

RECAP OF STATE CONTEST

Once again we had a very good contest. There was a change in location, but still in Oroville. The State Theater is three blocks from the Auditorium, but the facility is wonderful for the contestant on stage and the audience in attendance. Chuck McCay made a good situation even better. The acoustics in the theater are awesome, and the seats are comfortable. In over twenty-five years of attending the Oroville contest, this is the very first time we went the entire contest period without rain and cold weather. The days were warm, in the low 80's, and the nights were cool, in the mid 60's, lots of sun, very little wind. It was as perfect as the weather could have been.

The campers were down with about one third of the usual, but, with the fuel prices going up when they should have been going down, it is no wonder. Like always, we missed several of our special friends who could not make it this year, and we gained several new friends in the bargain.

We had a couple friends from out of state visit. Danita Rast was a judge. During the judges' entertainment, she showed us what a real waltz sounded like with her rendition of The Shannon Waltz. Talk about beautiful! Thank you, Danita!

Also, Alex DePue, who moved to the San Diego area a little over six months ago, entered the Open Division and added the 2007 California State Open Division championship to his list of honors. He has been busy with lessons and workshops, and school performances, barely leaving time to compete. It is good to have Alex join the California fiddle scene.

CSOTFA members really jumped in with the management of the contest and all did a fantastic job making a new venue work well. The good weather was a blessing while we learned the pros and cons of the change of locations.

Keep rosin on your bow. . .
A pick in your pocket. . .
And a song in your heart.

Until the next contest. . .

Tex Ash

PARTICIPANTS

Pee Wee - - - - -	11
Junior Junior - - - - -	16
Junior - - - - -	14
Young Adult - - - - -	2
Adults - - - - -	9
Seniors - - - - -	10
Senior Seniors - - - - -	6
Open - - - - -	4
Twin Fiddle - - - - -	5
Junior Twin Fiddle - - - - -	5
 Total Fiddlers - - - - -	 72