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Address _____ Postal Code _____ Email Address _____

FIDDLE

9 & under Fiddle
 12 & under Fiddle
 13 to 15 Fiddle
 16 to 18 Fiddle
 19 to 29 Fiddle
 30 to 49 Fiddle
 50 & over Fiddle
 Jr. Duet (15 & under)
 Duet Fiddle
 Open Fiddle

New Contestant
 (not competed prior to 2017)

STEP DANCE

9 & under Stepdance
 12 & under Stepdance
 13 to 15 Stepdance
 16 to 18 Stepdance
 19 to 29 Stepdance
 30 to 49 Stepdance
 50 & over Stepdance
 Jr. Group (12 & under) Stepdance
 Open Group Stepdance
 Open Stepdance

ENTRY FEE:

Before June 23, 2017\$5.00
 After June 23, 2017\$10.00
 Group dance & duet fiddle classes
 per group or fiddle class\$10.00
 (entire amount due at time of registration)

TOTAL ENTRY FEES ENCLOSED \$

Duet Fiddle Partner: _____
 Group Name: _____
 Group Dancer's Names: _____

MAIL TO:
 P.O. BOX 21054, STRATFORD, ON N5A 7V4
 For further information Contact secretary:
 Marianne Huitema: (519)271-6115 or huitema@cyg.net

NOTES

- To qualify for early entry registration fee, payment must accompany entry form.
- Contestant passes will be issued at the registration desk.
- All cheques made payable to: S.W.O. Fiddle & Stepdance Association.
- Registration desk at the contest will close on Fri. at 10 p.m. & on Sat. at 2 p.m. The committee reserves the right to draw for competitor's position when necessary.

By submission of this entry form, you hereby grant permission to the Southwestern Ontario Fiddle & Step Dance Association ("SWO") to take and publish photographs and/or names of contestants on its website and social media sites such as but not limited to facebook, twitter and Instagram, and shall release SWO and its representatives, members and officers from all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of the photographs and/or names of contestants.

34TH ANNUAL

SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Open Fiddle & Stepdance Championships

CELEBRATING CANADA'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
June 30th & July 1st, 2017

At the Tavistock & District Recreation Centre
 Over \$15,000 in Prize Money & Trophies

*Sponsored by the Southwestern Ontario
 Fiddle & Stepdance Association*



2016 Open Stepdance Champion Becky Reid
 & Open Fiddle Champion Greg Henry

PROGRAM ORDER

FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH – 6:00 PM

13-15 Fiddle	5 winners to be named
16-18 Stepdance	5 finalists to be chosen
Duet Fiddle	4 winners to be named
13-15 Stepdance	5 winners to be named
16-18 Fiddle	5 finalists to be chosen
Open Group Stepdance	4 finalists to be chosen
Open Fiddle	5 finalists to be chosen
Open Stepdance	5 finalists to be chosen
50-64 Fiddle	4 winners to be named
19-29 Stepdance	4 winners to be named
19-49 Fiddle	4 winners to be named

FIDDLE CLASSES

	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH	8 TH
9 & under*	\$75	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$20
12 and under*	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$25
13 to 15	\$200	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$40			
16 to 18	\$400	\$250	\$100	\$75	\$50			
19 to 49	\$200	\$100	\$75	\$50				
50 to 64	\$150	\$75	\$50	\$30				
65 & over	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$30				
Jr. Duet (15 & under)	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$30				
Duet Fiddle	\$300	\$200	\$150	\$100				
Open Fiddle	\$1,000	\$800	\$600	\$400	\$200			

* \$10 for each competitor not placing

STEP DANCE CLASSES

	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH	8 TH
9 & under*	\$75	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$20
12 & under*	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$25
13 to 15	\$200	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$40			
16 to 18	\$400	\$250	\$100	\$75	\$50			
19 to 29	\$125	\$75	\$50	\$30				
30 to 49	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$30				
50 & over	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$30				
Jr. Group (12 & under)	\$150	\$100	\$80	\$50				
Open Group	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$150				
Open Stepdance	\$1,000	\$800	\$600	\$400	\$200			

* \$10 for each competitor not placing

2018 Contest Dates
June 28th & June 29th

SATURDAY, JULY 1ST – 9:30 AM

50 & over Stepdance	4 winners to be named
65 & over Fiddle	4 winners to be named
9 & under Stepdance	8 winners to be named
12 & under Fiddle	8 winners to be named
Jr. Group Stepdance	4 winners to be named
9 & under Fiddle	8 winners to be named
12 & under Stepdance	8 winners to be named
Jr. Duet Fiddle	4 winners to be named
30-49 Stepdance	4 winners to be named

SATURDAY, JULY 1ST – 6:30 PM

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS & SHOW

WEEKEND EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH

7:30 PM FREE! Dance the night away at the Pavilion with The Country Versatiles Band featuring Gerald Davidson & Ashley Giles.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH

2:00 PM FREE! Nova Scotia Youth Ambassador's (NSYA) concert at the Pavilion.

6:00 PM OPENING CEREMONIES with preliminaries to follow.

SATURDAY, JULY 1ST

9:30 AM FIDDLE AND STEP DANCE PRELIMINARIES

10 to 1 PM Penny Sale held in the arena.

4:30 to 6:30 PM BUFFET-STYLE ROAST BEEF DINNER provided by Quehl's of Tavistock will be available at the Pavilion in the Fiddle Park.
Price per meal: Adults \$12.25. Children 12 & under \$6.25. Music provided by NSYA.

6:30 to 10:30 PM FINALS & SHOW

10:30 PM FREE! CANADA 150 EXTRAVAGANZA! Featuring New Country Way (Mighton family) and many of the top fiddlers in Canada today.

SUNDAY, JULY 2ND

8:00 to 11:00 AM OUTDOOR COMMUNITY BREAKFAST provided by Quehl's of Tavistock will be available at the Pavilion in the Fiddle Park. Bring your lawn chairs and come out and enjoy some gospel music. **Price per meal: Adults \$8.75. Children 12 & under \$4.75.**

12:30 PM FREE! FARMERS GOLF Bring golf balls and a club to take part in the fun!! Meet at the pavilion.

3:00 PM FREE! Euchre tournament

For more details visit our website: www.cygnet/-huitema

Guests are asked to park their cars in the parking lot in front of the arena: cars are not to be parked within the fiddle park.

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CAMPING

FEE: \$25 per night (one unit per site). Sites available Wednesday, June 28th at 2 p.m. to Monday, July 3rd at 12 noon. Positively no admittance to campground before 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28th. Campers arriving before 2 pm on Wednesday are asked to park in the Memorial Hall/arena parking lot until the gate opens at 2 pm. A reminder that the entrance to the fiddle park for campers is next to the arena off the Memorial Hall/arena parking lot.
DUMP STATION: A sewage hose will be provided. No washing of RV's in the Fiddle Park or Dump Station.

PLEASE RESERVE: _____ site(s) for _____ nights. Arrival Date _____ **CAMPING FEE TOTAL \$** _____

TICKETS

Free! There will be NO ADMISSION fee for the Saturday 6:30 pm finals/show! Free will donations will be gladly accepted at the doors. Entry for the preliminaries on Friday evening and Saturday morning can be paid at the door for each event. For your convenience there will be a preliminary wristband sold for both Friday and Saturday daytime preliminaries for \$20. This can only be purchased at the contest at the camping registration table or at the door and it will allow easy entry at the Rear Camping Door of the arena.

NOTES

1. Payment must accompany Camping and/or Ticket Order Form.
2. All cheques made payable to: S.W.O. Fiddle & Stepdance Association.

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2016 Open Dance Group Champions
 All Reel Drive, Milverton

STEPDANCE RULES

1. Solo contestants in the 13-15, 16-18 and Open class are required to dance a clog, jig, reel in that order, without stopping. All other solo contestants must dance a reel only. Contestants in group dancing may use any step dance routine, not necessarily a clog, jig, reel.
2. Solo contestants must complete their dance within four minutes. Maximum time for group dancing is five minutes.
3. NOTE! All Open Stepdance finalists will be required to use the House Fiddler for the finals on Saturday evening. Each contestant will select a sealed envelope containing their tunes (Clog 32 bars, Jig 48 bars, and three Reels 32 bars each). The contestant will write their name on the chosen envelope along with any speed requirements and if an extra beat (shot) is required. No communication between the House Fiddler and the contestant will be allowed.
4. Three or more dancers make a group. No dancer may compete in more than one group.
5. The guidelines for judging (which are on the scoresheets) will be posted at the contest and are also available on our website under the link for the Rules.

FIDDLE RULES

1. All fiddle contestants must play their tunes in the Canadian Style. The Tune of Choice for the open fiddle class finals is exempted from this rule.
2. Contestants in the 9 & under class are required to play one tune (waltz, jig or reel). Duet fiddle classes must play two tunes of choice in harmony with different tempos.
3. All other contestants must play a waltz, jig and reel in that order within four minutes. Reels, hoedowns and hornpipes are acceptable tunes.
4. Open Fiddle Class finalists must play a different waltz, jig and reel from their preliminary performance as well as a fiddle tune of choice within a time limit of five minutes.
5. All competing fiddlers will be allowed the choice of either a piano or guitar for accompaniment. The accompanist will not be allowed to play the melody in any class while the fiddler competes. A standby piano accompanist will be available.
6. The guidelines for judging (which are on the scoresheets) will be posted at the contest and are also available on our webpage under the link for the Rules.

OUR LOCATION

1 Adam Street, Tavistock Ontario, N0B 2R0
 * Entrance to the fiddle park between Queen's Park and the Arena

GENERAL RULES

1. Contestants may enter one Solo Fiddle Class, one Solo Stepdance Class, one Duet Fiddle Class and one Group Stepdance Class.
2. Contestants must be ready to perform when called.
3. All judges decisions are final.
4. To qualify as a Jr. Group Stepdance the average age must be under 13 years. (i.e. Divide the total ages of competitors by the number of participants in the group. For example, 12.7 or 12.8 etc. is considered 12 & under).
5. Proof of age may be requested.
6. Any contestant having won first prize in any one class for 3 consecutive years will not be eligible to compete in that or any lower class in the 4th year.
7. Should an accident, beyond the performer's control occur, he/she will be allowed to start the entire performance again.
8. Prize winning contestants who are tied must repeat their entire performance. Rule No. 2 will apply.
9. Contestant registrations are considered confidential. Performers must draw for position upon arrival. For continuity of the program the registration committee reserves the right to draw for competitor's position when necessary.
10. If only enough contestants register to fill the number of finalists' positions in any class, the rankings/scores from the preliminary and final performances will be combined to decide the winning positions.
11. Open Fiddle and Stepdance Classes are reserved for contestants with advanced skill and the committee reserves the right to monitor eligibility.

SPECIAL NOTE:

1. All winners declared during the preliminaries will be presented their prize money and trophy at that time. All 1st place winners will be required to perform in the Saturday night finals.
2. No written music is to be used by fiddle competitors on stage.
3. Competitors for youngest fiddler trophy will have to play a recognizable fiddle tune of at least two parts.
4. Competitors for youngest dancer trophy will have to independently execute formulated steps.

Come Celebrate CANADA 150 in Tavistock!

Sponsored by the Southwestern Ontario Fiddle and Stepdance Association.

Show your spirit and brush up on your culture as we celebrate Canada's birthday. A wide range of FREE activities are planned to make this an unforgettable weekend. What better way to commemorate our nation's heritage than with the unique Canadian art forms of fiddling and stepdancing? This is a weekend you don't want to miss! Make your plans now to attend!

For further details of the weekend events, refer to the weekend events schedule listed in this brochure.

ADMISSION

Friday Night Preliminaries.....	\$10.00
Saturday Preliminaries.....	\$10.00
Children 12 & Under (preliminaries)	\$3.00
Pre-School	FREE!
Saturday Night Finals*	FREE!

*Donations will gladly be accepted at the Saturday night show.

WEEKEND PASSES – not available for 2017!

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FIDDLE PARK

- Camping among mature trees.
- Sites available from Wednesday June 28th at 2 p.m. to Monday, July 3rd at 12 noon.
- The entrance to the fiddle park for campers is next to the arena off the Memorial Hall/arena parking lot. Campers arriving before 2 pm on Wednesday, June 28th are asked to park in the Memorial Hall/arena parking lot until the gate opens at 2 pm. Positively no admittance to campground before 2 pm on Wednesday.
- Central washrooms and showers.
- Hydro and water available (limited access after 4 pm on Sunday).
- No amps allowed other than those required for electric pianos and bass guitars. These may be used at the discretion of the committee.

Camping fee \$25.00 per night

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