attend

Fiddle Age Divisions PeeWees (ages 8 and under) Junior-Juniors (ages 9-12) Juniors (ages 13-20) Cello-Bass Fiddlers (20 and under)

Other Divisions

Novelty Division (one danceable tune) Picking Division (two tunes—1 fast, 1 slow) Twin Fiddles (two tunes—1 fast, 1 slow) Band Scramble (two tunes—1 fast, 1 slow)

Grand Champion Playoff among 1st Place Winners of all Fiddle Age Divisions

CSOTFA Rules will apply. Medals for first 5 places in each division, except Band Scramble.

More info at 661-823-8249 or captgayel@cybersurfers.net www.tehachapifiddlers.net



The Holiday "Fiddling" Season was a busy time. Various groups played throughout the community, sharing Christmas joy. Our Annual Christmas Potluck was enjoyed by many of our members. The highlight of the day was a concert provided by the Alldrin Family. Their amazing musicianship and beautiful arrangements enchanted the audience.

Board elections were held and our new Annual board has already planned new events for the year. We are adding monthly workshops before the 3rd Sunday Open Mic. We're also holding an amateur contest in March to help members prepare for the State Contest in April. We continue to try to build up our membership with focus on supporting our students in the community.





Our Christmas Party was a big success! We had a good turn out and a great time. In addition to District 7 members we had several friends who join us occasionally. Everyone had a great time!

Planning for the Julian Fiddle and Pickin' Contest is moving along. The date is Saturday, May 30, 2020. We hope we'll see you there. Last year was exciting as we had 3 playoffs. The fiddlers really made the judges work that day. We're looking forward to a great contest again this year.

The Julian Family Fiddle Camp, produced by long time District 7 Member, Avery Ellisman, will be held April 15 - 19, 2020. For more information you can go their website at http://familyfiddlecamp.com/

We'd like to invite all the CSOTFA districts to post information on our Facebook page that you'd like to share. If there is an upcoming event, concert or anything old time fiddle related please share it on https://www.facebook.com/sandiegofiddlers/

If you're thinking about coming to one of our Fiddle Tune Jams you can find the information on our website at http://www.sandiegofiddler.org/districtnewsmeetings.h tml. We meet 3 times a month in various locations. If you have any questions there is a Contact Us page. We'll get back to you as soon as possible.





As we kick off 2020 we are looking forward to a year full of exciting performances and gatherings for District 8! Our board is meeting this Sunday, January 26, to discuss our upcoming agenda items. We are actively looking for a new membership secretary to replace our long-time friend Karen Schlenker who passed away at the end of 2019. Everyone misses her.

Our membership is diverse and growing. We are continually attracting younger members. We have a dedicated young man named Jonah, who is currently doing a great job learning to manage our sound system so that members have the highest quality sound with which to perform. Jonah also mentors with a local recording studio to learn all aspects of musical recording. Jonah plays guitar. Since joining our district he has come by two new guitars and he looks for new opportunities to play them every chance he gets. Several of our members come early on Sunday to help with sound set up. Our team all shares the load, so Jonah can manage the sound board to get the best sound possible with the equipment we own.

We have a new family who joined our membership with three young children: Gigi - 9 years old, Isa - 6 years old, and Birdie - 14, who plays bass, guitar and piano. Gigi sings beautiful solos while her father Zac plays guitar. Sometimes they perform duets. Gigi's mother sits in the audience and records videos of her husband performing with the children. This is "music in the making". This is raw talent.

We have another member, Stephen Edwards, who is a professional glass sculpture artist who has recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's and is battling additional health challenges. In spite of these difficulties, Steve continues to courageously participate. Steve taught himself to play the mandolin a couple of years ago and he tries to make every jam and every possible performance he can. Steve joins our team every Sunday, as he is able, to help set up our sound system and set out our chairs and tables so our members can enjoy the music that we all create. We celebrate the life of our beloved members, no mater what.

When we are not performing inside our community center with the microphones and PA system, we are on the patio jamming acoustically with everyone; new members and experienced members alike. When local neighbors hear us playing our tunes they sometimes join us on the patio. This gives us a chance to meet the people in our community, tell them about the rich history of Old Time Music and share our love with them.

District 8 is a "family" and we are continually expanding. We have many wonderful members who each contribute amazing talents to provide a wholesome environment to promote Old Time Fiddle Music and Jamming so everyone benefits. We love each other and we believe in making music that spreads joy and healing. We look forward to a positive music year in 2020.

Charletta Erb, our former District Director has taken on some important new musical endeavors. I will be replacing her in 2020 and I will be our new District 8 State Director. I look forward to meeting all the other State Directors and Officers at the upcoming meetings. Until then...



District 9 held its annual Holiday Celebration on the second Sunday in December. We had good picking, good food, good visiting, and a great big Holiday Gift Raffle with many many prizes, contributed by our members.

We also concluded election for our 2020 Officers at that jam. Gordon Rosete assumed the office of District President from Al Teixeira who has been ably carrying those duties for a number of years. We are grateful to Al for his past and for his continued service. And we are confident to be enjoying Gordon's coming tenure.

Other officers are Secretary Steve Goldfield; Treasurers Pearl Ray and Jean Kalvig; Membership Carl Brown; District Advisors John Durbin, Bob Meyerson, and Todd Townsend; and District 9 State Director, Bob Palasek.

Celebrating decennial birthdays were John Durbin in December, and Jan VanZandt in January. There were actually TWO birthday cakes in honor of Jan at our January jam. (*The rhyming at the end of this last sentence was not deliberate.*) Jan, in his earlier days both played and made instruments.

Don Amick, our former President, introduced Jan to the club some time back. John Durbin says he's been a member at least 30 years. He has accompanied many of us at the State Contest. And we still enjoy his leads and chops every month.

(District 9 continued)

We remember a couple of members whom we lost in 2019. We wrote of Betty Hainley in the previous Soundpost issue. We also remember Pat Davis and Mary Paviglianti, long time supporters who also passed in 2019.

Jerry Pujol also passed this fall. Jerry, a backup guitarist, was president of District 9, seemingly more than a decade. And Pat, Jerry's wife, who played bass, was also our treasurer. When I was district treasurer, it was Pat's earlier books that informed me how simple and straightforward keeping track of income and expenses were. Both of their kids, Cass and Lisa, became award winning fiddlers. Jerry's career was that of a high school math teacher. Jerry also served as CSOTFA State President. One of the main jobs of state president is being the executive producer of the State Fiddle Contest. During that tenure, Jerry and Pat wrote up all the tasks needed to be done by each of the support personnel, the volunteers, for the State Contest. The State Secretary once told me that we still have all those documents in our records.

Jerry, District 9, and Jerry's working through Cass Pujol all played important parts in my becoming a fiddler. I miss him. They will always be a part of me.



A few of our members presenting tunes at the November Jam.



Ukulele circle trading tunes at the January Jam.



After many challenging conditions the 43rd Cloverdale Old-Time Fiddle Festival will be happening. It will be take place on March 7, 2020, at the Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds. Along with the Fiddle Contest Divisions there will Exhibits, jamming, food and a Family Dance -aka Barn Dance- which will follow the Contest.







 Phil Salazar & The Kin Folk The Kathy Kallick Band
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Saturday • March 14, 2020

1PM to 9PM • DOORS OPEN AT NOON ANALY HIGH SCHOOL THEATER • 6950 Analy Ave., Sebastopol, CA



VENDORS WANTED

Looking for vendors for the 2020 State Fiddle Contest in Lodi April 17-18. If you would be interested in selling your products and/or craft/ art please contact me for an application or for more information.

The price will be \$25 for a 10x10 booth outdoors. You must furnish your own canopy, tables, chair, etc. Fee goes to support the fiddle contest.

Cathy Agnew themimi@roadrunner.com or 805-796-1612



California

Fiddle & Pickin' Contest

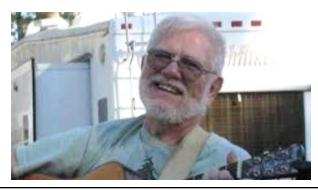
Fiddle/Guitar/Mandolin/Banjo Novice to Advanced Divisions--All ages welcome!



JULIAN TOWN HALL SAT. MAY 80,20



For more info: On Facebook at Julian Fiddle and Pickin' Contest or contact Lysacopeland@gmail.com



My dad Jerry was a previous CSOTFA President, President of District 9 (both of my parents were state and district officers), and my brother and I competed in contests for decades. The CSOTFA logo was designed by my parents!

Lisa Pujol Boe

Jerry LaVerne Pujol died on November 1, 2019 after a prolonged illness. Born on January 25, 1945 to LaVerne and Viola Pujol, Jerry grew up in Woodland with his older brother Robert Prewett. Jerry graduated from Woodland High School in 1962 and UC Davis in 1968 where he studied Political Science, Mathematics and earned his Teaching Credential. In 1966 he married Patricia S. Conner, also of Woodland, and lived most of his adult life in Napa, California. Jerry is survived by his two children, Cass and Lisa, and 5 grandchildren Shelby, Sully, Lindsey, Caroline and Cameron ("Kit").

Jerry was a major, and beloved, part of many lives throughout his life. He brought an appreciative interest in others, caring support, and an active joy for life to his many friends. Jerry's openness to enjoy life was accompanied by a willingness to actively engage it. Jerry carried his love of children into his career as a teacher. Caring for and contributing to his students was always the center of Jerry's work, and earned him the appreciation of those students, their parents, and his colleagues. Gregarious and fun, Jerry was notorious for inflicting corny jokes on all who knew him.

Although he spent his professional career teaching Math at Redwood Junior High and Vintage High School, Jerry's longest passion was music, which he shared with his young friends, and as a young adult set out to learn to play guitar and became an accomplished musician in his own right. His love of listening to and playing music grew throughout his life and built ties to a community of friends throughout the California Bluegrass Association and the California State Old Time Fiddler's Association where he served as District 9 and State Presidents and was honored with a Lifetime Membership for his contributions to not only the organization, but for the perpetuation of Old Time Fiddle Music in California.

In Memory of Jerry LaVerne Pujol 1945-2019

He was an active member of the California Bluegrass Association and a fixture at the Grass Valley Bluegrass Festival, helping to build the stage, jamming, and enjoying his favorite performers. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of fiddle tunes and styles and taught both of his children to play without the benefit of being a fiddle player himself. Jerry, joined by his wife and kids, made up "In Cahoots", the Pujol Family Band.

Friends remember Jerry's generosity with instruments, books, recordings, and transcriptions of hundreds of songs he meticulously drawn out on paper for others to share. Jerry hosted weekly jam sessions culminating in his infamous New Year's Jam. In all these ways and more, Jerry touched many lives. Those who felt this touch will cherish its lasting presence.

A Celebration of Jerry's Life and a Memorial Jam Session and Potluck will be hosted by his children on March 21, 2020 at Churchill Manor in Napa, Ca. For further information and to RSVP, please send an email to Lisa Pujol Boe at TheJerryPujolCelebrationAndJam@gmail.com. We hope you can join us.

In remembering Jerry and if so moved, please make a charitable donation to the IBMA Foundation "Bluegrass in the Schools Program" which supports educational programs that educate, teach, and perpetuate Bluegrass music. For more information and to donate, please go to: https://bluegrassfoundation.org/programs/bluegrass-in-the-schools



Jerry Pujol playing guitar at a 1980s District 9 Campout. (Picture by Bob Palasek)

Musical Instruments Just for Fun

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