



# Fiddler's Rag

Vol. 42, Number 10  
Celebrating 41 years

Santa Clara Valley Fiddlers Association  
[www.scvfa.org](http://www.scvfa.org) or [www.fiddlers.org](http://www.fiddlers.org)

October 2014  
Next Jam: Oct. 5



## President's Note

The September 7 jam was great. Our listening audience enjoyed an entire afternoon of music.

Dave Barton led our very popular Beginners' Circle and taught Mairi's Wedding and Bonaparte's Retreat.

I am delighted Susan Goodis will be filling our trustee vacancy. I look forward to her input and guidance.

## 13th Youth Fiddle Contest on November 2

On Nov. 2, we will have our 13th Youth Fiddle Contest thanks to Pete Showman. He has agreed to be contest chairman once again. Pete deserves credit for making every one of our youth fiddle contests happen.

## Chai House Performance

On September 10, Dave Williams, George Bradshaw, Pete Showman and I performed at the Chai House in San Jose. The residents thoroughly enjoyed our show and asked lots of questions about us and our music.

## Prusch Farm Park Performance on October 4

We will be playing at the Prusch Farm Park Harvest Fair on October 4 at 11:00 AM. Paul Clarke is leading this fun event. It is the day before our regular jam.

## Twin Fiddling DVD of Arthur Kee and Jack Sadler

At the October 3, 2010 jam, Arthur Kee and Jack Sadler were recorded as they performed nine twin fiddle tunes: Silver Bells, Ashokan Farewell, In the Garden, Lady Be Good, Josephine's Waltz, Danny Boy, Twinkle Little Star, Golden Slippers, and I Ain't Got Nobody. Accompanying them are John Lytle, Norio Kawato, and Jim True. This DVD video can be yours for a \$15 donation. I only made five copies. Email me to reserve yours.

- Richard Brooks



## Historic Reunion of Two Bands

At 3:00 PM on Oct. 5, there will be a historic reunion of two Jack Sadler bands. The Overlook Mountain Boys, a 1970s bluegrass band, will include Arthur Kee (bass), John Lytle (vocals, guitar), Jack Sadler (vocals, fiddle), Jack Tuttle (fiddle), and Ron White (vocals, Dobro).

Lone Prairie, a 1990s western cowboy music band, will include Rob Horgan (banjo), Arthur Kee (fiddle), Paul King (vocals, guitar), Jim Mintun (vocals, Dobro), Louise Mintun (vocals, bass), and Jack Sadler (vocals, fiddle). Expect some mighty fine yodeling.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime event.

## The Overlook Mountain Boys



L to R: Joe Weed, Ron White, Jack Sadler, Dave Carlson, John Lytle (1970s photo)

## In This Issue:

## Page

President's Message .....	1
Historic Band Reunion in October .....	1
Jam Photos .....	2, 4, 6
SCVFA Happenings: Band Reunion, Youth Fiddle Contest, December Potluck .....	3
Trustee Meeting Highlights, Sept. 2014 .....	3
Tune: <i>Shelvin' Rock</i> .....	5

The Fiddler's Rag is published monthly by the Santa Clara Valley Fiddlers Association and is provided to members of the Association. The Santa Clara Valley Fiddlers Association (SCVFA), founded in 1973 in San Jose, California, is a nonprofit, volunteer-operated organization dedicated to the preservation, teaching, and enjoyment of traditional music. The first membership in a household includes the Fiddler's Rag; additional members sharing the newsletter are steeply discounted. To join, sign up at the jam or see [www.fiddlers.org/join](http://www.fiddlers.org/join).

**Officers and Chairs**

President-Trustee ..... Richard J. Brooks  
 Vice President ..... OPEN  
 Recording Secretary ..... Dinah Showman  
 Treasurer ..... Janet Johnston  
 Membership Secretary ..... Pete Showman  
 Newsletter Editor ..... OPEN (*Pete Showman, acting*)  
 Newsletter Publisher ..... Charlotte Prater  
 Performances Contact ..... Dave Williams  
 Publicity ..... OPEN  
 Webmaster ..... Pete Showman  
 Youth Programs Chair ..... OPEN  
 Youth Fiddle Contest Chair, 2014 ..... Pete Showman

**Trustees**

Seat 1: Pete Showman      Seat 2: Élan Alford  
 Seat 3: George Bradshaw      Seat 4: Charlotte Prater  
 Seat 5: Dave Williams      Seat 6: Susan Goodis

**To Contact the SCVFA:**

Mail: P.O. Box 2666, Cupertino, CA 95015-2666  
 Email: president at fiddlers.org Phone: (650) 328-3939

**Newsletter Submissions & Comments:**

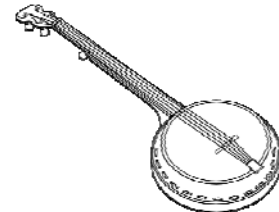
Email: newsletter at fiddlers.org  
 Website: [www.scvfa.org](http://www.scvfa.org) or [www.fiddlers.org](http://www.fiddlers.org)  
 Copyright 2014, Santa Clara Valley Fiddlers Association

From Marin to Monterey, Tracy to Tiburon...  
 ...we're in the heart of bluegrass country



THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
 BLUEGRASS SOCIETY  
 www.ncbs.us

Since 1982 the Northern California Bluegrass Society has promoted bluegrass and old time music in the San Francisco Bay and Monterey Bay areas. This highly active club has nurtured the development of bands and venues. The NCBS hosts the Good Old Fashioned Bluegrass Festival each August, an event that solely features California bands. We sponsor festivals, concerts and jams all over the area. Members receive the Bluegrass By the Bay magazine each quarter. Please join us!



**At the September Jam**



Richard Brooks photo

(L-R) Barbara Rosner, George Bradshaw, Patti Bossert, Susan Goodis, Mark Hopkins and Paul Clarke entertain at the September 7, 2014 jam.

## SCVFA Happenings

### October Jam: Band Reunion

Don't miss the historic reunions of two local bands at the October jam. Both bands feature SCVFA charter member and CBA co-founder Jack Sadler, who is organizing the reunions: the Overlook Mountain Boys and Lone Prairie. See page 1 for details.

### 2014 Youth Fiddle Contest

The 2014 Youth Fiddle Contest is on.

After surveying families and teachers of young fiddlers who have participated in our events to determine interest, we've decided to hold the 2014 SCVFA Youth Fiddle Contest – our 13<sup>th</sup>. So:

### Calling All Young Fiddlers! Sign Up for our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual SCVFA Youth Fiddle Contest November 2, 2014

**Young fiddlers, parents, teachers:**  
time to sign up for the contest  
and get a couple of tunes ready!  
Be sure to register early: time  
limits us to 25 contestants.

**Everyone** — come cheer  
on these young fiddlers!



Three age divisions:

8 and under, 11 and under, 17 and under.

- Cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> in each division.
- Custom-made fiddle trophies for first place.
- Participant ribbons for all.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Full details and the entry form are on our  
website: [www.fiddlers.org/contest](http://www.fiddlers.org/contest). Questions?  
Call Pete Showman: (408) 255-0297.

The survey suggests we may be light in the youngest division, 8 and under. *So if you know young fiddlers in that age range, please encourage them to sign up.*

The rules are essentially the same as last year, except that we've clarified that violas as well as members of the violin family are welcome.

### Trustee Meeting Highlights

The SCVFA Board of Trustees met on September 14, 2014. The Trustees:

- Planned logistics for the October jam. Members of Overlook Mountain Boys and Lone Prairie (several of whom were and are SCVFA members) will perform.
- Appointed Susan Goodis as trustee to fill the vacancy (seat 6) created by Tom Clausen's resignation, and agreed that she be nominated to run for election to the same position in February.
- Authorized funds for the December Holiday Potluck for certain food items, table decorations, tableware, etc. People will be asked to bring food items to share. It was agreed to ask for a \$5 donation if attendees do not bring a food item.
- Agreed that a flat admission (door) fee of \$5 be charged at the December jam instead of our usual member and non-member rates.
- Agreed to hold the Youth Fiddle Contest in November, after surveying parents and teachers about their children's/students' interest.
- Discussed possible new program ideas and ways to get families involved.
- Agreed to a test program from January through June 2015 to give free admission to a jam for first time attendees who come with a member. We will then evaluate attendance over the period.
- Considered suggestions for meeting locations for trustee meetings and will continue to explore possible locations.
- Set November 16 as the proposed date for the next trustee meeting.

*Dinah Showman, Secretary*

*Trustee meetings are open to all SCVFA members. They are usually held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of odd-numbered months (subject to change due to conflicts). If you'd like to attend a meeting, contact Richard Brooks: [President@fiddlers.org](http://President@fiddlers.org).*

### December Potluck

We're delighted that **Cheri Palasek** has agreed to organize the 2014 Holiday Potluck, to be held at the December 7<sup>th</sup> jam. We hope you all can come! It's a great opportunity to get to know more of your fellow SCVFA members.

Details will be announced in upcoming issues of the Fiddler's Rag, but we expect it to follow the usual pattern: SCVFA will provide sliced ham and turkey, beverages and tableware. Members who wish to participate should bring one side dish, sized to serve four times as many people as are in their group.

# Photos from the September 2014 Jam



Janet Johnston photo

President **Richard Brooks** and **Paul Indman** perform on stage...



Susan Goodis photo

... and outdoors: (clockwise from left) **Paul Indman, Richard Brooks, Chase Brown, John Durbin** and **Mike Johnson** (back to camera)



Susan Goodis photo

**Élan Alford, Anne Raphael, Dave Earl** prepare to end an old-time tune as **Pete Showman** "puts on the brakes."



Richard Brooks photo

**Warren Campbell** and **Tom Clausen** perform.



Richard Brooks photo

**Sam Morocco, Mike Johnson** and **Bill Hall** sing out.

Key: A mixolydian  
♩ = 90

## Shelvin' Rock 1

By Ernie Carpenter  
Arr. Pete Showman, as learned  
in various Bay Area jams.

Musical notation for Shelvin' Rock 1, measures 1-6. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The notation is in treble clef. Measure 1 is marked with a boxed 'A'. Chords A and G are indicated above the staff. Measure 2 is marked with a boxed 'B'. Chords A, E, and A are indicated above the staff. Measures 3-6 contain two first endings, labeled '1' and '2', which lead to a final cadence. A '4 0' fingering is shown above the final measure.

Arr. Pete Showman 8/15/2014 (rev. 1).

Key: A mixolydian  
♩ = 90

## Shelvin' Rock 2

Ernie Carpenter  
Arr. Pete Showman

Musical notation for Shelvin' Rock 2, measures 1-6. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The notation is in treble clef. Measure 1 is marked with a boxed 'A'. Chords A and G are indicated above the staff. Measure 2 is marked with a boxed 'B'. Chords A, E, and A are indicated above the staff. Measures 3-6 contain two first endings, labeled '1' and '2', which lead to a final cadence. A '4 0' fingering is shown above the final measure.

Arr. Pete Showman 7/7/2014 (rev. 1).

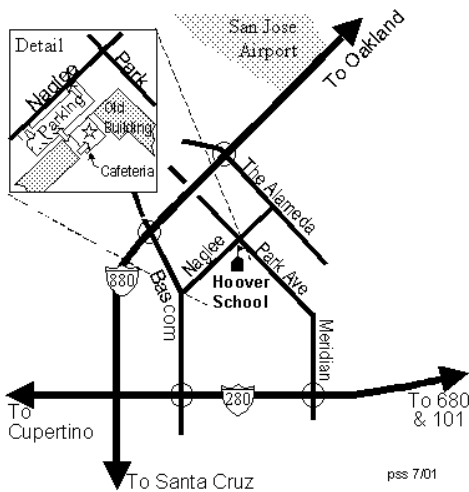
Based on the uncredited version at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pfUetH4ZrQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pfUetH4ZrQ). The fiddler in the video alternates playing A as written, and an octave lower. A cousin of Ernie Carpenter commented on the video: "[Ernie] wrote Shelvin' Rock in honor of the birth place, an overhanging rock, of our shared great-great grandfather."

Santa Clara Valley Fiddlers Association  
P.O. Box 2666  
Cupertino, CA 95015-2666

SCVFA Jam on the first Sunday of each month.  
Location: Hoover Middle School, 1635 Park Ave.,  
San Jose. The school is at the corner of Naglee and  
Park. Cafeteria parking is on the Naglee side.

**Next Jam: Sunday Oct. 5, 1-5 pm  
at Hoover. Special Band Reunion!**

Damaged or Missing Issue? Call us,  
or email to: [newsletter at fiddlers.org](mailto:newsletter@fiddlers.org)



Richard Brooks photo

The September Open Mike began with a jam group that grew to include (L-R): **Ken Jones** (guitar), **Mike Bell** (mandolin), **Sam Morocco** (bass), **Jean Avram** (fiddle), **Warren Campbell** (mandolin), **Dave Barton** (fiddle), **Élan Alford** (banjo), **Dovie Wylie** (guitar) and **George Bradshaw** (guitar).