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### CONTEST SEASON WINDING DOWN FOR 2011

With just one event, officially, left on the TOTFA calendar, the 2012 contest season will soon be coming to an end. I'd like to encourage everyone to make his or her way to Glen Rose this month for what could perhaps be our last contest of the year. I say "perhaps," because we are trying to add one more event in the month of December. Glen Rose is always a fun contest to attend and it's in a nice indoor location with a great place for warming up and jamming. A big thank you goes out to the McPherson family for all their hard work through the years in keeping this contest going, and making it one of our better contests of the year.



We are trying to create a new contest in Hillsboro in the month of December. Details will be available soon. For now, the plan is to have a contest there that afternoon and then have a big jam/early Christmas party that evening; if we were to have a large enough turnout for them to see the benefits of doing so, then they would be interested in hosting our convention next year. As I said, details are still in the works but we will get the word out via the newsletter, Facebook, and totfa.org. The potential date for the event is December 12 so save that date.

For those of you who have not heard, the Marble Falls event, not just the contest, but the whole event was cancelled a few weeks ago, but no one bothered to let us know about it. I apologize to anyone who made his or her way to the event only to find out it was cancelled. Had we known, we certainly would have gotten the word out immediately through email and phone calls.

We are always happy to hear about our members playing in out-of-state contests; so, if you happen to play in a contest out of Texas, please let us know the results. The Grand Masters Fiddle Championship in Nashville, Tennessee, ran by TOTFA member Ed Carnes, took place in early October and we had quite a few

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members in attendance. Doug Fleener placed 3<sup>rd</sup> (and played in the round robin), while Mia Orosco finished 7<sup>th</sup>, Harrison Schumann 8<sup>th</sup>, Lydia Elseth 11<sup>th</sup>, Kerry Varble 15<sup>th</sup>, and Todd Varble 5<sup>th</sup> in the accompanist. Another great contest I've had the opportunity to attend through the years is the Western Open in Red Bluff, California. This year, the Western Open Champion is our very own Mia Orosco. Congratulations to all, and thanks for representing TOTFA so well out of state.

Happy Fiddlin'  
Bryan

## ATTENTION MEMBERSHIP

If you receive an email or sticker saying that your membership is **out-of-date** and you do not believe this to be true, please let us know! The membership list has not been well maintained, and we are in the process of getting it all squared away. If your membership is **currently due**, please send a check and membership form to the TOTFA. Thank you for all of your support through this transition process!

Bubba

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- \$30 Fiddler (A contest fiddler that resides in Texas.)  
 \$30 Accompanist (A contest accompanist that resides in Texas.)  
 \$30 Out-of-State Fiddler (A contest fiddler that resides outside of Texas.)  
 \$20 Associate (Any non-contest fiddler or accompanist or friends and fans of Texas fiddling.)
- New Member       Renewal       Change of Address

### COST-EFFECTIVE ASSOCIATION OPTIONS

- We are a multi-membership TOTFA family and agree to receive only (1) issue of "The Texas Fiddler" each month.  
 Please save paper and postage by sending me "The Texas Fiddler" via full color instant email, rather than in Black and white via the USPS.

### MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK TO:

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## DONE GONE

*(contest results continued)*

### A Place of HOPE Benefit Contest Marble Falls, TX ~ October 22nd

*Hidden Falls Adventure Park ~ 7 miles east of Marble Falls, TX on FM 1431*

**The people that choose to host this event did not notify the TOTFA that the event was cancelled. So sorry, to the membership who attended!**

## ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIALS

*(association/membership news)*

- ✓ **Eric and Julie Amundson** added a new addition to the family.....Middy (the energetic corgi/blue heeler mix).
- ✓ **Owen James & Angela McNerney** were married on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in Austin, Texas. It was a wonderful ceremony and several TOTFA members attended.
- ✓ **Nick Gillentine** got a new toy.....a 1939 Gibson TG-50 Tenor Guitar.
- ✓ **Fiddle Contests:** There are rumors going around that Hillsboro, Texas, or Nacogdoches, Texas, will host a fiddle contest in December....
- ✓ **TOTFA Members:** Congratulations to the following TOTFA members for placing in the Grand Master Fiddle Championships:

Doug Fleener (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Lydia Elseth (11 <sup>th</sup> )
Mia Orosco (7 <sup>th</sup> )	Kerry Varble (15 <sup>th</sup> )
Harrison Schumann (8 <sup>th</sup> )	Todd Varble (5 <sup>th</sup> Acc.)

**And also the Western Open Fiddle Championships:**

Mia Orosco (Grand Champion)

- ✓ **Future Specials:** Please send more stories like these via email or mail to Bubba Hopkins for future issues of the Texas Fiddler!

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Coy Barrett	November 2
Bob Zimmerman	November 4
Marty Elmore, DJ Howard, & Robert Sisco	November 5
Dixie Craig	November 8
Glenn Cornelius	November 12
Charles Gardner	November 16
Marty McPherson	November 17
Mark Seale & Tom Fonville	November 18
John Blevins	November 19
Tonya Hopkins & Lisa Hopkins	November 21
EJ & Vi Hopkins	November 24
Steve Bing & Myka Williams	November 28



## DONE GONE

(contest results)

### Big Creek's Backporch Music Festival Lake Somerville, TX ~ October 15th

Big Creek Resort & Marina ~ Park Rd. 4/Lakeview Drive, Lake Somerville, TX

#### 0-15 Age Group

1<sup>st</sup> – Katie Crawford  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Elliott Dean  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Reagan Newberry  
4<sup>th</sup> – Jessica Sell

#### 16-35 Age Group

1<sup>st</sup> – Dennis Ludiker  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Bubba Hopkins  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Eischen Harkins  
4<sup>th</sup> – Heidi Labensart  
5<sup>th</sup> – Cheyenne Craig

#### 36-64 Age Group

1<sup>st</sup> – Mark Seale

#### 65+ Age Group

No Participants

#### Accompanist

1<sup>st</sup> – Ray Franklin  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Anthony Mature  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Jim Reina  
4<sup>th</sup> – John Crawford

#### Grand Champion

1<sup>st</sup> – Bubba Hopkins  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Dennis Ludiker  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Mark Seale  
4<sup>th</sup> – Katie Crawford  
5<sup>th</sup> – Elliott Dean

### 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual East Texas Yamboree Gilmer, TX ~ October 22nd

South Side of Courthouse Square ~ W. Tyler St., Gilmer, TX

#### 0-11 Age Group

No Participants

#### 12-19 Age Group

1<sup>st</sup> – Dixie Reel

#### 20-35 Age Group

1<sup>st</sup> – Jordan Franklin

#### 36-64 Age Group

1<sup>st</sup> – Eddie Davis  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Robert Mature  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Rex Gillentine  
4<sup>th</sup> – Cliff McCall  
5<sup>th</sup> – Sherry Wortham  
6<sup>th</sup> – Billy Bean

#### 65+ Age Group

1<sup>st</sup> – Tom Fonville  
2<sup>nd</sup> – John Blevins

#### Accompanist

1<sup>st</sup> – Anthony Mature  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Royce Franklin  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Bobby Christman  
4<sup>th</sup> – Nick Gillentine  
5<sup>th</sup> – Daniel Mature

Grand Champion – Jordan Franklin

## HERE & THERE

(upcoming contests)

### Dale McPherson Memorial Contest Glen Rose, TX ~ November 12th

Glen Rose Expo Center ~ Glen Rose, TX

#### 0-15 Age Group

1<sup>st</sup> - \$100  
2<sup>nd</sup> - \$75  
3<sup>rd</sup> - \$50  
4<sup>th</sup> - \$40  
5<sup>th</sup> - \$30  
6<sup>th</sup> - \$20  
7<sup>th</sup> - \$10

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5<sup>th</sup> - \$30  
6<sup>th</sup> - \$20  
7<sup>th</sup> - \$10

#### Accompanist

1<sup>st</sup> - \$100  
2<sup>nd</sup> - \$75  
3<sup>rd</sup> - \$50  
4<sup>th</sup> - \$35  
5<sup>th</sup> - \$25

#### Open Division

1<sup>st</sup> - \$200  
2<sup>nd</sup> - \$175  
3<sup>rd</sup> - \$150  
4<sup>th</sup> - \$125  
5<sup>th</sup> - \$100  
6<sup>th</sup> - \$75  
7<sup>th</sup> - \$50  
8<sup>th</sup> - \$25

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. Contest begins at 10:00 a.m.  
Jam at Marty McPherson's Home 7703 HWY 67 E. Glen Rose, TX

## DUSTY MILLER "SEZ"

Always remember to **pay your accompanists**. The customary fee is 10% of your winnings to each accompanist. For example: If you win \$500 in a fiddle contest, you should give each of your accompanists \$50. Therefore, if you had three accompanists, the fiddle player would make \$350, and the accompanists would make \$150 (\$50 each). Remember, some of the best accompanists in the world are from Texas!

