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OROSCO & LUDIERS Big Winners in June!

BELTON CONTEST



Photo's courtesy of the Orosco's



While the month of June did not offer a lot of contests, it did feature two of the more prestigious competitions of the year. The World Championship Fiddle Contest in Crockett, Texas presented some great competition in all age groups. At the end of the day Dennis Ludiker of Austin Texas, won his first World Championship while Wes Westmoreland, Bubba Hopkins, Carl Hopkins, and Clayton Bankston rounded out a quality Top 5 at the event. We thank all who participated and supported this contest and look forward to making it bigger and better next year.

The campgrounds at the week-long National Old-Time Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho seemed to be taken over by TOTFA members. It was great to see such a large contingent from Texas there this year. It presented plenty of great jam sessions and lots of good fellowship between us and a lot of our good friends from out of state. I am very pleased to announce that Mia Orosco of Lorena, Texas, is the new National Junior Champion after her first place finish over some great young competition in a Junior division that featured over 70 contestants. However, it was out of state TOTFA member Kimber Ludiker of Boston who turned out to be the big winner at the end of the week by winning her second Grand National Championship in a row while holding off some excellent competition from some great fiddlers from around the country. The good folks who run this contest have created a Hall of Fame of their own and it gives me great pleasure to announce that the very first inductee into their Hall of Fame was Texas fiddle legend Benny Thomasson. Wes Westmoreland was on hand to accept the honor on behalf of the Thomasson family. So, on behalf of the TOTFA family, I'd like to offer our congratulations to Benny's family for this honor. It could not have gone to a better representative of Texas fiddling.

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I regret to inform the membership that, due to a lack of funding, the Weatherford contest has been cancelled. We will continue to work with them and plan to have a contest there if not later this year, then certainly next year. Unfortunately, the rest of the summer is lacking in terms of contests but we do have two fun events coming up you should mark on your calendars. On July 24, we will have a July Jam beginning at 6pm at the 1st United Methodist Church in Bowie, Texas. Meals will be sold at the event and the proceeds will go directly into helping fund the contest in Bowie in October later this year. So make plans now to help support this great contest and enjoy the fine fiddling of Marty Elmore, Randy Elmore and others. If you have any questions about this event, feel free to call Marty Elmore at (940) 531-2326. August 1-5 are the dates of our 4th Annual Fiddle Camp and registration is still open so if you have not signed up to attend yet make plans to do so now because this is really growing into one of the very best fiddle camps in the country. See the ad inside the newsletter for more details about the camp and how you can take advantage of the opportunity to learn from some of the very best teachers in the country.

Happy Fiddlin'

Bryan

***For events, maps, more photos, contest results,
video and sound clips, etc... visit the new website:
WWW.TOTFA.ORG***

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Happy Birthday To You

1st - Marie Bulfinch	11th - Stephen Clemmons
2nd - Broden Rast	11th - Bill Jones
3rd - Elliott Dean	12th - Cameron Ward
4th - Andi Wray	15th - Jim Reina
5th - Coby Carter	17th - Tom Lindsey
5th - Faith Nugent	18th - Bill Cox
5th - Page Aubrey	23rd - Ed Carnes
5th - Patricia Wright	27th - Stacy Dodd
9th - Joann Beken	27th - Bubba Hopkins
10th - Colette Boyette	28th - Terrell Whyrick
10th - Marshall Stockton	29th - Jessica Sell
10th - Kerry Varble	30th - Will Symonds

ATTENTION TOTFA Members

On behalf of the TOTFA Board of Directors, I'd like to make a request to the membership. We are in a position to make a huge change, financially, for the Association. We easily spend thousands of dollars a year on the publication of the newsletter and it's money that we feel could be better spent elsewhere. This money could be used for potential scholarship candidates, Fiddle Camp costs, Convention costs, and perhaps prize money that could help new contest sites which may have trouble raising sufficient funds for a quality contest. This day and age, the newsletter can easily be distributed to the membership much more quickly online via email. This way you wouldn't have to worry about misplacing it because you can always print another copy out from your computer. I realize that perhaps not everyone has computer access or maybe you just prefer to have a hard copy in your hands and for those situations we will gladly continue to have your newsletter delivered to your mailbox. However, if you would prefer to receive your newsletter via email, please send a confirmation email to TOTFAssoc@gmail.com, as soon as possible. Thanks to everyone for your consideration on this matter.

~ Bryan

GOIN' DIGITAL

Fiddle Legend To Recieve National Recognition

Texas fiddling great, and TOTFA member Jim "Texas Shorty" Chancellor, of Rockwall, Texas, has recieved national recognition from the National Endowment for the Arts. The award is a Lifetime Honor from the NEA National Heritage Fellowship and is being presented to him for his lifelong contributions to Texas fiddling. He is one of the most recognizable names and respected musicians in the fiddling world. He is quite simply one of the most influential fiddlers in contest fiddling and it gives me great pleasure to congratulate him on behalf of the membership for this honor. They could not have chosen a better representative of Texas fiddling to honor with this award. The award ceremony will be held in Washington, DC, in September later this year. However, before he makes his way to the nation's capital, he will make his way to Nacogdoches for the first couple of days of our fiddle camp and will put on a show Monday evening, August 2nd at 7pm. So if you'd like to take the opportunity to congratulate him on this award in person, come catch his show at the TOTFA Fiddle Camp.



UPCOMING EVENTS

BOWIE JAM

WHAT: Bowie Contest Fundraiser

WHEN: July 24th at 6pm

WHERE: 1st United Methodist Church
Bowie, TX.

DETAILS: Meals will be sold at the event and the proceeds will go directly into helping fund the contest in Bowie in October later this year. So make plans now to help support this great contest and enjoy the fine fiddling of Marty Elmore, Randy Elmore and others. If you have any questions about this event, feel free to call Marty Elmore at (940) 531-2326.

WEATHERFORD CONTEST

The Weatherford Contest
has been cancelled!

TEXAS FIDDLE CAMP

WHAT: Amazing Fiddle Camp

WHEN: August 1-5th

WHERE: SFA Univ., Nacogdoches TX

REGISTRATION: Begins at 3 pm in the Kerr
Hall Lobby

DIVISIONS: Classes in Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced; Specialty Classes each day for all levels; Dinners together; Concert each night; Jamming till you drop after the Concerts each night; friends; fun!

DETAILS: You must send in your registration form, your SFA Medical Waiver and full payment to consider yourself registered for camp. All registrations must be post-marked by midnight July 15th to avoid a \$25 late fee.

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

UPCOMING EVENTS



*Come join us for our 4th Annual Texas Fiddle Camp.
August 1-5, 2010 in Nacogdoches, TX.*

*Featuring World and National Champion Instructors:
Wes Westmoreland, Justin Branum, Danita Gardner,
Roberta Rast, Valerie O'Brien and Anthony Mature*

*Registration through July 15th is
\$400 for students
\$200 for Chaperone's (required for children 15 & Under)*

After July 15th there will be a \$25 late fee

*Hurry and get your registration form, SFA Medical
Waiver form and full payment in to reserve your spot.*

*For more information and for Registration forms,
See our website at **www.txfiddlecamp.com***

DONE GONE

BELTON



0-19:

- 1st Place - Mia Orosco
- 2nd Place - Katie Crawford
- 3rd Place - Myka Williams
- 4th Place - Anthony Orosco
- 5th Place - Jonathan Wilson
- 6th Place - Annie Reinke

20-51:

- 1st Place - Michelle Kuhlman
- 2nd Place - Julie Amundson
- 3rd Place - Mark Seale

52+:

- 1st Place - Eddie Davis
- 2nd Place - Gene Banks

Accompanist Division:

- 1st Place - Devon McCauley
- 2nd Place - Simon Stipps
- 3rd Place - Nonie Orosco
- 4th Place - John Crawford



PHOTO'S COURTESY THE OROSCO'S

DONE GONE

PEE WEE

1. River Lee
2. Elliot Dean
3. Marlys Coursey
4. Colby Sheppard

JR-JR

1. Katie Crawford
2. Harrison Schumann
3. Gil Johnson
4. Karissa Nugent
5. Noelle Nugent
6. Jessica Sell
7. Tommy Alfred

JR.

1. Maleika Nugent
2. Faith Nugent
3. Cheyenne Craig
4. James Kurz
5. Ben McPhearson
6. Myka Williams
7. Katie Allred

SENIOR DIVISION

1. Jesse Mears
2. EJ Hopkins
3. Benny Bennett
4. Earl Garner
5. Tom Fonville
6. Clifton Bowren

CROCKETT

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

1. Dennis Ludiker
2. Wes Westmoreland
3. Bubba Hopkins
4. Carl Hopkins
5. Clayton Bankston

ACCOMPANIST OF THE DAY

1. Anthony Mature

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Membership Application

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone # _____ # _____ Birthday _____

_____ Fiddler - \$30/year

_____ Accompanist - \$30/year

_____ Out of State Fiddler - \$30/year

_____ Associate - \$20/year

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____
(Make checks payable to TOTFA)

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YES... We are a multi-membership
TOTFA family, and we agree to
accept a single issue of The Texas
Fiddler each month in place of
multiple issues.

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YES... I would like to start
receiving my copy of The Texas
Fiddler electronically, rather
than by U.S. mail.

Mail application and check to:
Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association
3209 S. Fredonia
Nacogdoches, TX. 75964

NOTICE to TOTFA Members: If this box is checked, ☐
your TOTFA membership will expire at the end of this month.
Therefore, please note that this is the last copy of The Texas
Fiddler you will receive, until we receive your renewal mem-
bership. To avoid disruption to your membership, please fill
out the membership form above this notice and send to the
address mentioned.