

The Arizona Fiddler



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Verde Valley (Cottonwood) chapter is planning to restart their monthly music jams.

Senior Center S 6th St Cottonwood AZ

Third Sunday of the month

starting July 21 2024

1 pm to 4 pm

Muscians and listeners welcome

Contact Nancy reynnnncy@gmail.com or

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Just off the press. Russell Roth, who calls Duluth Minnesota home in the summer, died June 15, 2024, of a massive brain hemmorage. Condolences may be mailed to his wife, Nancy Smith, 5651 Wahl Rd, Duluth, MN 55804

Val Andreasen, of Yuma AZ passed away last winter

**There is a new chapter being considered for the
Phoenix area. If you would be interested in helping
or attending, either as a listener or muscian, please
contact Jessica Mahar feistyfdlr@gmail.com**

COMING Up!!!

SEPTEMBER 20-22 2024

ARIZONA STATE FIDDLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

HELP!!!

GREEN VALLEY PARK

PAYSON AZ

BRING YOUR CHAIRS

Once again we are in need of help to sell the "jewels" at the Payson Contest. If you would be interested in helping, please let Noreen or Linda know ,

NOVEMBER 1-3 2024

FALL FIDDLEFEST

SALOME ARIZONA

LIONS CLUB

DONATION PARKING,

MEALS BY THE LIONS

CHILI DOG LUNCH

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SATURDAY

DINNER SATURDAY EVENING

GENERAL MEETING AOTFA

SATURDAY 11 AM

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

LOTS OF FUN LOTS OF MUSIC

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Elections for 2025 are coming. If you would be interested in holding an office please let Noreen know before November. Linda Darland has asked to be replaced as Secretary/Treasurer. We will need a new Secretary and a new Treasurer or one person that can do both. Plus new board members.

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANY EVENT COMING UP
THAT THE FIDDLERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT,
LET ME KNOW AND I WILL SEND IT OUT TO
THE MEMBERS**

I understand Paul Dickerson is doing well after his fall and surgeries. Keep up the good reports!

Happy July Anniversary

Bill & Jacquie Wilcox	7	11	
Gary & Mary Lee Huntington	7	14	1962
Dick & Francis Lyons	7	17	1971
Bruce & Robin Hopper	7	17	1982
Stan & Linda Wilkinson	7	26	
Troy & Wilma Luttrell	7	7	1987
MaryTiezen	7	8	

HAPPY AUGUST ANNIVERSARY

David Wells	8		1978
Kenny & Nancy Reynolds	8	10	
Arline Peterson	8	15	1975
Wilbur & Andria Welsh	8	28	1982
Guy & Darlene Selle	8	5	1994
Jim Allen	8	9	1998



Harold Skinner 100 years old

Was a friend of Sam Brown, whom some of us remember, from childhood days to the present. Lives in Oregon. And notice he has an AOTFA newsletter in his hands, thanks to Janet Shelby.

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This is from my niece's husband, who was recently diagnosed (and being treated for) with cancer. Although a young man, he offers advice from "an old soul." Read. Heed. Follow. I will only add, believe in and follow Jesus and you will be greatly rewarded with everlasting life.

"You work 8 hours to live 4.

You work 5 days to enjoy 2.

You work 8 hours to eat in 15 minutes.

You work 8 hours to sleep 6

You work all year just to take a week or two vacation.

You work all your life to retire in old age.

Then you find out you have cancer.

Stop living your life for everyone around you and start living it for yourself and the ones you love.

Life is a short trip,

Winners at Weiser 2024 Championships

Small Fry			Age
1	Isley Dietrich	Casa Granda AZ	7
2	Abby Buckley	Missoula MT	8
3	Hartford Coyle	Ennis MT	8
4	Lincoln Landon	Hammer ID	7
5	Kasen Milburn	Caldwell ID	7

Junior Junior			
1	Mckenna Petersen	Fulshear TX	12
2	Kambri Jensen	Meridian ID	12
3	Chloe Nicolayeff	Meridian ID	11
4	Sawyer Dietrich	Casa Grande AZ	9
5	Sorella High	Blackfoot ID	12
6	Logan Venner	Nampa ID	12

Junior			
1	Ranelle Dietrich	Casa Grande AZ	15
2	Max Francis	Victoria BC	13
3	Thomas Paskvan	South Lake TX	16
4	Tristan Paskvan	South Lake TX	13
5	Elisa Beck	Melba ID	17

Young Adult			
1	Alex Sharps	Columbia CA	31
2	Julian Oliver	Fort Collins CO	19
3	Shelby Murdock	Blackfoot Id	28
4	Tessa Dolphin	Idaho Falls ID	19
5	Danielle Meeks	Post Falls ID	22

Adult			
1	Julie Miller	Cardwell ID	46
2	Tim Hodgson	Idaho Falls ID	58
3	Aimee Petersen	Fylsheir TX	51
4	Aaron Fewkes	Meridian ID	39
5	Vi Wickam	Loveland CO	48

Senior			
1	John Francis	Salt Lake City UT	69
2	JayDean Ludiker	Otis Orchards WA	60
3	Joseph Sites	Rigby ID	69
4	Scott Sumner	Milton Freewater OR	63
5	Janey Shelby	Otis Orchards Wa	67

Senior Senior			
1	Starre McMullen	Corvallis OR	72
2	Eileen Walter	Portland OR	72
3	Mabel Vogt	Potlatch ID	81
4	Beth Weber	Ajo AZ	75
5	Duane Stephens	Grainville ID	82

Twin 17 & Younger	
1	Ranelle Dietrich & Jesse Quintana
2	Lorelei Hein & Thomas Paskvan
3	Tristan Paskvan & McKenna Petersen
4	Eliza Beck & Rachel Beck
5	Jetta Brooks & Lars Hagbom

Twin 18 & Older	
1	Shelby Murdock & Tessa Dolphin
2	Libby Rogers & Jaidynn Lee
3	Emily Miller & Dani Jo Meeks
4	Aimee Petersen & Cody Stadelmaier
5	Monte Gaylord & Jason Andrew

Swing 18 & Older	
1	James Mason
2	Katie Glassman
3	Monte Gaylord
4	Celeste Johnson
5	Vi Wickham

Grand Champion	
1	Ridge Roberts
2	Jesse Quintana
3	Celeste Johnson
4	Katie Glassman
5	Monte Gaylord

On May 24, 2024, at 11:am, a memorial service was held for Dennis Russell at the Sunset Vista Funeral Home and Crematory in The Foothills, AZ.

The American Legion presented a color guard and three gun salute.

Dennis' brother and wife, sister, and a niece attended as well as a few local friends, and 8 fiddlers. Dan Everts read the eulogy, Jan Dotson gave a benediction, and a couple of people spoke of memories with Dennis. The fiddlers closed the proceedings with about 5 fiddle tunes.

The fiddlers were then invited to have lunch with the family at Wheezies on Fortuna Blvd

Members are still jamming at Alex Cheeny's park, and we are still scrambling to find fiddlers and their accompaniment to play at Desert Rose once a month.

Last word about Paul Dickerson is that he is steadily improving. We hope to see Paul and Debbie back here in Yuma this Fall.

We hope you are enjoying your summer so far.

Helene Geer, summer Editor for the Yuma AOTFA.



Gold Rush

From the playing of Stafford Harris via Tricia Spencer and Howard Rains

Reel

Byrone Berline and Bill Monroe

A

A

A

Bm

D

Bm

E

1 A

2 A

A

D

A

A

F#m

A

D

E

1 A

2 A

GOLD RUSH. American, Reel (whole time). A Major. Standard tuning (fiddle). AABB'. Composed by legendary bluegrass mandolin player wikipedia:Bill Monroe and his band's fiddler at the time, Byron Berline (The late Monroe had over 63 fiddlers in his group at various times), around 1967. It is only Monroe's name on the credits, however. After graduating college, Berline played with Monroe for about seven months before being drafted into the US army. "Gold Rush" was recorded by Mike Yates in 1980 from the playing of fiddler Pug Allen of Stuarts Draft, Augusta County, Va. At the time Allen was adamant that he knew the tune years before Monroe's recording was issued. Dave Barton relays that Missouri fiddler Fred Stoneking maintains the tune was modeled after a local tune called "Burt County Breakdown," and suspects that Berline (who is from Oklahoma) may have reworked an older tune he heard. The "Burt County" title and tune was sourced to Burt County, Nebraska, fiddler Bob Walters (by Howard Marshall), however, and the breadth of its dissemination is unknown.

Happy Birthday

July

MARY ANN TVEIT	7	12
WILLI McARTHUR	7	14
FRED WERCKLE	7	16
DALLAS PARKER	7	17
MRS WELLS	7	20
DICK LYONS	7	22
BETH YOUNGBLOOD	7	24
TOM CRUMBACKER	7	24
JEFF WALLER	7	25
MARSHALL RACOWSKY	7	26
RAYMOND BLACK	7	31
GORDON JONES	7	31

August

Ron Smith	8	1
Caroline McArthur	8	1
Jean Rook	8	6
Kathryn Busby	8	7
Charlie Freund	8	7
Diana Smith	8	11
Carol O'Brien	8	12
Christine Leazer	8	16
Jill Worley	8	17
Brad Schauer	8	18
Rick Commo	8	20
Ray Stott	8	22
Shawn Cameron	8	24
Mike Worley	8	27
Mrs Dickson	8	29
Jack Barnes	8	30
Norm Trujillo	8	30
Ranelle Dietrich	8	31



Ranelle Dietrich
National Junior Champions



Isley Dietrich
National Small Fry Champion

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

☐ Independent Anywhere

Members may join one principal chapter.

and one associate chapter

Please send state dues to:

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