

About the Seaside Scottish Fiddle Competition

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Where **The Seaside Highland Games** - Ventura County Fairgrounds, Seaside Park, Ventura, CA

When **Sunday, Oct 15** *Note: The Competition is expected to finish around 10:30 a.m.*

8:45 a.m. **Please be at the Fiddle Judging area (Celtic Spring Stage).**

9:00 a.m. **The Competition begins with the Novice category.**
The Junior, Intermediate, and Open categories follow.
If divided, Novice and Intermediate start with the junior competitors in each category.

Presentation of awards will be announced by 11:00 a.m.

Why For the love of traditional Scottish fiddling! For the judge's expert written feedback!
For the learning experience! For awards!

Open Category – First Place Trophy
Junior Category – Clans of the Highlands Award
Intermediate Category – Colin Gordon Memorial Appreciation
Novice Category – Colin Gordon Memorial Trophy
Encouragement Award – Chuck Lindahl Memorial: House of Gordon Scholarship

Who Judge **Jan Tappan** is an internationally known Scottish fiddler, competition judge, teacher, and performer. She has been playing Scottish fiddle since 1981 when she joined the Scottish Fiddlers of Los Angeles, assuming the role of director in 1990. She co-founded the Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddle School in 1984 and joined the board of Scottish Fiddling Revival (Scottish FIRE), as secretary in the mid-1980's, later becoming vice president for competitions, her current role. She has judged the U.S. National Scottish Fiddling championship on multiple occasions, as well as competitions at regional Highland Games and festivals such as the Seaside.
More information: <http://scottishfiddlers.org>

What The competition will be judged according to the rules of Scottish F.I.R.E. using the competition rubric.
Competitors will receive written comments from the judge afterwards.
Open, Junior, and Intermediate competitors will play (1) an air followed by a pause, then (2) a march, strathspey, and reel without a pause between tunes.
Novice competitors will play *either* (1) an air followed by a pause, then (2) a strathspey and reel without a pause between tunes, *or* (1) a march, strathspey, and reel without a pause between tunes.
(See the Rules for Competitors document for details.)

Dress Traditional Highland dress is encouraged, but not required.

Required Fee **\$10** – for entry into the Fiddle Competition. Competitors buy their own tickets to the Games.

Deadline Entry forms must be emailed to the Steward by Friday, **October 6, 2023.**
Fees must be paid in person (cash or check) before the competition begins.

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