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## *Holiday Issue*

*Happy holidays to all. It has been a busy several months, but I think we have the Soundpost on schedule and on time!! Thanks to everyone for their patience.*

*I especially want to thank those who have responded to the request for email delivery of the newsletter. We have cut down the "snail mail" deliveries by 15% - a big savings to the organization. Another*

*big plus is the printer: Patterson Irrigator who gives us an incredible deal for publishing. They not only correct obvious errors, but staple, fold, and put the little sticky tapes at the top for me!*

*Along with wonderful contest meets with friends, we have also had several losses of very important lifetime members of CSOTFA. See inside for more info.*

### *Time for remembrance & togetherness*



*Good news! The Cloverdale contest is back on! Thanks to sponsors for that.*

*See ya down the road.*

*Anita*



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### DISTRICT MEETING LOCATIONS, DATES, AND TIMES:

District 1:	Municipal Auditorium	Oroville Ca.	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	1:00-4:30 p.m.
District 2:	Senior Citizens Village, 1927 S. Chestnut Ave.	Fresno Ca	Every Saturday	7:00-10:00 p.m.
District 3:	Carden School Cafeteria	Tehachapi Ca	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	2:00-5:00 p.m.
District 4:	Orange Thorpe Pk. Activity Bldg., 1414 Brookhurst	Fullerton Ca	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	1:00-4:00 p.m.
District 5:	Orangevale Grange, 5807 Walnut Ave.	Orangevale Ca	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	1:00-5:00 p.m.
District 6:	St. James Lutheran Church 2500 Shasta View Dr.	Redding CA	1 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Oct thru June	2:00-5:00 p.m.**
			**Free Workshop Prior to Jam	
District 7:	Moose Lodge	El Cajon Ca	1 <sup>st</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	12:00-3:00 p.m.
	Terrace Est. Club Room, 1815 Sweetwater Rd.	Spring Valley Ca	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	12:00-3:00 p.m.
District 8:	Oak View Community Center, 18 Valley Rd.	Oak View Ca	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	1:30-4:00 p.m.
District 9:	United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria St.	Castro Valley Ca	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	1:30-5:00 p.m.
District 14:	Pioneer's Museum, Imp Co. Hist. Soc, 33 Aten Rd	Imperial Ca	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	1:00-3:00 p.m.**

\*\*Free Fiddle Lessons **Sept. to March** at the Imperial Library Thursday Nights 6:00 p.m.

## In Memoriam . . .



### *Delbert & Ferrel McGrath*

Delbert and Ferrel McGrath met in Missouri near Branson where her father ran a club where Del played. One thing led to another and they got married and headed to CA about the start of WWII. In about 1960 Del and Ferrel were among a group who formed the Sacramento Fiddlers. Other members of that group included Roscoe and Waneeta Keithley, and Charley Marshall. Charley used to play and sing live on early morning shows on KCRA and KFBK radio. In those years, my wife, Betty, and I came to know the McGraths,

the Keithleys and Charley at various jam sessions and at an annual fiddle event at the Gold Rush Discovery Park in Coloma. After the California State Oldtime Fiddlers Association was formed by Arlene Berg and some others in 1965, the Sacramento Fiddlers were folded into CSOT-FA.

Del was an excellent fiddler and fiddle judge. He won many contests and like many fiddlers had a backyard shop where he made and fixed instruments. After he retired from Campbell Soup, he and Ferrel would often go on week-

ends to Denio's auction in Roseville where Ferrel would sell crafts etc. and Del and some of his buddies would play music. Del died in approx. 2003.

Ferrel managed to make trips back to her native Missouri to see friends and relatives both this summer and last summer. She had told her Missouri folks she would be back again next year, according to Dist. 5 member Suzie Brown who knows the Keithleys. May Voyles, a former Dist. 5 member and longtime co-worker with Delbert, told me recently that Ferrel had

had a number of health problems lately and she (May) was surprised that Ferrel attempted the trip this year.

Many years ago, good friends Del and Ferrel McGrath and John and Virgie Brown bought cemetery plots at Sunset Lawn. Over the years, all four became honorary life members of OTF due to their longtime contributions to the club. Ferrel is the last of the four to go.

Doug Dempster

*Lester Standiford—funeral services were held October 1, 2010 for Les who passed from this life on September 27 following a lengthy battle with heart disease. See story next page.*

*Ferrel McGrath—passed from this life on October 3, 2010. See story contributed by Doug Dempster.*

*Paul Reno—passed on Sept 26, 2010. District 9. See story next page.*

*In Loving Memory Of*



*Lester H. Standiford*

**Lester Standiford:** November 8, 1924— September 27, 2010

Les is survived by his wife of 64 years, Louise, and a large family. He was a Lifetime member of District 1 CSOTFA and a Lifetime member of the VFW Post 4095 in Olivehurst. Lester was a South East Asia WWII survivor. Lester has been CA State Senior & Senior-Senior champion several times. He made fiddles, mandolins and repaired fiddle bows. He enjoyed jamming with friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

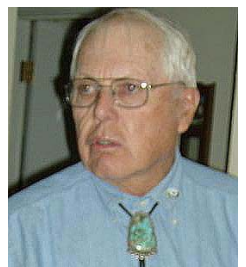
## **Remembering Paul Reno, Apr 24, 1922 - Sep 26, 2010**

Paul Reno, a long-time member of the Fiddlers', died last month after a prolonged illness. He was 88 years old. Here are two remembrances of Paul, by Jeannette Amick and Harley Reno. There was something very special about Paul. Maybe it was his quiet demeanor as he sat and listened to the music he loved, or the sparkle in his eyes as he smiled at the ladies who approached him. Yes, several of the District 9 ladies have had the distinct pleasure of being known as his "fa-vo-rite" girlfriend. (Just ask Betty Hainley!)

Anyone who has known Paul Reno has a story to tell about him. I've listened to stories about the prize winning dahlias that he brought to decorate the pot luck table on Fiddle Sunday, and then shared the bulbs with anyone who wanted them. He has touched so many lives in the best of ways just by being himself. -- Jeannette

In late 1945, Paul visited an aunt, brother and sister in Oakland, California. His intention was to make the visit brief before returning to Oklahoma to farm. His brief visit lasted for the rest of his life. He worked as a hydraulic mechanic, and later restored steam-powered tractors and horse- and mule- drawn farm machinery.

In 1953, Paul started growing flowers, especially dahlias, in the backyard. Over the next 35 years, he won many thousands of ribbons showing and competing in regional flower shows. His yard was routinely featured in flower magazines and newspapers.





## Coming Events

- **Jan 29/30 2011 : Annual Cloverdale Fiddle Contest—  
Citrus Fairgrounds, Cloverdale, CA. Thanks to 3  
sponsor stepping up with funding to go on!! See  
Website [www:\cloverdalefiddlers.com](http://www.cloverdalefiddlers.com)**
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- **CA state Fiddle Championships. March 18-19, 2011.  
Oroville CA. For more info visit website  
[WWW.csotfa.net](http://WWW.csotfa.net) or [clark9491@att.net](mailto:clark9491@att.net)**

**Friday      March 18, 2011 at OROVILLE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM**

1:30 PM      CSOTFA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (All members PLEASE attend) in the Auditorium  
2:30 PM      Registration opens  
3:10 PM      Fiddle contestants meet with Judges in the Auditorium  
3:30 PM      Senior-Senior Fiddle Preliminaries (70 years & over)  
4:30 PM      Senior Fiddle Preliminaries (60 – 69 years)  
5:25 PM      Senior-Senior (70 years & over) Top 5 Finalists  
5:50 PM      Senior (60 – 69 years) Top 5 Finalists  
6:15 PM      AWARDS: Senior-Senior, Oldest Fiddler, Senior  
6:30 PM      ANYTHING GOES  
To follow      AWARDS

**Saturday      March 19, 2011 at OROVILLE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM**

7:30 AM      Registration Opens (Young Adults first PLEASE)  
7:45 AM      Fiddle Contestants meet with Judges in the Auditorium  
8:00 AM      Young Adults (18 – 36 years) Fiddle Preliminaries  
8:30 AM      Junior (13 – 17 years) Fiddle Preliminaries  
9:35 AM      Junior-Junior (9 – 12 years) Fiddle Preliminaries  
11:20 AM      Pee Wee (8 years & under) Fiddle Preliminaries  
**LUNCH BREAK**  
1:00 PM      Adult (37 – 59 years) Fiddle Preliminaries  
2:10 PM      Open (any age) Fiddle Preliminaries  
2:50 PM      Junior Twin Fiddle (17 years & under): ONE ROUND ONLY fast/slow tunes, 4 min. limit  
3:15 PM      Open Twin Fiddle (any age): ONE ROUND ONLY fast/slow tunes, 4 min. limit  
3:40 PM      Open Picking (any age): ONE ROUND ONLY fast/slow tunes, 4 min. limit  
4:15 PM      Junior Picking (17 years & under): ONE ROUND ONLY fast/slow tunes, 4 min. limit  
**DINNER BREAK**

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6:00 PM      Opening Ceremonies – Flag Salute & Invocation  
6:15 PM      Pee Wee (8 years & under) Top 5 Fiddle Finalists  
6:40 PM      Junior-Junior (9 – 12 years) Top 5 Fiddle Finalists  
7:05 PM      Junior (13 – 17 years) Top 5 Fiddle Finalists  
7:30 PM      AWARDS: Twin Fiddle, Open Picking, Junior Picking, Pee Wee, Youngest Boy & Girl Fiddler  
7:45 PM      JUDGES ENTERTAIN  
8:05 PM      AWARDS: Junior-Junior, and Junior  
8:15 PM      Adult (37 – 59 years) Top 5 Fiddle Finalists  
8:40 PM      Young Adult (18 – 36 years) Top 5 Fiddle Finalists  
9:05 PM      Open (any age) Top 5 Fiddle Finalists  
9:30 PM      AWARDS: Adult, Young Adult, Accompanist, Open

**Sunday      March 20, 2011 - OROVILLE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM**

8:00 AM      CSOTFA State Officers & Board of Directors Meeting – at Cornucopia Restaurant  
**CSOTFA Members are welcome to attend**

**2011 CSOTFA STATE/OPEN FIDDLE CHAMPIONSHIPS & PICKING CONTEST**

OROVILLE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM - 1200 Myers Street, Oroville, CA - March 18-19, 2011

**(REGISTRATION ON SITE or by \*PRE-REGISTRATION)**

Name ( M or F ) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Registration Discount \$1.00- Regular Fiddle/Guitar Div. only**

\_\_\_\_\_ Pee Wee (8 years & under) \$5.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Accompanist (any age) \$12.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Jr. Jr. (9 - 12 years) \$10.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Twin Fiddle (Junior) \$5.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior (13 - 17 years) \$12.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Twin Fiddle (Open-any age) \$5.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Young Adult (18 - 36 years) \$15.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Jr. Picking (17 years and under) \$6.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult (37 - 59 years) \$15.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Open Picking (any age) \$10.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Senior (60 - 69 years) \$15.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Anything Goes (any age) \$5.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Sr. Sr. (70 years & over) \$15.00

Twins Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Open (any age) \$20.00

Twin Fiddle contestants must be registered in a regular fiddle division and compete as scheduled in order to qualify for competition.

Contestants may pick up their score sheets at the end of the contest at the registration table. First round scores will be posted.

**DIVISIONS AND PRIZE MONEY + TROPHIES AND MEDALLIONS**

<u><b>Pee Wee Div</b></u>	<u><b>Jr. Jr. Div</b></u>	<u><b>Junior Div</b></u>	<u><b>Yng Adult Div</b></u>	<u><b>Adult Div</b></u>
1st \$50 + T+M	1st \$100 + T+M	1st \$125 + T+M	1st \$150 + M	1st \$150 + M
2nd 25 + M	2nd 50 + M	2nd 75 + M	2nd 100 + M	2nd 100 + M
3rd 15 + M	3rd 25 + M	3rd 50 + M	3rd 75 + M	3rd 75 + M
4th 10 + M	4th 15 + M	4th 35 + M	4th 50 + M	4th 50 + M
5th 5 + M	5th 10 + M	5th 20 + M	5th 25 + M	5th 25 + M
6th-10th M	6th-10th M	6th-10th M		6th-8th M
<u><b>Open Div</b></u>	<u><b>Sr. Sr. Div</b></u>	<u><b>Senior Div</b></u>	<u><b>Accompanist</b></u>	<u><b>Twin Fiddle</b></u>
1st \$250 + M	1st \$150 + M	1st \$150 + M	1st \$150 + M	1st \$75 + MM
2nd 175 + M	2nd 100 + M	2nd 100 + M	2nd 100 + M	2nd 40 + MM
3rd 125 + M	3rd 75 + M	3rd 75 + M	3rd 75 + M	3rd 20 + MM
4th 100 + M	4th 50 + M	4th 50 + M	4th 60 + M	4th Med + Med
5th 75 + M	5th 25 + M	5th 25 + M	5th 45 + M	5th Med + Med
6th-8th M	6th-8th M	6th-8th M	6th-8th M	(Open and Jr.)

Picking Divisions are for: Banjos - Guitars - and Mandolins only.

Junior Picking Div: 1st \$75 + M, 2nd \$40 + M, 3rd \$25 + M, 4th \$15 + M, 5th \$10 + M

Open Picking Div: 1st \$100 + M, 2nd \$50 + M, 3rd \$40 + M, 4th \$20 + M, 5th \$15 + M

Anything Goes: 1st 60% 2nd 30% 3rd 10%

**R.V. Parking:** Flat fee of \$10.00. **ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO C.S.O.T.F.A.**

Youngest Girl Medallion

Youngest Boy Medallion

Oldest Fiddler Medallion

**ADMISSION: FREE for both Friday and Saturday. DONATIONS gladly accepted at the door.**

**NOTE:** Pre-registration form and money MUST be postmarked by March 1, 2011

**\*SEND TO:** CSOTFA State Contest Registration Committee, 12901 Foothill Lane, Saratoga, CA 95070-3712



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**CALIFORNIA STATE  
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**March 18-19, 2011**

**Municipal Auditorium**

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## **61st Death Valley 49ers Fiddle & Picking Contest 11/13/10.**

### **Junior (under 17) (3)**

Juliette Bascom 10 Victorville, Ca,

Cole Johnson 12 Ridgecrest, Ca,

River King 10 La Verkin, Utah.

### **Adult (18-49) (3)**

Paul Aguirre 45 Las Vegas, Nv,

Carissa Hall 22 Clovis, Ca,

Janelle Rodriquez 27 Henderson, Nv.

### **Senior (50-69) (4)**

Anita Marley 61 Patterson, Ca,

Lynn Baldwin 60 Henderson, Nv,

Randy Warner 59 Washoe Valley, Nv.

### **Senior-Senior (70+) (5)**

1-Barbara Brooks 71 Poway, Ca,

2- Charley Oveland 72 Saratoga, Ca,

3-Vera Vann-Wilson 75 Blue Diamond, Nv.

### **Open (any age) (3)**

1- Danita Gardner 39 Atherton, Ca,

2- Hughie Smith 77 Bakersfield, Ca,

3- Doug Sherwood 76 Henderson, Nv.

### **1st Time-Ever (any age) (2)**

1- Jim Damele 57 Las Vegas, Nv,

2- Ruth Stucki 61 Las Vegas, Nv.

**Grand Champion Picker:** Dan Levitt, Granda Hill, Ca won the Guitar.

**Oldest Fiddler:** Hank Boss 83 Newport Beach, Ca.

**Youngest Fiddler:** River King 10 La Verkin, Utah.

**Judges:** Gayle Clarity-Woodburn, OR, Sherry Adderly-La Verkin, UT, Wille Randel-El Cajon, Ca.

### **Twin Fiddle (3)**

1 Carissa Hall & Hughie Smith,

2 Vera Vann-Wilson & Lynn Baldwin,

3 Janelle Rodriquez & Jeanne Howerton Las Vegas, Nv.

### **Novelty (3)**

1 Vera Vann-Wilson- Blue Diamond, Nv (Dobro)

2 Juliette Bascom- Victorville, Ca (Dobro)

3 Hank Boss-Newport Beach, Ca (Bones).

### **Guitar (6)**

1-Ron Graske 77 Anaheim, Ca,

2-Mary Morris ? Prescott, Az,

3-Carissa Hall 22 Clovis, Ca.

### **Mandolin (5)**

1-Hughie Smith 77 Bakersfield, Ca

2-Juliette Bascom 10 Victorville, Ca,

3-Ed Farnsworth 72 Del Rey, Ca.

### **Banjo (3)**

1- Dan Levitt 59 Granda Hills, Ca

2-Vera Vann-Wilson 75 Blue Diamond, Nv.

3-Hank Boss 83 Newport Beach, Ca.

### **Accompanist (19)**

1-Al Myers-Redding, Ca

2-Herb Gilkey-Las Vegas, Nv

3-Jim Demele-Las Vegas, Nv.

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