



# IdaGrass

Volume 14 Issue 3

May – June, 2018

## UPCOMING BLUEGRASS EVENTS

### **Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Association Bluegrass Music Festival and Jam September 14, 15 and 16, 2018**

**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**

**Info subject to change**

### Inside this Issue:

From the Chairman	2
From the Editor's Desk	2
Kamiah Spring Jam	3, 4
Bannock Co. Bluegrass	5
Membership Application	6
Ongoing Bluegrass Jams	7
Meet Your Board Members	8



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.

## **FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

SAD NEWS TO REPORT - Two ISBA members and good friends were absent at the Spring Jam in Kamiah this year.

We sadly learned that Pete Northcutt passed away in mid-February after suffering a heart attack.

Iva Mellen died at the hospital in Walla Walla on Thursday, May 31st, the very day she had planned to arrive in Kamiah. Many of you will remember Iva as the small lady with long white hair, who always brought along her chihuahua companion, Miss Daisy. Due to privacy concerns, hospital staff could not release any details concerning Iva's passing.

Both Pete and Iva will be warmly remembered by all who knew them.

**Stan Strickland**

## **IDAGRASS EDITOR**

Sorry this newsletter is so late. Slocum Hall has been very busy over the past few months. Starting in January, we (Sandra Cooper, Executive Director of the NOTF Inc., and I) start getting very busy. Putting the National Oldtime Fiddlers Contest together every year is

not an easy or simple thing to do. Most people do not realize that it is a full time, year round happening. Even with some volunteer help, it's a lot to do for two people. There are other events that happen as well during the year. Case in point, in March, things really get hectic. There was a Guitar Camp in April and Gary Eller has his Banjo Camp every year at Slocum in May. Slocum is the perfect spot for the campgrounds, people stay in the renovated rooms upstairs and we take care of whatever campground concerns and paperwork that need to be done in order to help Gary. It's a lot of fun too. We are already in full swing by this time getting the Fiddle Contest in June put together. Add to that, we help where we can getting things ready for the Banjo Contest in June, again on the grounds of Slocum Hall. Sandy not only takes care of all the camping on the grounds, she is also the chief cook and bottle washer as well as the upstairs maid and downstairs manager in charge of repairs, parking, customer service and all around "jack of all trades." Her husband, Dennis takes care of just about everything else, making any necessary repairs and including sound, which is a major job. He isn't an employee or a volunteer, just an all around great guy that wants to help out. And they do all this on their 20 minutes of sleep at night, whether they need it or not!

Anyhow, all that, just to say I'm sorry for the lateness of the newsletter.

- **Aimee Burdette**

**Kamiah Spring Jam Camp out**

Kamiah Spring Jam - By: Bill Estes

I arrived on Wednesday, May 30th. The weather was a little cool but there was some pickers already there. I got to do some pickin with my friend (Ron Scragg) that night. Hadn't picked with Ron for several years. Ron lives here in Idaho now so we should be able to pick more often.

Thursday was mostly cloudy. We had a good pot-luck dinner that night, with pulled pork and hot dogs, lots of salads and desserts. We had to move the pot-luck inside due to the rain. It gave everybody a chance to sit at tables and visit and catch up on things. Thanks to everybody that participated. It rained most of Thursday night, so several of us ended up inside to do our pickin.

I got to meet a couple of new people on Thursday afternoon (Jerry Martin and Greg Wunsch) who were pickin at their camp, and both were very welcoming when I asked if I could pick with them. By the way, they are both new members of ISBA. Thanks guys and welcome to ISBA. We also got to pick later after the pot-luck and inside out of the rain.

Thursday night jam lasted until about midnight. There was about ten of us inside and had a great time.

Friday the jamming started early and went pretty much all day. The people from the Cambridge and Council area had a good jam going under some nice shade trees. Their jam was going almost all day Friday and Saturday.

On Friday night we had Open Mic which was kicked off by the Flatgrass band from Montana. It was a good show. Thanks Flatgrass. After Flatgrass finished we started the open mic and ended up with quite a variety of music. Thanks to all those that participated. Friday night jams were pretty much all over the campground. Some went past midnight. A good time was had.

Saturday was the best day weather wise. It was sunny and warm all day. We started the day off with a complimentary breakfast, sponsored by Greg Boyd from the Flatgrass band. For breakfast we had eggs, pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee, prepared by John and Raynae Redman, Helen Smith and Dallas Olson. Very tasty breakfast. Thanks for the great job. Looks like we might do this again next year.

Greg Boyd also sponsored the Ice Cream Social that took place on Saturday afternoon. We had several flavors of ice cream. It gave everybody another chance to sit and visit with new friends. Thanks so much Greg.

We had lots of jammin on Saturday night. It went well into the wee hours.

Many of our members used this weekend to renew their memberships. Thanks to all who did.

We want to welcome the following new members to ISBA: Jerry Martin, Greg Wunsch, Ron and Peggy Scragg, Dale Fisk and Jed and Kathy Lakey. We are glad to have you all as members. Thanks

We would like to say thanks to all of the following people for their time and hard work that made this weekend a success:

Rich Johnson, for manning the easy up and signing up all the new members and renewing our present memberships. Rich was on the job the biggest part of Friday and Saturday.

Last but not least, we would like to thank Raynae Redman and Helen Smith for making all the necessary arrangements for our Spring Jam. Both of you did a great job and ISBA appreciates this very much.

Hope to see all of you next year in Kamiah. Bring a friend.

Keep PICKIN

BANNOCK COUNTY BLUEGRASS MUSIC ASSOCIATION

# 15th Annual BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL 2018 POCATELLO, IDAHO

THIS YEARS  
HEADLINER BAND  
SPONSORED BY

**Simplot**

**arts  
IDAHO**

National  
Endowment  
for the Arts  
arts.gov



Featuring **RAGGED UNION BLUEGRASS BAND**

★ THE BAND LINEUP ★

THE TETON SHADOW BAND ★ THE PANHANDLE POLECATS ★ SCRATCHDOG STRING BAND  
RED DESERT RAMBLERS ★ WILD COYOTES  
PORTNEUF GAP ★ NEW SOUTH FORK ★ THE WASHBURN FAMILY BLUEGRASS BAND

**BANNOCK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - AUGUST 17, 18, 19**

\*\*\* GATE OPENS AT 5:00PM \*\*\*

Snake River Fiddle Club performing 5:30PM Friday 17th

Weekend Pass: \$40 (daily tickets are available). No Refunds.  
Children 14 and under: Free.

Camping Available: \$25 for Hookups (with weekend pass purchase).  
\$15 for Dry Camping (with weekend pass purchase).

NO Pets, Bicycles, Smoking, Alcohol, Drugs or Firearms  
allowed in concert area.

*In case of inclement weather, we will move indoors.*

Check our website for schedule:  
[www.bannockcountybluegrassfestival.com/](http://www.bannockcountybluegrassfestival.com/)



RAFFLE PRIZES  
include  
Martin Guitar!



THANK YOU:





**ISBA Membership For**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**IdaGrass, the ISBA newsletter is offered either in email or printed format. Using email saves the Association the cost of postage and printing. So depending on how you would like to receive your newsletter (postal or email) the cost of membership is different.**

**Circle one: Email: \$15 or Postal: \$20**

**I am joining as a (circle one): Renewal or New Member**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly membership is May to May.**

**Please mail application and check to:**

**Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Association  
% Rich Johnson  
1544 W. Dakota Loop  
Nampa, ID 83686**

**BLUEGRASS JAMS—IDAHO  
BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION**

**Beginners' Jam every Wednesday**

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 Thursday**

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.

Open Jam at Boise Shoreline Plaza,  
675 S. 13th, near Shore Line Drive, Boise  
Every Wednesdays 7 - 9:00pm

**Bluegrass Open Mic at Liquid**

405 South 8th Street, Boise ID  
Every 4th Tuesday of the month 7 -  
9:30pm  
sign up here:  
<https://www.idahobluegrassassociation.org/sign-up-and-info.html>

**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

**Southern Zone Jam:**

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

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

**Have ideas, comments, questions,  
or concerns?**

**Want to get involved? Here's your  
Board of Directors:**

**Northern Zone**

**Newsletter:** Aimee Burdette  
[admin@fiddlecontest.com](mailto:admin@fiddlecontest.com)  
(208) 414-0255

**Southern Zone**

John Boyer, Twin Falls  
[boyerj1@mindspring.com](mailto:boyerj1@mindspring.com)

**Check us out on the web:**  
[www.idahosawtoothbluegrass.org](http://www.idahosawtoothbluegrass.org)

**Middle Zone**

Bill Estes, Star  
[georgeestes@digis.net](mailto:georgeestes@digis.net)  
Keith Freedman, Nampa  
[Roundtuit3@yahoo.com](mailto:Roundtuit3@yahoo.com)  
Doug Jenkins, Nampa  
[kandkjenkins@yahoo.com](mailto:kandkjenkins@yahoo.com)  
Carolyn Johnson, Boise  
[cthorse@gmail.com](mailto:cthorse@gmail.com)  
Rich Johnson, Boise  
[Johnsonr46@hotmail.com](mailto:Johnsonr46@hotmail.com)  
Stan Strickland, Boise  
[stanrud@msn.com](mailto:stanrud@msn.com)  
Gary Woods, Boise  
[garywoods4065@msn.com](mailto:garywoods4065@msn.com)

**Webmaster:** Petra Schwarthoff, Boise  
[idahosawtoothbluegrass@gmail.com](mailto:idahosawtoothbluegrass@gmail.com)

**Membership:** Rich Johnson, Boise  
[Johnsonr46@hotmail.com](mailto:Johnsonr46@hotmail.com)



