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HILLSBORO CONTEST WRAPS UP 2011 CONTEST SEASON

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas Holiday and you got to spend the time with family and friends while playing a few tunes along the way as well. We wrapped up our 2012 Contest Season with a great, brand new, contest in Hillsboro, Texas, on December 10th.



The contest was held on the campus of Hill Community College in their Performing Arts Center. The facilities were excellent and we had about 30 competitors entertain the crowd all afternoon. A big thanks goes out to Greg Solomon and the Chamber of Commerce in Hillsboro

for making us feel very welcome and hosting the event. They are very interested in hosting our annual convention next year and they have some great ideas and plans in the works to make it a great event. We look forward to a long-term friendship with the city of Hillsboro for many years to come. Thanks to all the members for coming out and supporting this new contest and finishing the 2011 season in style.

I regret to inform the membership that due to a funding issue, the Shriners have decided to discontinue their annual contest during the month of March in Corpus Christi. I have been in contact with them recently and was told they will try to bring the contest back perhaps next year. The loss of this contest really shines a light on the importance of everyone working hand in hand with the Board to help us create new contests in your local areas. Contact your Chambers of Commerce and let them know what we are all about and how to get

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in contact with us about hosting a contest.

Since we have nothing on the calendar for the months of January or February, this will be the last newsletter until the month of March. However, if an event is arranged before then, we will certainly get the word out as soon as possible. In the meantime, I hope we all take the opportunity to learn some new tunes while keeping the standards nice and polished as well. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the membership for helping to make the 2011 contest season a good one. I appreciate those of you who take the time to share your talents and support the TOTFA at all of our events. I look forward to working with each of you in making the 2012 contest season a great year.

Happy New Year & Happy Fiddlin'
Bryan

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name _____
Street _____
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Birthday(s) _____

- \$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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Hillsboro

Hillsboro, TX ~ December 10th

Hill Community College Auditorium ~ 307 SE I-35 ~ Hillsboro, TX

0-18 Age Group

- 1st - Jessica Sell
- 2nd - Leah Sawyer
- 3rd - Myka Williams
- 4th - David Sawyer
- 5th - Anthony Oroasco
- 6th - Grace Fletcher

65+ Age Group

- 1st - Jesse Mears
- 2nd - Tom Fonville

Open Division

- 1st - Bubba Hopkins
- 2nd - Mia Oroasco
- 3rd - Michelle Kuhlman
- 4th - Evan Meeker
- 5th - Julie Amundson
- 6th - Keenan Fletcher
- 7th - Mark Seale
- 8th - Owen James
- 9th - Matt Wills
- 10th - Joey Dvorak

Accompanist

- 1st - Ray Franklin
- 2nd - Anthony Mature
- 3rd - Royce Franklin
- 4th - Jacob Johnson
- 5th - Bobby Christman
- 6th - Simon Stipp
- 7th - Devon McCauley
- 8th - Nick Gillentine
- 9th - Daniel Mature
- 10th - Ian Fletcher

Colorado State Fiddle Contest

January 7-8, 2012

Congratulations go out to our members who competed at the 2012 Denver Stock Show!

Open Division - 2nd

Accompanist Division - 1st

Junior-Junior Division - 2nd

Junior Division - 3rd

Adult Division - 3rd

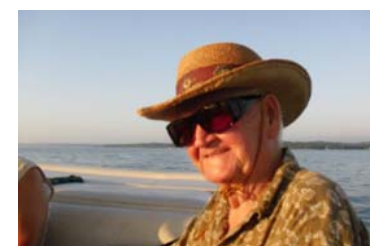
- Mia Oroasco
- Anthony Mature
- River Lee
- Harrison Schumann
- Ed Carnes

For a full list of results, please visit:

<http://www.coloradofiddlers.org/state-contest1514/past-results/2012-2>

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Raines	January 2
Bobby Scruggs	January 3
Karen Bowen	January 4
John Hudson	January 11
Kyndall Scroggins	January 14
Dennis Ludiker & Abby Morris	January 15
Reagan Newberry	January 16
Karissa Nugent	January 18
Jesse Mears & Stanley McBride	January 19
Ray Brandin	January 20
Johnny Crisp	January 25
Sheryl Sultenfuss	January 27



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Christene Smith, Wesley King & Andrea Sowell	February 2
Lewis Brandin	February 3
Matt Willis	February 4
Alan Gonzalez	February 5
Pete Thackerson	February 9
Bobby Christman	February 14
Marilyn Anthony	February 17
Taylor Fojitik	February 24
Hyatt Hopkins & Wade Stockton	February 25
Mary Stockton	February 26
Evan Meeker & A.E. Christopher	February 27



DUSTY MILLER "SEZ"

We are starting a new section in the TOTFA newsletter that will give our existing and new members information on TOTFA teachers throughout the state. If you are a fiddle or guitar teacher in the State of Texas and belong to the association, please forward the following information to Bubba Hopkins via email:



- Name**
- Location**
- Instruments Taught**
- Experience**
- Price of Lessons**
- Contact Phone Number or eMail**

The information will be published in our March 2012 newsletter and will be published semi-annually for our new members. We hope this will spark new interest in the association and keep fiddling around for decades to come!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We are very proud to announce that our fiddle family has recently grown. On December 29, 2011, at 9:29 p.m., Bob and Danita Gardner received a late Christmas gift when their daughter, Natalie Grace Gardner, was born. She was 19 1/2 in long and weighed in at 7lbs. 5oz. Mom, Dad, and baby girl are all doing fine and settling in at home in Atherton, California. Our best wishes go out to the Gardner family, and we look forward to an appearance in Texas very soon!

