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UPCOMING BLUEGRASS EVENTS

KAMIAH SPRINGS SUPER JAM

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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 Everyone. Autumn is here, summer is gone and the 12th ISBA Fall Festival is history. If you didn't make it to Weiser this year, then you missed a fun filled weekend of jamming and bluegrass band performances. Just how good were the bands, you might ask? Well, in my opinion we had 3 top notch bands and each of them delivered outstanding entertainment. Audience response, I believe, confirmed my opinion.

There are a couple of negatives that I must mention. First is attendance. We had only 15 or 16 RV's and 1 tent in the campground. That, plus a shortage of walk-ins contributed to an audience of only 70 people. We need to do much better than that. If you have an idea about how to improve our attendance, please contact a board member and relate your thoughts to him/her.

Second, and of less concern, is the lack of participation in the Sunday gospel open mic. Only 2 groups signed up to go on stage. We decided to just have a gospel jam on stage. Several individuals agreed to participate and that actually worked out pretty well. Sadly, only 20 people were in the audience at that time.

Membership renewals and new member sign-ups are far short of where we should be. I recently learned that we only have 61 paid members for 2017. Also 38 people who paid in 2016 have not renewed their membership for 2017.

Anyone who is unsure of their membership status, please check with Rich Johnson or send in that \$15 check if you are not up to date on your dues.

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Now that the fall festival is past, planning is underway to re-start Treasure Valley Bluegrass Night at the Nampa senior center. We have the very talented band, Chicken Dinner Road, scheduled for Nov. 17. Still trying to find a second band for Oct. Hickory Bluff, one of the Treasure Valley's favorite bluegrass bands will perform at both events.

Also, I have just learned that there is some confusion regarding the location of the 2018 Spring Super Jam. The Jam will still be held at The Lewis and Clark (KOA) Resort in Kamiah where it has been for many years. The dates for 2018 are Friday June 1st through Sunday June 3rd. Please pass the word to others who may be interested that nothing has changed. Hope you all plan to be there.

Its now time for me to go practice my pickin'

See Ya'll Later
Stan Strickland

IDAGRASS EDITOR

The ISBA Festival here in Weiser was fun as usual. Lots of good music and friends to visit with.

I am reprinting an article that was on Living In The News, a local digital newspaper for this area. If you want to see more, please go to their website: livinginthenews.com It is a great website and you can see what else is happening around this area.

This is a short newsletter, not much is happening right now.

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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

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By Sandra Cooper.

Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Association held its fall festival on the grounds at Slocum Hall September 15-17. The event's organizers began arriving early in the week and settled in to allow for some outdoor jamming in the evening air before taking on their duties.

Windy conditions Thursday evening made the classrooms at Slocum Hall a welcome retreat and several groups could be heard until late in the evenings in the "jam circles" in the Stubblefield classroom, Miss Jane Slocum Room in the basement, and the main classroom used during regular school hours by the Indianhead Academy Alternative High School students.

The scheduled events included a Friday Night Open Mic at the Snake River Heritage Auditorium, free instrument workshops on Saturday morning, a bluegrass concert featuring three great bands from 2-5 pm Saturday, and an open mic gospel time that began at 10:00 Sunday morning. A number of local residents attended the activities and the ISBA members are always happy to welcome everyone to their events and encourage musicians to join in the jam sessions and workshops.

This is the fourth year that the National Oldtime Fiddlers, Inc. has enjoyed hosting the ISBA group. Staff and volunteers of NOTF, Inc. look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones each mid-September coming to enjoy the spacious grounds at Slocum Hall and the ambience of the Snake River Heritage Center's wonderful acoustic auditorium.



The weather was nearly perfect throughout most of the event, making daytime activities under the beautiful old trees a pleasant change from the summer heat. Several guests stayed in the lodging rooms at Slocum Hall, but most were in motor homes, camp trailers or tents, presenting a similar, though smaller, version of the encampment during “Fiddle Week.”

A regular fixture at nearly every music event at Slocum Hall is the motor home of J.D. and Judy Webb set up next to the sidewalk right in front of Slocum Hall. The area becomes “J.D. Webb Plaza” for the duration of their stay. J.D. Webb and the Downstate Ramblers toured the country for over forty years and the band received nearly every award given for bluegrass and country music. These days, J.D. and Judy are retired and spend their time in their motor home visiting family or traveling between music events where J.D. always draws a crowd of fellow musicians for record-setting jam sessions lasting for hours. There is always plenty of good natured kidding between songs and that is half the fun. One of those jam sessions lasted for over thirteen and a half hours during Fiddle Week about three years ago. These folks mean business when they get together.

This gathering of musicians and music lovers is growing each year as area residents come to enjoy the gathering for music, workshops, and the relaxed and welcoming atmosphere at Slocum Hall and the Snake River Heritage Center auditorium. We hope you will all join in next year.



If you wish to go to the Living In The News website, there are videos posted where you can not only see but hear a lot of the great music!

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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**
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