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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 3rd (and played in the round robin), while Mia Orosco finished 7th, Harrison Schumann 8th, Lydia Elseth 11th, Kerry Varble 15th, and Todd Varble 5th 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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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name _____
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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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(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 24th, 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 rd)	Lydia Elseth (11 th)
Mia Orosco (7 th)	Kerry Varble (15 th)
Harrison Schumann (8 th)	Todd Varble (5 th 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



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(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

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

16-35 Age Group

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

36-64 Age Group

1st – Mark Seale

65+ Age Group

No Participants

Accompanist

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

Grand Champion

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

73rd 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

1st – Dixie Reel

20-35 Age Group

1st – Jordan Franklin

36-64 Age Group

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

65+ Age Group

1st – Tom Fonville
2nd – John Blevins

Accompanist

1st – Anthony Mature
2nd – Royce Franklin
3rd – Bobby Christman
4th – Nick Gillentine
5th – 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

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

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6th - \$20
7th - \$10

Accompanist

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

Open Division

1st - \$200
2nd - \$175
3rd - \$150
4th - \$125
5th - \$100
6th - \$75
7th - \$50
8th - \$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!

