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UPCOMING BLUEGRASS EVENTS

Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Association Bluegrass Music Festival and Jam September 15, 16 and 17, 2017

The ISBA Fall Bluegrass Music Festival and Jam will be in Weiser at Historic Slocum and Hooker Hall, the site of the Old Time Fiddler's contest. There will be a Bluegrass Band Stage Show, banjo, guitar, mandolin, fiddle and bass workshops and of course jamming. Events and activities will take place from 6:00 - 8:00 pm Friday, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday and 10:00 am - 11:00 am Sunday. Jamming all day. There is \$10 event fee. Camping is available for \$11 or 16 per night. More information at: <http://www.idahosawtoothbluegrass.org/> or 208-377-5326

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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 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.

ONE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Hello to all of our ISBA friends. We had a good turn-out of campers, jammers & friends at the Kamiah Super Jam this year, and once again, Randy Berg, John Lazarinni and Bodie Dominguez, organized and delivered a top quality event. A big thank you to these 3 and all of the volunteers who helped out. It's great to see the people who come out year after year and help support this event.

The ISBA will host another Treasure Valley Bluegrass Night at the Nampa senior center on August 4th at 7pm. We will have 2 bands performing, plus coffee and maybe even some cookies at intermission. If you haven't been to this event yet, you're missing some good bluegrass and acoustic music entertainment. So, get some friends together and come to the Nampa senior center August 4th to see what it's all about.

It's time to make plans to attend this year's Fall Festival in Weiser. 2017 festival dates are September 15, 16 and 17. We have 3 very good bluegrass bands lined up for the Saturday bands concert. Also, we plan to have a Friday afternoon/evening open mic session. Saturday morning instrument (and maybe vocal) workshops, and a Sunday morning gospel open mic. All this plus jamming till your fingers are worn out should make for a great bluegrass weekend.

The website will be up-dated after a poster is completed. Also all members on our e-mail list will be notified well before the festival.

Please make your plans now to come join us on Sept. 15, 16 & 17.

I checked with Rich Johnson and learned that we currently have just over 50 paid up members. We also have about the same number of people who were members in 2016 but have not renewed their membership for 2017.

Consider this a plea from the ISBA board to bring your membership up to date. Contact Rich at: johnsonr46@hotmail.com or mail payment to:

ISBA c/o Rich Johnson
1544 W Dakota Loop
Nampa, ID 83686

That's all for now,

Stan Strickland

IDAGRASS EDITOR

It has been a very busy summer, lots of great events going on. Things are winding down now, so not much for the newsletter this month.

I will mention, if you have never had a chance to attend the ISBA Festival in Weiser before, I would encourage you to try this year. Last year was the first time I was able to attend and it was great! Terrific music, lots of fun!

See you there!

Aimee Burdette
admin@fiddlecontest.com

**ONGOING BLUEGRASS JAMS—
IDAHO BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION**

Beginners' Jam every Thursday

A beginner bluegrass jam is held on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9pm in the Pioneer Building (106 N 6th St), right next to Wise Guys Pizza (Main and 6th)

Intermediate Jam every Wednesday

from 6:30 to 9pm in the Pioneer Building

**Open Jam at Boise/Meridian KOA
RV Park**

Meridian, Idaho
Every Tuesday 7 – 9:30 pm

**ONGOING ISBA SPONSORED
BLUEGRASS JAMS—**

Middle Zone Jam:

On the first and third Thursday of each month at Stan and Trudee Strickland's home in Boise. 7-9 PM. Call for details: Stan Strickland 208-377-5326.

Northern Zone Jam:

On the third Sunday of the month at the Lenore Store on Highway 12, from 1-4 PM. Call for details: Steve Gleason at 208-553-1597

The Saturday jam at Jack in the Box is on hiatus until further notice.

Southern Zone Jam:

On the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 7-9 PM, downstairs at Gertie's Pizza in Twin Falls. Call for details: John Boyer at 208-733-4552



Hickory Bluff



Friday Night Jam



B. C. Ramblers

12th Annual ISBA
Fall Festival
Sept 15th - 17th 2017
Snake River Heritage Center
Weiser, ID
Event Fee \$10.00

Friday - 15th
Bluegrass Open Mic 6:00pm

Saturday - 16th

Instrument Workshops – free
11:00am

Bluegrass Concert 2:00 – 5:00pm

Hickory Bluff

Friday Night Jam

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Sunday - 17th
Gospel Open Mic 10:00am

For Camping - 208.414.0255

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*No handicap access to the concert
hall due to building's historical status

"Come for the weekend - Camp, pick and enjoy some great Bluegrass"

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER, BUT IS VERY INFORMATIVE, SO INCLUDING IT IN THIS NEWSLETTER AS WELL

FIDDLEVIDEO.COM JOINS THE ONLINE INSTRUCTION FIELD

Revolutions can sweep away what came before them in swift and surprising ways, and we see that in the manner that music education has changed in the digital and internet age. New companies appear on a regular basis that take advantage of technological innovations that can bring the most qualified instructors right into your home, who will play a difficult piece over and over for you without a complaint.

Fiddlevideo.com is just such an outfit, focusing exclusively on teaching tunes and techniques for players of traditional fiddle music. They embrace the breadth of musical styles that have emerged from the Celtic heritage, including Irish and Scottish fiddling, Canadian, Cape Breton, old time, and bluegrass music. Four instructors have created lessons that cover basic and style-specific techniques, plus more than 100 tunes taught in great detail. They use the membership model whereby all of the content on the site is available for viewing online to subscribers for as little as \$35/month. All videos on the site can

be played back at different speeds to make critical study of hand positions easier, with split screen presentation showing the left and right hands in close up detail.

Instructors include master Irish fiddler Kevin Burke, US National Scottish fiddle champ Hanneke Cassel, US bluegrass/old time fiddler Casey Willis, and Canadian Métis/Québécois fiddler Patti Kusturok.

Even non-subscribers can view the performance videos for each tune, but the beginner and advanced tutorial videos, audio practice tracks, and sheet music are restricted to members. But they do offer a three-day free trial membership without all the bells and whistles to give potential subscribers a chance to test drive the site before committing.

Tunes can be selected by style, by instructor, by difficulty, or by tune form. Fiddlevideo.com also hosts an active discussion forum where members can ask each other questions or simply engage in online fiddle chat.

More details can be found by reading the FAQ at www.fiddlevideo.com

John Lawless, *Bluegrass Express*,
3 August 2016

DUES INFORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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. We want you to receive the newsletter in whichever format you prefer. To offset production and mailing costs, membership dues for those electing USPS hard copy of the newsletter are \$20.00. For those members choosing email delivery, annual dues are \$15.00 for an individual or family.

I would like to receive the newsletter: Email US Postal Service

I am joining as: New Member Renewal

Date:_____

Yearly membership runs April-April.

Please mail to: **Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Association**
 c/o Rich Johnson
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**Have ideas, comments, questions,
or concerns?**

**Want to get involved? Here's your
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