

# The Arizona Fiddler

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**Katie Van leevween** is the newest member of the AOTFA. She is from Payson AZ and joined the new Rim Country chapter. Please make her welcome.

We say goodbye to **CHUCK GIAMOLVO**

Chuck was a long time member of the AOTFA. He played guitar and sang, sometimes accompanied by his wife Barbara, who plays the auto harp. Chuck even wrote songs. They lived in Avondale and had a large barn that they turned into a music facility and kitchen. The AOTFA had their spring camp out there one year. He was kind, loving, fun loving person. Always brought Oreo cookies to Linda in Salome. He was involved with all kinds of music. He was battling illness for a long time now and on the way to Kansas City to see his children and grandchildren left this world for a better one. He will certainly be missed. Our prayers and thoughts to his wife and family



Letter from Noreen

It has been a crazy New Year and spring! I certainly hope you all are well and staying safe. We say goodbye to the snowbirds again for the summer, although there is still snow in the north and east. Not too much going on for the warmer months for the Arizoan Old Time Fiddlers. Not too much to put in the newsletter, so if you have any thing you would like to see in this publication, just contact me by mail, email, messenger, phone call or text.

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Thank you to all those that participated in or attended the newly restructured Tucson contest and the brand new Casa Grande contest. We appreciate those that took the time and effort to keep these going.

Most of the public events have been postponed or cancelled.

Keep playing your music and stay safe

# TUCSON FIDDLE CONTEST RESULTS

## 2020 Tucson Fiddle Contest

39 Contestants total. 22 were 17 and under.

### PEE WEE

1ST PLACE Aspen Dietrick

2nd PLACE Gabriela Naman

3rd PLACE Grace Lorring

4th PLACE Nick Lorring

### JUNIOR-JUNIOR

1st PLACE Ranelle Dietrick

2nd PLACE Brie Dietrick

3rd PLACE Elie Barry

### JUNIOR

1st PLACE Lindy Feaster

2nd Lee MacDonald

3rd Dani Carter

### YOUNG ADULT

1st PLACE Nick Coventry

2nd Heather Perazzo

### ADULT

1st PLACE Corrine Garey

2nd PLACE Katie Bonn

3rd PLACE Kevin Derusha

### SENIOR

1st PLACE Henry the Fiddler

2nd PLACE Noe Alvarado

3rd PLACE Dave Brinkman

### YOUNG AT HEART

1st PLACE Sue Elslagers

2nd Monk Maxwell

### TRICK AND FANCY

1st PLACE Nick Coventry

2nd PLACE Henry The Fiddler

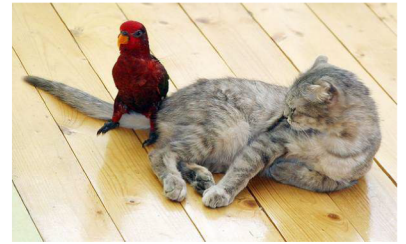
3rd Heather Perazzo

### TWIN

1st PLACE Nick Coventry and Corrine Garey

2nd PLACE Katie Bonn and Dave Brinkman

3rd PLACE Heather Perazzo and Kevin Derusha



““The only mystery in life is why the kamikaze pilots wore helmets.”  
- Al McGuire

# May Birthdays

Dave	Brinkman	5	1
Corrine	Garey	5	2
Hayden	Boyette	5	8
Emma	Reynolds	5	9
Ana	Alvarado	5	13
Maria	McArthur	5	19
Mary	Brinkman	5	28
Carole	Page	5	30
Dennis	Russell	5	31



# Birthdays in June

Ken	Allen	6	6
Nancy	Reynolds	6	2
Whitney	Welsh	6	5
Tracy	Armstrong	6	9
Katie	Bonn	6	10
Delynn	Peterson	6	10
Rhodene	Schauer	6	18
Evertt	Snetsinger	6	20
Ollie	Hubbard	6	22
Colton	Cortese	6	22



# May & June Anniversaries

Val & Lorraine	Andreasen	5	06	1994
Noe & Ana Maria	Alvarado	5	09	
Gordon & Norma	Jones	6	03	1995
Willie & Caroline	McArthur	6	12	1982
Charlie & Cathy	Freund	6	14	1969
Gayl	Ratigan	6	20	1981
Omer & Brenda	Coderre	6	23	1990
Fred & Norma	Werckle	6	24	1954



# Passing it on!!!

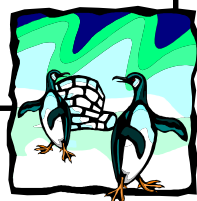
Wednesday Fiddle Contest  
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 THIRD WEEK OF JUNE

**Cancelled**

September  
 Vertilee Floyd Memorial  
 State Fiddle Contest  
 Payson AZ



Q. How does a penguin build it's house?  
 A. Igloos (he glues) it together.



Adult:

- 1st: Janet Shelby
- 2nd: Katie Bonn
- 3rd: Jim Carlile
- 4th: Kevin DeRusha

Young Adult:

- 1st: Madi Dietrich
- 2nd: Caitlin Wilson

Junior:

- 1st: Lee MacDonald
- 2nd: Danielle Carter
- 3rd: Clay Barry
- 4th: Rebecca Bayless
- 5th: Elisabeth Kunkle
- 6th: Hannah Bayless

Jr Jr:

- 1st: Ranelle Dietrich
- 2nd: Brie Dietrich
- 3rd: Elie Barry
- 4th: Maggie Cucitro
- 5th: Ben Barry
- 6th: Emily Fletcher

Small Fry:

- 1st: Aspen Dietrich
- 2nd: David Fletcher
- 3rd: Sawyer Dietrich

Novice:

- 1st: Aliyah Alpert
- 2nd: Amy Barry
- 3rd: Shelly Wilson
- 4th: Killian Morris
- 5th: Cheryl Shirley
- 6th: Adriana Dale

Band:

- 1st: The Arizona Wildflowers
- 2nd: Six Gal'N Hat
- 3rd: Sahuaro Scramblers
- 4th: Last Minute Pick Up

## Results for The Grande Fiddle Contest Casa Grande AZ

Open:

- 1st: Jess Barry
- 2nd: Will MacDonald
- 3rd: Maria McArthur
- 4th: Macy Kienbaum
- 5th: John Kennedy

Senior:

- 1st: Henry The Fiddler
- 2nd: Dan Everts
- 3rd: Dave Brinkman
- 4th: Laura Barry
- 5th: Monk Maxwell

Accompanist:

- 1st: Maria McArthur
- 2nd: John Kennedy
- 3rd: Lloyd LaPlant

Jr. Accomp:

- 1st: Ben Barry
- 2nd: Brie Dietrich
- 3rd: Jacob Alpert
- 4th: Killian Morris



Hagstrum bass guitar for sale.  
Ed Johnston \$425  
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### Attend a Monthly Chapter Meeting

**Rim Country - Payson area**  
**1st Sunday 2 pm**

Rock of Ages Lutheran Church  
204 W Airport Rd Payson AZ

**3rd Thursday 6 pm**

Mount Cross Lutheran Church  
Log cabin building

601 E Hwy 260 Payson AZ  
Contact Caitlin Wilson -  
wilsonsetc@gmail.com

**Southern AZ - Tucson area**

Unitarian Universalist Church  
4831 E 22 Street Tucson AZ 85709

6:30 to 8:30 pm

Contact Wilbur Welsh 520-743-7086

**Territorial - Yuma area**

Contact Dan Everts 509-953-0079

**Verde Valley - Cottonwood area**

**NEW DAY !!!**

**Second Sunday 1 - 4 pm**

Senior Citizens Hall

500 E Cherry Cottonwood AZ

Contact Fran Judd 928-634-77963

April 18 2020

Good Day Fellow Fiddlers and Friends of AOTFA . Here it is time for another newsletter. Don't know what to share except we all are terrified of this Coronavirus epidemic or is it pandemic. I get short notes on the internet that there are more deaths annually from influenza than there is with the virus. The whole country is almost completely shut down with this new virus or it seems. We have members here that reside in Washington, Oregon and elsewhere up in northern states and some in Canada, some have already departed back to their homes up north, but a few are staying here because one fellow from Washington told me that there is a quarantine and you can't leave your home and he doesn't want to be confined to just his home. Different here in Yuma, they don't want you out after a certain time at night, could get stopped and given a citation, but are allowed in the day time to go shopping or buy groceries. Most restaurants are closed indefinitely and if they are open it is only for take out. I go to penny diner next door to where the railroad people stay, so they have to stay open for the railroaders to come and go. Still it is a cash and carry scene, can't stay there to eat. I will be glad when it is over with when ever that is. Just drive out into the desert at night, look up at the stars, maybe have a little camp fire going, cook up some cowboy coffee, maybe drag out your guitar and sing a few songs, play a couple of fiddle tunes, it might scare off the critters. There is concern, like one member said they are going to stay here until the restrictions are dropped in their home state. Going to get hot, I tell them, after June most folks do all their travel at night or shopping during twilight. For me it will be working on projects in my garage and learning new blues guitar licks on my new electric guitar, a Fender Telecaster. I have two old friends that are not into fiddling that want to start up a country rock band, maybe some blues. The other two are well educated so I am taking lessons on doing some lead with the electric. We are looking for a drummer and a keyboard player. Will be interesting, going to wait until this virus thing goes away before getting too involved. The local VFW wants to try and have a band contest. That would be interesting maybe include a fiddler or two.

The few that stay behind meet once a week for fiddle lessons being taught by our one and only virtuoso fiddler, Janet Shelby. Lasts an hour or more and we meet in a large garage that is very clean and well lit with the garage door open and it faces the sun side.

Every week there is a new tune, very interesting. Frank Moore and myself play accompaniment, Janet Shelby's husband plays the bass violin. There might be 6 fiddlers.

New tune is Dry and Dusty. I introduced it two weeks ago. A Kenny Baker tune. He was a famous fiddler for another famous musician, Bill Monroe, that started the Blue Grass Boys years ago. I'm the only one there that isn't using script or sheet music. I can't read notes, might as well be fly specs on paper

I have a brand new Fender Stratocaster I bought 5 years ago with several other instruments but will sell it for \$900. You can reach me on the internet [guifiddle@roadrunner.com](mailto:guifiddle@roadrunner.com).

Well, folks that is all for now. Hope everyone stays healthy.

Dennis Russell Territorial Chapter AOTFA editor

**Have fiddle photos you would like to donate to the AOTFA?  
Send them to Noreen**

Arizona Old Time Fiddlers Association  
Application for Membership  
Renewal or Change of Address

Annual Dues \$15 per family Over 80 \$10 includes partner

New Member  Renewal  Change of Address

**Please print**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address \_\_\_\_\_

Summer City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**If Different**

Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Winter City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Man's Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Lady's Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Children under age 18 living at home \_\_\_\_\_

Chapters

Rim Country Payson area

SAOTF Tucson area

Territorial Yuma area

Verde Valley Cottonwood area

Valley Phoenix area

Independent Anywhere

Members may join One principal chapter and one associate chapter

Please send state dues to:

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