



Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Association

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## Some of our favorite Websites

Montana Rockies Bluegrass Assoc.  
[www.nrba.com](http://www.nrba.com)

University of Idaho Bluegrass Club  
<http://stuorgs.uidaho.edu/~bluegrass/>

Editor Correction: My humble apology is extended to Silver City, whose band name was incorrectly printed in the previous issue of IdaGrass. Oops☺  
Helen Smith

You should have received a ISBA Membership Roster with this newsletter, if you did not and would like one, please contact me – [trueblue@wildblue.net](mailto:trueblue@wildblue.net)

## Bluegrass Events Calendar

### CANCELATION NOTICE:

**Gilmore Days 2006, AUG 4-6<sup>th</sup>** has been canceled

August 4, 5 & 6 – Fraizer Park Camp n’ Jam. A weekend of jamming and camping sponsored by the Beard’s at Fraizer Park, on the hwy to Weippe, ID.

For more information contact: AJ Barnett - [ajbarnett@nwinform.net](mailto:ajbarnett@nwinform.net)

August 22 **Valerie Smith & Liberty Pike and Chicken Dinner Road**  
Nampa Civic Center, 7 pm  
[www.nampaciviccenter.com](http://www.nampaciviccenter.com)

October 6-8, **ISBA Fall Bluegrass Festival**,  
Payette ID. See flyer on page 3

If you have calendar events, jams or festivals you would like included in the next issue of Ida-Grass, please email them to [trueblue@wildblue.net](mailto:trueblue@wildblue.net)

### The purpose of the Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Association:

- To preserve and perpetuate Bluegrass music as a heritage of our country,
- To promote the education and the enjoyment of Bluegrass music,
- To promote fellowship among all musicians and supporters who have a love for Bluegrass music, regardless of race, creed, color, ethnicity, or ability to play music.

## Message from the Chairman

Hello fellow ISBA members,

I hope the summer is going great for all of you. The time is slipping away as summer is steaming by. Boy it has been hot here in White Bird Idaho, and I don't mean from picking bluegrass. We have been over 100 degrees for two weeks in a row. I think I have my self to blame. I remember in April saying, "*Is it ever going to get warm?*" I better start talking about some fall weather.

Many of the Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Association members have been traveling from place to place, picking music and having fun. The jams have been still going on through the summer in Lewiston and in other parts of the state, however, the turn outs have been low. Many people have had summer plans that keep them scattered from place to place. I think the jams will pick up as the winter months get closer. I would like to THANK the ISBA members that have been continuing these jams in there area. Please keep it up.

We will be voting on a new president in December of this year for the ISBA. I have been acting as such but the association is set up to have a Chairman of the board and a President. In the fall we will be asking you to nominate individuals that you would like to see as your president. These are the names I have right now: Bob Greer, Pete Northcutt, Helen Smith, Dennis Stokes, Ron Cole, Will Williams, and Al Jackson. This is the list generated at the general membership meeting in April, but it is not necessarily complete. We welcome other nominations. If you have additional names or if I have left anyone out please let me or another board member know.

Many members have been working very hard on getting the first annual Payette Festival started and ready to go for Oct. 6th thru the 8<sup>th</sup>. (See flyer that's in this issue) I would like to thank all of you for your efforts. It looks to be a great show for all the folks in the area and I'm sure it will put the ISBA on the map.

Our membership is right a 100 and it has slowed down but we have a good base of friends

that love bluegrass music and are willing to see it grow in Idaho. So put this date down and plan to be in Payette this fall. We will have a great time - just before deer season starts. Remember that the White Bird and the Payette festivals are planned to be annual events. So with your help and input, they will get better year after year. We need **you** to HELP this is your association. I hope the rest of the summer is good for you and your family until next time, may God Bless you all.

Thank you, Will Williams

## Congratulations



to ISBA members Bill Gates and Gary Eller who took first and second, respectively, at the Banjo Competition in June at Horseshoe Bend.

Bill Cates



Gary Eller

Congratulations to Chicken Dinner Road, who won that Battle of the Bluegrass Bands in Weiser held in conjunction with the Old Time Fiddle Festival in June.





**Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Association  
Presents**

**1st Annual ISBA Fall Bluegrass Festival**

**October 6,7, and 8, 2006  
Payette High School Auditorium  
Payette Municipal Park  
Payette, Idaho**

*Camping and Jamming  
all weekend!  
Food and Drinks Available*

**Featuring Idaho Bluegrass Bands**

**The Buckhorn Mountain Boys  
Chicken Dinner Road  
Dawgwood**

**The Grangeville Bluegrass Company  
Heavenbound Bluegrass Band  
Public Radio**

**....and more**



*No Alcohol or Drugs  
Allowed  
(Strictly Enforced)*

**Performances**

**Friday evening  
Saturday afternoon  
Saturday evening  
Sunday afternoon**

**Camping**

**TBA**

**Admission:**

**Friday \$10  
Saturday \$15  
Sunday \$10  
Weekend \$35  
Children under 10 free**

**Also:**

**Free Sunday morning  
Gospel Jam**

For more information, call:  
Jim McCue (208)-642-3454  
Bob Greer (208)-466-1719  
Dennis Stokes (208)-941-5611  
Al Jackson (208)-442-1771

*Workshops  
Raffle*

## News from the Zones

### Northern Zone

The Northern Region has been having lots of fun. We had our regular monthly Saturday jam in Lewiston and the last hold-outs went out for Mexican food afterward. On June 9, 10, and 11 our first annual Freeman Creek Camp 'n Jam was very successful. We had perfect weather and the Freeman Creek Park is really beautiful and clean. We even had showers in the restroom! Friday night we jammed until the wee hours of the morning under a tent provided by Glenn Stevens. Saturday, there were more jams and a potluck dinner followed by a show for the public in the park's outdoor theatre.



We had a very good turnout of locals, other campers, hikers, and boaters for the show. An impromptu decision was made to have a band scramble and we came up with three bands with four members each. All of the bands put on a good show.

The "winning band" was chosen by the audience via applause and each winning band member was given a year's free pass to Idaho State Parks. After the bands played the entire group went on stage and jammed a few tunes to the delight of the audience.

Glenn Stevens also graciously supplied a great amp system for the show. Our enthusiastic thanks to

Glenn whose generosity, and to Kristie Stevens whose planning and management efforts, helped to make our first Camp 'n Jam a great success. Next year we expect the event to grow in numbers and fun, so better show up with a big grin and ready to do a lot of good pickin'!

AJ Barnett, [ajbarnett@nwinfo.net](mailto:ajbarnett@nwinfo.net)



### **HELP, HELP, HELP.....**

The ISBA desires to get a website up and going. If you would be willing and able to help promote bluegrass in this way, please contact – [wanab@starband.net](mailto:wanab@starband.net)



Volunteers interested in promoting bluegrass by helping with the **ISBA Fall Bluegrass Festival**

October 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> in  
Payette, ID

The ISBA needs volunteers willing to:

- sell tickets
- work backstage
- security
- parking
- clean-up

If you are willing to give a couple of hours, please contact an ISBA Board member

**Idaho Bands** You can hear great bluegrass all summer long.....check out these places and dates

- August 3     **Buckhorn Mountain Boys** Idaho Botanical Gardens - Boise, ID 6 p
- August 12   **Deadline Ridge** 21st Annual Bowers Mansion Festival - South of Reno, Nevada
- August 19   **Buckhorn Mountain Boys** Foxall Fiddle Fandango - Emmett, ID
- Heavenbound** @ Bluegrass at the Market, Henny Penny's – Nampa, ID 7pm  
(208)466-1719
- August 19   **Grangeville Bluegrass Company** Cancer Camp Benefit - Grangeville, ID
- August 22   **Valerie Smith & Liberty Pike and Chicken Dinner Road** Nampa Civic Center – Nampa, ID  
7 pm     [www.nampaciviccenter.com](http://www.nampaciviccenter.com)
- August 23   **Buckhorn Mountain Boys** The Bardenay - Eagle, ID 7 pm
- Aug 25-27   Bannock County Bluegrass Festival - Pocatello, ID  
              **Buckhorn Mountain Boys** SAT 3:30pm, SUN 4:15pm  
              **Deadline Ridge** SAT 8:30pm, SUN 3:30pm  
              **Heavenbound** SAT 5pm, SUN 1pm  
              **New South Fork** FRI, 9:15pm, SAT 2:45pm
- Sept 10     **Buckhorn Mountain Boys** Ann Morrison Park, Concert for the Boise River – BoiseID
- Sept 16     **Grangeville Bluegrass Company** Latah Co Fair,
- Sept 22-23   **Grangeville Bluegrass Company** Nez Perce Co Fair, Lewiston ID FRI 4  
              4:30pm, SAT Noon & 6pm
- Sept 22-24   **Buckhorn Mountain Boys** Tygh Valley Bluegrass Jamboree, Tygh Valley Co Fairgrounds
- October 6-8   ISBA Fall Bluegrass Festival, Payette ID  
              **Buckhorn Mountain Boys, Chicken Dinner Road,**  
              **Dawgwood, Heavenbound,**  
              **Grangeville Bluegrass Company & More**

These dates are just highlights of Idaho band schedules – for complete band listings, contact the bands or visit their respective websites

**Application for ISBA Membership**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

IdaGrass, the ISBA newsletter is offered either in email or printed letter format. Using email saves the association the cost of postage and printing, HOWEVER, because we want you to enjoy and look forward to the newsletter, we want you to receive the newsletter in a format with which you are comfortable.

I would like to receive the newsletter Email \_\_\_\_\_ US Postal Service \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly membership - \$10/individual \$15/family

Please mail to: Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Association  
PO Box 123 White Bird,

If you have *Ideas*, *Comments*, **QUESTIONS**, or *Concerns*  
your local board member would love to hear from you.

**Northern Zone**

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208-466-1719

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2926 Sugarcane Dr. Nampa, ID. 83687

**Board Chariman**

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