

Rocky Mountain Fiddle Club

May 2014 Issue 5

Our mission is to to encourage the playing of traditional Scottish fiddle music in Colorado



Next Meeting: May 18th

Meeting Schedule – **Documentary Filming Throughout meeting!**

- 2:00 – Super Slow Jam with Arlene
Fast Track with Royston, learning a Cape Breton Strathspey
- 3:30 – Scottish pipe march with James
- 4:30 – Meet, eat, play, repeat

The May 18th meeting will be hosted by the Ross family.

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Please bring a dish to share and BYOB

If you would like to host a club meeting, please contact Arlene at longmonttrowie@gmail.com

Mark your calendars...



The Second Annual Winter Weekend will take place on March 27-29, 2015 at Peaceful Valley Ranch.

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Peaceful Valley Winter Retreat

Rocky Mountain Fiddle Club was thrilled to be hosted by Peaceful Valley Ranch for our first Winter Weekend, especially so soon after the club was initiated. And it's all thanks to you! We already can't wait for next year, and it's already been arranged.

A BIG SHOUT OUT to Mark Luther for his generous discount of \$100 to Rocky Mountain Fiddle Camp for everyone who attended Winter Weekend. Thanks Mark! To learn more about Rocky Mountain Fiddle Camp, see the attached flyer on the page 5. And don't forget to remind Mark if you attended Winter Weekend.

Stories from the Valley

Our star of the weekend was Sibyl Goerner, 92 years young. Sibyl led a fireside chat with stories of her pioneer family, covered wagons, hunting buffalo, and breeding beefalo (hybrid beef and bison). She shared photos and artifacts, including mint condition, hand tanned and tailored calf skin gloves made by her mother, and a beaver pelt collar. She took Nancy Holland's beginning violin class, and was the inspiration for our inaugural drum circle.

I really enjoyed the rustic and cozy atmosphere of Peaceful Valley. There were so many opportunities to play in jam sessions, I felt as though I was in a constant state of being warmed up since I was playing practically non-stop. Besides the music, I loved hanging out with Fiona, James, Mackenzie, Hannah and Adam, getting some time to enjoy the mountains and serenity. The six of us (The Dream Team) got up to all sorts of crazy shenanigans, including jumping from the hot tub into the freezing pool, snowball fights, and Extreme Jenga Billiards. One of the biggest highlights for me was the Ceilidh, led by the Ross family. Great set of dances and some very talented dance partners! I only wish the retreat could have gone on longer.

Steve Scot's drum circle was an enormous success: certainly a highlight of the weekend. Thank You to Nancy Holland, who taught the "Never touched a fiddle in my life," class. Camilla Bicknell's sessions and classes were also much appreciated. James MacQueen's workshop on Scottish tunes and technique was well received. We are all looking forward to next year! And let me take a moment to thank Arlene so much for all her effort in making this wonderful experience happen. She is just incredible!

Hogmany Celebration 2014

Fiddle Club New Year's Eve Party is on for this year! We're not sure of the location yet, but it may be at Peaceful Valley Ranch. If so, B+B options will be available. More details to follow.





New and Exciting Business

Make our Garden Grow

We have a great opportunity to play for a larger crowd on Saturday, May 3rd, 2:00 pm, at Shortgrass Greenhouse, (Weld County Road 5). This will be good advertising for the club and you can get a jump start on your garden shopping! You're welcome to bring music and stands, just remember clothespins to secure your music.

Fiddlers on the Run

We've been invited to participate in the Bolder Boulder, a 10k run, which will take place on May 26th. Whether you'd like to participate and run until you fall over, or just cheer others on, don't miss it, it'll be a lot of fun! There are 90 waves of runners, ranging from less to more experienced. You pick the pace that's right for you. Check out their website: bolderboulder.com Email Arlene if interested.

Assisted Living Facility Gig

Here's a unique opportunity to spread some of our Fiddle goodness to some elderly folk in Golden, Colorado and give back to the community. The date will be June 14th at the Wide Horizon Assisted Living Facility in Golden CO. We'll play from 11:30-1:00, during which the residents will be having lunch. Carpooling available from Arlene's house. Email Arlene if interested.

Brewing Market

Arlene and I (Royston) recently ventured into Longmont's own quaint coffee hut, the Brewing Market, and asked if we could have a session there. We were met with much enthusiasm! This will be another great way we can spread the word about Fiddle Club in addition to having some fun playing for the public over a nice espresso. Dates TBD.

Oscar Blues

We'd also like to have a session at Longmont's favorite pub and burger joint, Oscar Blues, because let's face it, nothing beats a bunch of great fiddle tunes topped off with Beer and Burgers, right? Dates TBD.

Longmont Symphony Independence Day Celebration

Picnic Theme Contest during Concert in
Thompson Park - July 4th: Noon

Let's enter the picnic theme contest. Fiddle club needs your ideas for a display. There are prizes to be won!





Elizabeth Potter (Co-Director) is a junior at Silver Creek High School. She plays in the school's orchestra and takes violin lessons from Paul Trapkus. She plans to pursue music, film, and writing in college. She has been an avid film and music lover for as long as she can remember and is extremely excited and honored to be able to work on this project. Being in a school orchestra, Elizabeth sees too many senior classmates quit their musical endeavors soon after high school. She hopes that *Carry the Tune* will help those classmates pursue music even further.

They're going to put us in the movies!

We recently got a request from Elizabeth Potter, a Silver Creek High School Student and friend of Fiona Patterson. Elizabeth is involved in a project, filming a documentary on how people can continue to make music after high school. She would like to feature footage from one of our club meetings!

This documentary will focus on the issue of students who take music classes in high school, are passionate about it, and then stop playing. The makers of the documentary believe that many students who are passionate about music during high school are simply unaware of continuing opportunities for music making.

This will be a fantastic opportunity to get some exposure for the club and support the arts in the community. They will be visiting and filming us at our May meeting, so everyone make sure and be there in mass! Always wanted to be in pictures? Now's your chance.

For more information, check out the kick starter page - kickstarter.com/CarryTheTune

Tunes of the month

The Rakes of Kildare

Willafford

In the Archives

Sweet Marie

King George Strathspey and Reel

De'il Amang the Tailors

Farewell to Whiskey

Highland Whiskey (Strathspey)

The Left-Handed Fiddler (Reel)

Farewell to Chernobyl

Buchanan Birch

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4) Enter *dropbox* as the password

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Rocky Mountain Fiddle Camp

"It's not just for Fiddlers!" - July 27 - August 3, 2014

Location: Snow Mountain Ranch near Winter Park, Colorado

Check out our website at rmfiddle.com
And please join us on Facebook

Founded by Mark Luther, Director, and his kids, Christopher and Cosima, in 1999, Rocky Mountain Fiddle Camp is entering its 16th year in 2014.

Set in the beautiful Colorado Rockies outside of Denver at Snow Mountain Ranch near Winter Park, Colorado, Rocky Mountain Fiddle Camp is staffed with world class musicians who are highly-regarded for their superb playing as well as excellent teaching.

Old and young, beginners through professionals, everyone with an interest in music or dancing enjoys the camp and finds plenty of fun and learning opportunities!

Spend some time in the Rocky Mountains with new friends, old songs, good food and great people!

In addition to classes during the day, there are evening contra & square dances, jam sessions, concerts, camper talent night, campfire, and opportunities to hike and swim.



Cosima, Mark, & Chris Luther
"A Family-Run Camp"

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIDDLE CLUB

10 reasons to join

- 1. With a minimum of 20 fully paid memberships, we can offer the **Monthly workshops FREE to members.** (\$15 for non-members) so, you pay \$60 / year for a family membership and you get 12x \$15 workshops* per family member for free.**
- 2. Smashing Scottish Session tune book and practice CD compiled by Barbara McOwen FREE with paid annual membership.** (\$15 for non-members) Tunes no self-respecting Scottish fiddle player can leave unlearned! We will use this bank of classic Scottish tunes as a base for our repertoire.
- 3. Discounted club events, such as Winter Weekend.**
- 4. Fiddle club newsletter** delivered to your email inbox every month.
- 5. Volunteer opportunities.** Become involved in running the club. Be in charge of special events, club gigs, suggest new tunes to learn, write simplified parts for beginning players, organize music, or write an article for the newsletter. Maybe you have another idea. Tell us about it.
- 6. Host a meeting of the fiddle club in your own home.** Always wanted to have lots of wonderful live music going on in your home? Here's your chance! Be the envy of your neighbors.
- 7. Teach a class.** We are always in need of workshop leaders. What's your Scottish music passion? Share it in a workshop!
- 8. Learn fabulous Scottish music.**
- 9. Guaranteed** good music, fun, and companionship.
- 10. You will be a member of Colorado's Coolest Celtic music Club ever!**

All this for \$60 annual membership (\$5/per family/per month)? We must be crazy! No, just crazy about Scottish fiddle music.

**occasionally we will have special workshops/concerts that will require a suggested donation.*

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