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# FIDDLE NEWS

Terry is one of the lead fiddle players in the B.C. Old Time Fiddlers' Kamloops Branch #12. He has been a member for the past thirty years and has held every position on the board except for secretary. He was born in Kamloops and grew up in Westwold B.C.

Terry inherited his musical talent from his mother who was an accomplished pianist, going all the way to grade 13 with her piano lessons. She also had a marvelous singing voice, which Terry did **not** inherit!! He has a very quiet gentle voice.

At age ten Terry started his career in music with the ukelele. One year later his father purchased a guitar for him and a violin for his sister. It wasn't long before they found out that his sister was tone deaf. Hence Terry inherited a violin!

When he turned fourteen he began playing in a band in Westwold, mostly with the guitar. Two years later Terry began playing the violin seriously. He was taught by Dr. Raven, a retired symphony conductor. Terry played in the Junior Symphony for four years. He also played in the school band for two years and his teacher there was Archie McMurdo. These two gentlemen played a very important role in Terry's younger musical years. He still speaks of them fondly.

At age eighteen Terry was playing with "The Thompson Valley Boys"; he played in that band from 1952 to 1956. He also played with the "Good Time Boys". Then he moved on to join the "Irish Whiskey" playing the violin for three years. Now along came Alice Berner and asked Terry if he would like to join her band. They were called "One Plus Four" (three fellows and one lady). They played for senior facilities throughout the Kamloops area and played together for approximately four years. Terry, you really

got around didn't you, guitar under one arm and a violin tucked under the chin!!!

In 1983 Terry became a full time fiddler for Branch #12. He became good friends with the lead fiddler Leo Ready. Terry said he really appreciated the encouragement and helpful advice he received from Leo when he joined the Old Time Fiddlers. Terry has really enjoyed all these

wonderful years playing the fiddle and that's not the only musical instrument he can play. He has the guitar, violin, piano and maybe a few notes on the ukelele!?

Terry and his wife Sonja were blessed with two daughters that are also musically talented: they do not play in any band but have chosen to play for their own entertainment. They play guitar and piano.

As time rolls on some of us in later years can become somewhat impaired with arthritis, which Terry now has in his fingers. This however does not stop him from playing lead fiddle at the Saturday night dances in Kamloops every 1st & 3rd Sat. of the month. He is still also very much involved in special events, such as the May Fiddle Contest, the big June Campout, Christmas Light Tour for the seniors etc, etc.



**TERRY JONES - KAMLOOPS**

Terry you are to be congratulated for your 30 years and I'm sure there will be more to come! So thanks a million for all the wonderful tunes!

Terry had one very special, very devoted fan. She attended every dance he played at and listened intently to his playing, and when he, on occasion made a mistake she was always there afterwards to point that out!! She truly loved to go to the dances. This is dedicated to Terry's lovely wife "Sonja Jones" who passed away in 2006. "Sonja and Terry were married for 50 years".

*Submitted by Marie Bursey*

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**



### **JOHN TRIBE**

Congratulations to the elected executive for the upcoming term 2013 - 2014. I

will remain as President for another term but you should know that I am looking for someone to replace me as I have been President for 9 terms over the past 13 years and I feel it is time for some new thinking.

Your executive for the upcoming term:

President - John Tribe

Vice President - Vivienne Chin

Sec. Treas. - Jackie Davis

Directors with One year remaining:  
Craig Freeman, Hal Giles, Philippa Parker

Directors with Two years: Vic. Ukrainetz, Dale McGregor, Mark Sullivan

By the time the next Provincial Championship Contest rolls around there will be two new Perpetual Trophies added to the list with one

being a memorial to Charlotte Lapp for the Little Juniors and the other a memorial to Bob Montgomery in the Junior category. These two people will be both greatly missed and remembered for their contribution for many, many years.

It had been my intention to step down from the position of President in order to take on the task of “re-doing” the Red Book that was last produced in 1995. The desire for a re-issue of this book has been talked about for many years at the executive level but the magnitude of the job prevented anyone from offering to take the task on. I indicated a willingness to spearhead the project and will still take the project on, however, since I will be President for another term the time and effort that I will be able to put towards the Red Book will of necessity be reduced. I will be in contact with all the Branches to start the process of gathering information about the Branch and its members and most importantly nominating a “key contact” that I should be working with. The advent of desktop publishing and digital photography will, I hope, make this a much easier task than the one Ada Brown and her helpers were faced with previously. At the same time there is a great deal of information to be gathered and organized in order to create a new Red Book that we can all be proud of.

I thank you for your confidence in me and pledge to do my best to work with the branches, the executive and to carry out the ideals stated in our Constitution.

*Your president,  
John Tribe*

## FROM THE EDITOR

FLORENCE TELLIER



Congratulations to the new Provincial Executive as well as to all the competitors who placed in the 2013 Provincial Championships in Kamloops.

At the Provincial AGM, also held in Kamloops, I received verbal recognition for putting the newsletter together for so many years. It seems that about eight years have slipped by since I started the Editors job! But I want to pass on the thanks to each & every one of the contributors, as without all of you, we would not have a newsletter. Thanks also go out to Jenny Bakken for continuing to proofread for me.

One thing I would really like everyone to do is to make note of the dates for submission on your calendars – Feb 15, May 15, Aug. 15, & Nov 15.

Welcome to Ardea Wylie, the new correspondent for the Prince George Branch. Marguerite, enjoy your extra time after so many years of writing the articles for Prince George!

*Cheers,  
Florence Tellier*

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## CLUB NEWS

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### PRINCE GEORGE

On behalf of Prince George Branch #1 Fiddle Club, I wish to extend our gratitude to Marguerite MacKenzie for thirteen years of acting as Club Correspondent. She has been active

in our club for many years, meeting many different responsibilities. Her gift for writing produced the provincial and local newsletters that were both informative and enjoyable to read. I always looked forward to reading her newsletters, and will do my best to meet her standards. Enjoy your hobbies of gardening, the Teachers' Historical Society, and family genealogy, Marguerite. Your newsletters will surely be missed!

Prince George Branch #1 B.C.O.T.F hosted its 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Time Fiddle Contest April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at Blackburn Hall. This was our second April contest which pleased us to see new faces from our fiddle club, as well as other fiddle clubs. The Friday evening concert featured our guest performers, Daniel Lapp and Keith Hill accompanied by Prince George's own famous bass player, Jim Dow. The concert opened with a large group of our fiddlers, many who are new to the club: Doug Borden, Barry Nakahara, Gabrielle Jacob, Hailey Kitchen, Christianne Foreman, Shawnee, Maria and Faith Newton, Chris and Kathryn Rempel, Ken and Olivia Blair, Erin Rowe, Malikai and Hamish Lamoureux, Rebecca Norn, Ashley Bouwman, Michelle Sims, Melanie and Danica Noullette, and Ardea Wylie. Under direction of Carolyn Jacob, and with backup music provided by Beth Bressette, the group performed old-time favorites composed of waltzes, jigs and reels: the first group started the concert off with French Waltz, Rubber Dolly, Chase Me Charlie, Pelican Reel, Redwing, Black Velvet Waltz and Maple Sugar. Our five teens awed the audience with a jig medley; Swallow Tail Jig/Black Thorn Stick and Ivonne Hernandez's tune, Dog on Ice. Everyone joined in again to finish off the concert with Old Joe Clark and Cabbages. We managed to entice Daniel on stage to join us with Cabbages for our grand finale.

Along with his accompaniment, Daniel's fiddle rocked the hall by starting out with Prince George fiddlers' Max and Len Sexsmith tunes; Prince George Breakdown, Cheslatta Lake Rag, and The Caribou Shuffle, Julie Anne Polka, respectively. After entertaining us with his interpretation of Listen to the Mocking Bird, Daniel changed the mood, plucking at the heartstrings of many, when he performed a beautiful waltz he wrote, Charlotte Jean, in memory of his mom. At the grand finale, Daniel left his audience clapping, foot-stomping, and whistling for an encore with Black Mountain Rag. The concert was a great beginning to a memorable fiddle weekend! Many enthusiastic fiddle fans also came out to enjoy the competition and to support all contestants. Results of the Saturday contest are as follows.

#### Little Junior Class:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quinlan Shaw-Bowers (Prince George)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny Graham-Smith (Prince George)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Danica Noullette (Prince George)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Hannah Stevens (Prince George)
- Participation trophy: Faith Newton (Willow River)

#### Junior Class:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Anaise Labonte (Smithers)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hunter Grosse Pearen (Quesnel)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hailey Kitchen (Prince George)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Emmelin Leclerc (Prince George)

#### Youth Class:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Leland Bachelet (Two Hills Alberta)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Maria Newton (Willow River)

#### Intermediate Class:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ardea Wylie (Prince George)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shawnee Newton (Willow River)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Beth Bressette (Prince George)

Senior Class:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Garry Hill (Vernon)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian St. Germain (Prince George)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed Matchett (Port Alberni)

Open Class:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lia Gronberg (Mission)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Barry Nakahara (Prince George)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Doug Borden (Prince George)

Championship Class:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sydney Wilson (Prince George)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Deni Stone (Quesnel)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Adam Johnson (Quesnel)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kai Gronberg (Mission)

Twin Fiddle Class:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Adam Johnson & Deni Stone
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kai & Lia Gronberg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Barry Nakahara & Beth Bressette
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ardea Wylie & Clayton Burrill

Eldest Fiddler was Ed Matchett, Youngest Fiddler was Hannah Stevens - 6 years old & the Fiddler travelling the furthest was Ed Matchett of Port Alberni.

Prince George will be hosting the Provincial Championship Contest in our 45<sup>th</sup> year of competitions, April 2014. We congratulate all contestants and hope to see you next year.

Finally! We earned first place in the May Day Parade over the Red Hat Ladies who, it seems, have always placed first. I think the judges finally felt sorry for us. However, the best part of this year's float was the new group of young fiddlers, all participating in Grandma's Patio Party. The float, decorated under the careful guidance of Edna Rouleau included fiddlers Christianne Foreman, Shawnee and Faith Newton, Kathryn Rempel, Ken and Olivia Blair, Erin Rowe lead by Doug Borden; accompanied by guitars; Roland Rouleau and Ardea Wylie, banjo; Robbyn Unruh and

mandolin; Edna Rouleau. Edna's granddaughter, Josey, showered the spectators with sweets. The float was safely towed through downtown Prince George, by our devoted president, Brain St. Germain. Our success rests on Edna's creative genius!

Charlotte Lapp has been instrumental in our club's youth program since its development. Without youth, the club would not have existed for 44 years. Charlotte's encouragement and mentoring has made this year one of the best years for new youth and adult members learning to fiddle. Her inclusive nature inspired the young and old alike to do their best. In each person, Charlotte only saw potential musicians. She loved to party and organized many celebrations that included the Old Time Fiddlers. Each fiddler played regardless of playing level. As some reluctantly took turns, each member learned to experience worth as musicians. House parties included abundance of food and friendly card games. After each card game, the players would rotate so everyone became acquainted in a relaxed and safe environment. Charlotte loved music, and in music created a family, a community, and left a legacy where funds could be donated in her name to continue the youth program she developed. Few could match her energy, and it has taken four of us to try to fill her place. Charlotte lived life to the fullest and if she had a choice to sit or dance, she would choose to dance, and she certainly would hope we would, too. Charlotte lives in our Youth; our past, our present, and our future! You are dearly missed by all.

Our musicians continue to be busy with spring play-outs at seniors' residences and care homes. We are pleased to have Kordyban Lodge, the new Prince George Cancer

Patient lodge built for out of town patients, added to our play out list. Our regular season of playouts, dances and Thursday evening jam sessions is drawing to a close, (June 27) as our members will be taking the summer off. We will resume our jam sessions, dances and regular play-outs September 5, 2013. If you are out this way, come and join us.

Until next time have a wonderful summer and happy fiddling!

*Ardea Wylie,  
Club correspondent*

**QUESNEL**



**BRANCH #3**

The Club has been continuing to have its monthly dances at the Quesnel Royal Canadian Legion on the first weekend, usually, of each month and appreciate all of the players that make an effort to come, especially those from Prince George, Quesnel Lake and Williams Lake.

Our May dance was a challenge, without Jean, our fantastic irreplaceable piano player, but with faithful regulars we made it through and look forward to our regular dance in June.

The Quesnel Rotary Club presented a BBQ for the student exchange program on May 19 and we were invited to play while guest's arrived for the event - even had some dancers on that cement arena floor. We have a few playouts coming up over the summer. First up is the Relay for Life on May 25, next would be Sylvia's Music Fest early Saturday afternoon June 15, a first for us, and then on Father's Day, June 16 our regular playout at the park where Cottonwood Historic House is located. Third weekend of

July we have our other regular payout at the Billy Barker Days Festival.

Next we have Roy's Retreat in honour of our friend Roy Throssel to be held at the Cottonwood Historic Park on the weekend of August 16, 17, and 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be workshops throughout the day and jam sessions in the evenings. For more information checkout the facebook page.

Again, this year we are planning on both of our boy's, they do belong to the club not their parents, heading again to the Canadian Grand Masters this year in Saskatoon and wish them all the best their fiddles can produce.

There are two musicians in Quesnel, some of you may know, that have passed away in the past couple of weeks, one is Wally Bourelle, not a member of the fiddlers, but a Quesnel musician that played more than fiddle and guitar over his 93 years. Also Jean Davis the wife of Doug Davis, of the Devil Dreamers, about 45 years before I was here. We send our condolences to both of their families.

Lastly, we pass our condolences to Beth Bressette, Don Redden, and siblings on the passing of Beth's father Dave Bowman, Saturday evening of the weekend of the Hixon Jamboree, and thank her from the deepest corners of our hearts for staying and playing for us under those conditions, to make it to the Hospice House to be with him as he passed.

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## CENTRAL FRASER VALLEY



### BRANCH #4

Spring has definitely sprung – early spring crocuses, tulips and daffodils have long since finished blooming, and the lilacs are out! This is certainly my favorite time of the year.

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, the CFVF hosted their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiddlecamp and Fiddlerama, welcoming Patti Lamoureux, Mike Sanyshyn, Karrnel Sawitsky, and Mairi Rankin into our fiddling family for the day. They provided our students with valuable instruction and inspired the entire Fiddlerama audience with their fiddling skills. A good time was had by all, and the Fiddlerama committee members all survived the experience of organizing the event, so I believe it's safe to say there will be a 13<sup>th</sup> annual. Video clips of the concert can be found on our website ([www.centralfraservalleyfiddlers.com](http://www.centralfraservalleyfiddlers.com)).

I'm so excited that fiddling is getting its due, with the 1<sup>st</sup> annual World Fiddling Day, this May 18<sup>th</sup>. Some of our members joined the Merritt club at Harmon Lake for a fiddling campout for the weekend. What a great way to spend World Fiddling Day!

CFVF members Kai and Lia Gronberg have been on fire, winning award after award in recent months. We are all so proud of them. Congratulations, Kai and Lia!!

The CFVF members go back to school twice a month, as we have booked alumni Roxanna Sabir to provide us with a workshop during our evening practices. We are learning so much each workshop as

she guides us through the tunes we regularly play, showing us how to polish them to make them sound that much better! It will be hard to let her take the summer off and go back to our regular practices.

*Submitted by,  
Joanne Davenport, VP*

## SURREY



### BRANCH #5

We have been very fortunate for the great weather we have been having during the first two weeks of May, with no rain and temperatures in the mid 20 deg. C.

We do not have a lot of news to mention since our last newsletter and our fiddlers continue having a great time getting together to provide some lively music for our monthly dances. We are presently holding our monthly practices at a local Care Home Facility which has been working out very well and the old time tunes are really appreciated by all of the elderly people. Once we find a permanent place for our practice sessions we will post the information on our blog.

We have one more dance on June 6<sup>th</sup> and then we will be taking a break for the months of July and August with the exception of our potluck picnic / fiddle jamboree, which will take place at Clayton Hall in Surrey on August 4<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Bring your choice of potluck food, musical instruments and join us.

Congratulations to members Kai and Lia Gronberg for participating and doing well at Prince George Fiddle Contest. Lia placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Open Class and Kai Placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Championship Class.

Kai and Lia also entered the Provincial Contest in Kamloops where Lia placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Open Class and Kai placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Championship Class. "Congratulations to both of you".

Members, Evan Sanyshyn and Rose Marie Patterson have recently returned from France where they toured Paris and onto a Viking River boat cruise, up the Seine river to Rouen, Normandy and back to Avignon. If you have never travelled to France you will find it is a very scenic Country, worthwhile visiting, especially out in the country side.

Members, Marion, Sam and Brad McDowell have recently travelled to Vancouver Island where they attended the Branch #18 Fiddle Fest, workshop and concert with Mark Sullivan and met with members of Br. 18. They mentioned that they had a great time and enjoyed their visit.

Condolences go out to the family of Jack Worrell, who passed away on April 23. Jack was a member of our fiddle organization for the past 10 years, also a great supporter of our club, who rarely missed any dances during these years. We will miss Jack's friendly nature and smiling face .

"Wishing all of you a happy and safe Summer holiday."

*Submitted by,  
Evan Sanyshyn*

## KELOWNA



### BRANCH #7

Behind our house is a 5 acre school yard that was a solid beautiful yellow mass for a couple of weeks and another week

white as snow. The no spray rule in Kelowna has allowed the dandelions to take over. Between them and T.T. Chinese Elms (Terrible Tree), they are an ongoing battle. Our spring season started out cool but last week it was in the mid 30's, so really brought the snow pack down. The gardens and orchards could use a nice heavy rain.

Our local group is as busy as ever with their regular playing dates and special events. John and Lynn Tribe & crew are busy with the end of the month contest. The Kamloops Provincial Contest was well attended earlier in May and was their usual fine show. At the Annual Provincial Meeting our John Tribe was again elected as President. Also re-elected was our music director, Vic Ukrainetz. Congratulations to these fine dedicated members. On March 8<sup>th</sup>, we were treated to a fine performance by Gordon Stobbe and JJ Guy. They are quite the characters, have fun on the stage and do some fine harmony. We were treated to some of their original tunes and many old favourites.

The following morning they held a workshop for us and were assisted by our Shamma Sabir. Later we were fortunate to enjoy the Natalie McMaster concert. She is a tremendous talent and one busy lady with her young family. A highlight of the show was Shamma Sabir on stage with 70 of her elementary school students. Shamma has done a great job encouraging and instructing local kids and helped us struggling old timers as well.

Our Sunshine lady, Pauline Angman, has had a trip to the hospital but is home now and doing well. Lois Tymchen has moved into a senior home as she needs full time care now. All the best to them from our fiddle family. Bob Montgomery's memorial was well attended by his family and many friends. There were many tributes to

him by family members and close friends. Calvin Vollrath and Keith Hill treated us to some fine music before the ceremony and some of our local gang performed during the social time. It was great to meet his family and some of his former students and friends like Dianna Lynn (Kushneryk). Diana's mother, Darlene Kuhn, gave an outstanding tribute to Bob that we could relate to.

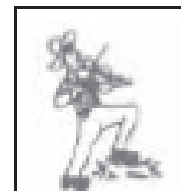
This coming weekend is our western theme dance at the Rutland Seniors Hall. The next day, we are involved in the Rutland May Day parade. Our float has been rebuilt by Bill Bryson and crew, so it is good to go. There are a lot of cheers, clapping and little kids do a lot of dancing about as we pass by.

Our long time member, Rose Tanguay, will be 94 on May 31<sup>st</sup>. She doesn't play a lot any more but enjoys a few tunes when we visit her. So Happy Birthday from all of us Rosie.

We're looking forward to greeting those who can come visit us at our end of the month contest. If you have shares in an oil well it will help with travel expenses. As you know, we are welcoming Mark Sullivan back as our guest artist, so see your there. P.S. Quote from Margaret Powers: *Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognise a mistake every time you make it.*

*Russ Gerrie*

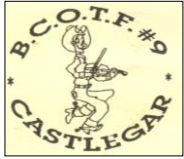
## MERRITT



### BRANCH #8

No report from Merritt at this time.

## KOOTENAY



### BRANCH #9

Hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine we have been having. The only distressing thing about this time of year, is the fast snow melt and the flood tragedies it can bring to many folks near our rivers and streams.

Our performance group has been playing quite steadily at the various West Kootenay care facilities, such as Castlewood, Castlevue, Rosewood, Poplar Ridge, Columbia View, and the Trail Seniors' tea dances. Our members feel that this is our way of contributing to Society. We have a great deal of civic pride when we see the obvious pleasure our music brings to our audiences, particularly the seniors.

On May 4th, we held a "Spring Fling" dance at the Genelle Hall to raise funds for our annual Fiddle Camp. Music was provided by our members and guest musicians. The dance was a complete success and those there, indicated that they would like us to hold regular dances. This could be a project worth consideration in the Fall.

Our next big event is the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiddle, Piano and Guitar Workshop to be held July 15th through 19th. Gordon Stobbe and other very professional instructors will again attend and Selkirk College will provide classrooms and student accommodations. This year, as a complement to our regular classes, we will feature mini-workshops including fiddle care, mandolin, and step dancing instruction. Our committees have been formed and all our members are lending their expertise to ensure that, again, we will have a successful workshop. Have a look at our website at

[www.kootenayfiddlers.com](http://www.kootenayfiddlers.com) for further information, application forms and instructor bios.

Any questions can be fielded by the following:

Walter Crockett: 250-367- 9473

Joan Marks: 250 365-2695

Sandra Milosovich: 250-365-5514

If you are in our area July 15th through 19th, drop in and see us at the College. You will hear some fantastic fiddle music from our instructors, students, and accompanists. We also have evening events planned such as the popular Instructor Concert, dances, and jam sessions. As a grand finale, we have the student and instructor performance where the students demonstrate the skills they have attained during the week.

Well, that's about all for Branch No. 9.

*Sincerely,*

*Mary Ann Stewart*

## WILLIAMS LAKE



### BRANCH #10

The weather certainly has improved since my last newsletter.

I suppose like most people, everyone has been out in their yard getting their flower and veggie beds prepared for the planting season. I think the first thing I did was drag out my patio furniture so I could sit in the sun with a cup of coffee in the morning!

There really isn't very much to report as we are not all that active with dances etc. We do have a couple of play dates coming up....The Royal Purple has asked us

to play for their annual Strawberry Tea on June 12th at the Elks Hall.

We will be playing during the Stampede weekend at Branch 139 of the Royal Canadian Legion on Sunday, June 30th from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. And of course we have our regular monthly play dates at Retirement Concepts, Royal Canadian Legion Seniors luncheon, Deni House and Jubilee House.

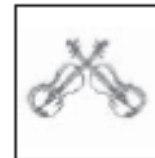
We will be celebrating a couple of Birthdays over the next couple of months....Birthday Wishes go out to Ken Emery in June and Lorraine Baker in July.

On that note, have a great summer and we will be back to our regular schedule in September.

*Cheers,*

*Pat Gunderson*

## COOMBS



### BRANCH #11

Greetings from Oceanside to Old Time Fiddlers everywhere. Our

Thursday dances have been well-attended over the winter months and we had some good times. As expected, the crowds have thinned as the winter visitors return to their respective homes elsewhere although there is still decent attendance most nights.

We are delighted to welcome back to the stage, Elsie McKay with her guitar and also Leo Hamel with his banjo, after prolonged illnesses. Unfortunately, Debra Contreras had to resign her membership so at our March meeting Barb Ross was elected to fill the Directorship vacancy. Also in March, Bob Bloodworth was made Life Member of Branch 11, having been one of our founders back in 1982.

With summer imminent, we are looking forward to a hiatus in the Thursday dance schedule; we'll finish on June 13 and resume on September 12. A pot-luck supper is planned for June 6 as a celebratory wind-up to the dance season.

That doesn't mean we stop playing, though. We'll perform at the Coombs Bluegrass Festival, Coombs Fair and various events through the summer. Except for July, we continue to play monthly at several care homes in the area. Work is proceeding on preparations for our big Fiddle Jamboree on September 21 at the Coombs Rodeo Grounds. Happily, despite hockey playoffs and alternate commitments for some, our monthly meetings have been well-attended by members. We look forward to the jam sessions that follow the business; there is never any reticence to adjourn the formalities so we can 'get to the fun part'. Thanks are extended to Miriam Shell who stepped in to the role of secretary for our meeting on May 5.

Until next time, then, we wish everyone a good summer with lots of great old time music.

*Bruce Foden*  
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## KAMLOOPS



### BRANCH #12

Well here we are already trotting into summer. Bet with the temperature the past week or so some of you probably thought we were all ready there!

I know we did, on went the air conditioner and out came the fans!! I believe we are going to be in for a hot one!! What I can't believe is how fast the past three months have

gone by. I almost forget about the newsletter; wow I could have been fired!!!

Okay now for the news. Our very talented musicians were out playing again at the Seniors Homes throughout this city. They also played in North Hills Mall May 1, 2013, much to the delight of the shoppers that stopped to have their lunch and some just to listen to some good old toe tapping tunes.

Attendance has been up and down these past three months but at one dance we had ten new visitors, some from out of town. We were especially pleased to meet one couple, Francis & Kathleen Bourgeois from Kippens, Newfoundland, who told me they were absolutely delighted with the music, dancing, and singing! Four others said they might join as members next fall. I took their money early so they'll be sure to show up!! I'll keep it till the end of October then if they don't show up we'll put it in the Christmas fund!!

The concert at Cottonwood with Gordon Stobbe & JJ Guy in March had a full house. I truly hope they will be back next year. Everyone there thoroughly enjoyed the show, only problem was it wasn't long enough.

Also, our contest took place on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Linda Hiles had everything very well organized in the kitchen by 8 am. Well done Linda! She wants me to say a big thank-you to all the ladies that worked in the kitchen. THANK-YOU LADIES!!! To all the rest that put in their time, judges, ladies and gents that sold tickets for the food, registration, putting up the posters, hostesses, those selling tickets for the dance, cleaning crew and anyone else I may have over looked. This contest could not have

happened without you all working together! Thanks also to the Knights of Columbus for setting up and taking down the stage, all the chairs, equipment etc.

Oh yes, my apology to you Jake; I really thought I had put the meat patty in that bun! Jake ordered a hamburger loaded and I loaded it with lettuce, tomato, etc. but can you believe I forgot the meat, I'll be on drinks next year!

Congratulations to all the folks, young and seniors that entered into the fiddle contest, you all sounded great. Keep up the good work. It was nice to see our music director Clark Hiles up there on stage, I understand he has just recently taken up the fiddle. Well Clark you did a fine job, for sure you will be up there again.

Following are the results of the contest, which was the Provincial Championships for 2013:

#### Novice:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Meagan Straume of Kelowna
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Clark Hiles of Kamloops

#### Junior (12 & under)

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Sofie Hill of Garibaldi Highlands (near Squamish)

#### Youth: (17 & under)

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Michael Burnyeat of Vancouver
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kathleen McMahon of Kelowna

#### Senior:

- 1st – Garry Hill of Vernon
- 2nd – Harley Jansen of Kamloops
- 3rd – Dan Ferguson of Osoyoos
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Ken Emery of 150 Mile House

#### Intermediate:

- 1st – Stephanie Clow of Kamloops
- 2nd – Ardea Wylie of Prince George
- 3rd – Linda Read of Port Moody
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Dale McGregor of Chilliwack



### Open:

- 1st – Lia Gronberg of Mission
- 2nd – Ramon Rakow of Vancouver
- 3rd – Carolyn Jacob of Prince George
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Nicole McGregor of Anmore

### Championship:

- 1st – Adam Johnson of Quesnel
- 2nd – Deni Stone of Quesnel
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kia Gronberg of Mission
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Gabrielle Jacob of Prince George

### Out of Province:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Leeland Bachelet of Two Hills, Alberta
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ben Gaudreault of Sherwood Park, Alberta
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sterling Cuthbert of Redwater, Alberta

### Twin Fiddle

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kia & Lia Gronberg of Mission
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Harley Jansen (Kamloops) & Ken Emery (150 Mile House)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sofie Hill (Garibaldi Highlands, BC) & Leeland Bachelet (Two Hills, AB)

Special recognition was also given to the youngest fiddler, 8 year old Sofie Hill, eldest fiddler Sterling Cuthbert and the furthest travelled, Leeland Bachelet of Two Hills, AB

Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> Daniel Lapp performed before a full house and I am told he was great. He also played a bit on Saturday during the lunch break. We'd love to see Daniel back in Kamloops to play again! I am so sorry I missed that show!

Welcome back Pat & Annie Benson they have been on a much deserved holiday in Yuma - even did some dancing down there. Also Keith & Colleen Adams finally came back from their holiday down south, they had a wonderful time, too.

Our base player Alice Berner is back on stage playing her guitar, it's so

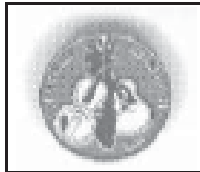
good to have you back Alice. Alice had a couple of rough months earlier this year but she did say she was going to get well and be back playing by April. Way to go girl!!

Now I hear Ed McLean is not feeling well, we all wish Ed a speedy recovery!

Oh by the way I was just joking about taking membership money from our visitors so I'm afraid there won't be extra in the Xmas fund after all!!!

*Marie Bursey*

## **NORTH ISLAND**



### **BRANCH #17**

On April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, Branch 17 held our fifth annual

Jamboree. As with the first four, it was a huge success, with people from all over the top half of Vancouver Island putting in appearances.

Although Branch 17 hosted the Jamboree, a great deal of credit for the success has to go to the help and support of the Alberni Fiddlers (Branch 19), and Coombs Fiddlers (Branch 11). That Alberni bunch has so much energy and enthusiasm, they could bottle it, sell some off, and still put a lot of us to shame.

The Friday evening concert was kicked off with the Alberni and Coombs groups combined on stage. They were well received by the audience, and played fabulously.

After an intermission with do-nuts, cheese & crackers, coffee, and lots of mingling to renew old friendships, the North Island Fiddlers took to the stage for a musical trip across Canada. Master

of Ceremonies, Ken Mcleod, started the trip on the east coast, giving a running commentary of some Canadian music history, and introduced each piece of music. There were fiddle tunes and songs that stretched all the way from Newfoundland to BC. The singers were fantastic, and showed that fiddle club members, in general, are an eclectic group with many talents in addition to the fiddling.

After the concert, the die-hards got into some serious jamming until about midnight.

Saturday morning Glen Hiebert put on a fiddle workshop that was well attended, followed by a guitar workshop that was supposed to have been done by yours truly. But, being busier than a one-armed juggler, I was relieved when Les Johnson from Ladysmith graciously agreed to run that workshop.

Saturday afternoon was the variety show. Fiddlers, singers, accordionists, you name it, we had it. The afternoon was kicked off by "The Hillbilly Band". Although they are based in Campbell River, they have members from Sayward, Comox and Port Alberni as well.

The afternoon talent was great and varied. One of the highlights was when Dave Gark pulled out his two sets of "bones" and clickety-clacked through "The Chattanooga Shoeshine Boy". With two rib bones in each hand, this is not an activity for those with serious arthritis.

The Dance on Saturday evening was packed and it appeared that everyone was having a great time. Sunday morning was more subdued, with those who had camped on the grounds for the weekend, slowly putting things in order for the trip home, sipping coffee and sharing a few jokes.

We at Branch 17 would like to thank everyone who attended and helped out. It certainly made our day to have such a great turnout. For those of you who missed it this year, we hope you can make it next year. It was such a happy event, you can be sure we will have the sixth annual Jamboree next Spring.

*Ed Medford*

## COMOX VALLEY



### BRANCH #18

The Comox Valley has just fanned its way out of a heat wave that saw the highest May temperatures recorded in over 60 years. Must have been climate change back in the 50s as well. Or maybe the heat was just a result of the hottest fiddle music this side of the Salish Sea during our recent 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiddle Fest down at the Big Yellow Merville Hall. With headliners Mark Suillivan, Craig MacGregor and Paul Bergman (SwingReel) dishing out the tunes, it is no wonder the mercury soared.

The event was a hit, as usual, with a killer SwingReel concert on Friday (Funtime Fiddlers & Friends opening); overflowing workshops on Saturday and a full house Contra Dance Saturday evening. We welcomed guests from the Lower Mainland, Port Alberni, Nanaimo and Gold River, on stage and on the dance floor. The dance was as good as it gets with full dance sets; lots of youth and families; and a most entertaining variety of music from SwingReel, Fiddlejam, youth and guests. We could have played dance music until the cows came home and the horses talked, but we had to shut it down before midnight.

The Fiddlejam fiddlers have been busy playing at the Francophone Spring Cabane a Sucre where the maple syrup was flowing

generously. And just last week, they played the dance music for the 10th Annual Miracle Beach Dance Party where the Grade Ones to Grade Threes dance around the gymnasium to jigs and reels, and then invite their parents onto the floor to waltz with them. It is always a fun event and we finish off the morning with a super pot luck lunch catered by all the parents. Our players even go into the classrooms to teach the music to the children.

Our dance hall has received some grant money that is enabling us to renovate the kitchen, bathrooms, furnace, etc., so we should have one of the best old time venues in the Valley by the fall...just in time for the winter dance schedule. At our windup Fiddlejam session, we will be presenting the bursary money to all the young musicians. Our Contra Dances are the main fundraiser for the bursaries and it is great to see the money being put to use for lessons, summer fiddle camps and travel to fiddle events.

Our year is winding down as we look forward to summer fun and games. There won't be the weekly Fiddlejam sessions but we'll still be doing playouts as there seems to be quite an interest in good, old (and new) -time, fiddle music in the Valley. We are booked to play in July at Simms Park for the Simms Summer Sounds series; we'll play in the streets of Courtenay for the Elevate the Arts event in June; and we've even got a return engagement at a seniors center in June for their second annual Hoe Down. YeeHaw! Those folks do like to get up and dance!

All the best to everyone and here's hoping that you get your hoe down in the garden real soon.

*Craig Freeman*

## ALBERNI VALLEY



### BRANCH #19

The pace of our activities certainly speeds up at this time of year, leaving us juggling our schedules to try and get a good mix of music and home time. Toss in a heat wave this first week of May, and here we are, having to decide whether we should stay home and water plants or travel to play more music. Of course music most often wins out.

At the beginning of this quarter we were asked to play for a Hoedown Evening at the John Paul II Catholic School and this was a very different scenario for our group. We generally are playing in Seniors homes, so we aren't used to the noise level of a hall full of children playing games. It was a little disconcerting at first, but things worked out fairly well, and there were definitely many people enjoying the music. The bonus for us was being served delicious pie and coffee afterwards.

This year we had a request to provide the music for the Volunteer Tea at Heritage Place which had combined forces with Abbeyfield, our home base. They are always a great audience. Attending these Appreciation Teas does make you aware how extensive is the Volunteer base in the community.

We have a few members registered for fiddle camps this summer, so while they do the travelling, learning new pieces and techniques, renewing old acquaintances, the rest of us will simply have to look forward to hearing all about it. One of our members, Ed Matchett, is definitely in travel mode these days, and has been attending as many competitions as he can, coming home with a 3rd from Prince George. He hopes to travel to and play in every Province and this Fall

will head to Newfoundland. An ambitious project in the works, with lots of driving.

The last two week-ends in April involved two events in the Courtenay area. First, Branch 18 hosted Mark Sullivan and his band for a great concert. Those who were able to attend thoroughly enjoyed the performance. The workshops held the next day were also very popular. At the dance on Saturday night, our members, as usual, were welcomed to join the band on stage whenever they needed a break from the fast-paced contra-dancing.

The following week-end was the Branch 17 Jamboree and we were invited to play for part of the Friday night concert and part of the Saturday Dance. Only a small number of us were able to attend, so we joined up with five members from Coombs Branch 11, for the Concert. It was nice to get together with them as we seldom have the chance to play together. Of course it is always a challenge for everyone when you don't have the time or opportunity to try out ahead of time, pieces both groups might be familiar with, but we all felt it went well. For the dance we were on our own for the hour, but our smaller group of five fiddlers, one guitar, piano and wash-tub bass, are bit by bit getting enough experience to hold things together.

It is interesting playing with the different Branches as each has it's own style, with different versions of tunes, or pieces played at different tempos. This is the time you might hear new pieces to explore, or find out which version of a tune you like best.

We finished this quarter with an outdoor venue playing for the Rosewall Creek Hatchery event called "The River Never Sleeps". Once again a smaller group did this play-out and oh! was it ever hot that

day. The small tent only provided minimal shade, but we do seem to enjoy that particular event in spite of the weather. Better hot and dry than wet and windy. Maybe being set up across from the Bar-B-Q's, with their oysters & burgers holds some attraction. Hmm! we do seem to enjoy our food although it does come second to the music.

As we wind down a bit for the summer, we are still scheduling some interesting venues ... a family reunion, a wedding dance. outdoors at the Harbour. Just so we don't forget how to play, we will continue with our regular practices. We are always happy to have visitors drop by, so if any of you travellers are in the area, give us a call or drop into Abbeyfield. We are there most Mondays from 1 to 2:30., but generally not Statutory holidays.

Enjoy the summer season and safe travels for all.

*Gail Ross*

## 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark Sullivan Show  
Kelowna May 31<sup>st</sup>  
Old Time Fiddle Contest in  
Kelowna June 1  
250-764-7064

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Fiddle Camp  
Castlegar July 15-19  
250-365-5514

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Grand North American Old Time  
Fiddle Competition  
Radway, Alberta  
July 19-21  
780-942-3690

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BC Fiddle Treat  
Gavin Lake July 27-Aug 2  
250-992-5081

Canadian Grand Masters Fiddle  
Competition  
Saskatoon, SK Aug 24  
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Old Time Fiddle Contest in  
Quesnel  
October 4-5, 2013  
250-992-5081

### Fiddle Jamboree

Coombs Old Time Fiddlers and BC  
Champion Sarah Tradewell,  
Saturday September 21, 2013,  
Coombs Rodeo Grounds. Open  
Stage sign-in 12:00 noon.  
Admission \$5.00, Performers and



Under 12's  
free. Food  
on Site.  
Open Jam at  
7:30 p.m.  
Dry  
Camping.  
Info 250-

586-3743 or 250-752-3636.

### SwingReel Radio

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The first episode was launched on World Fiddle Day, May 18, 2013 featuring music and interviews with Calvin Vollrath, Mike Sanyshyn and community members Craig and Ann Freeman!

[www.swingreelradio.weebly.com](http://www.swingreelradio.weebly.com)

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