



2010 – 4th Quarter Newsletter

The Western North Carolina Dulcimer Collective is a member-supported group of players of mountain and hammered dulcimers, and those who enjoy listening to dulcimers and/or playing other traditional instruments with them. The group meets once per month to share tunes and information. Dues are \$5.00 per year payable to WNCDC – Mail checks to Carl Cochrane, 12 Pheasant Dr, Asheville, NC 28803.

DULCIMER CLUB NEWS

MONTHLY TUNES: For October: *Sailor on the Sea*. A song from the East Tennessee State University Collection of Folklore book *Folksongs II*, documenting the traditional songs of Beech Mountain, NC. This songs was “sung by Buna Hicks, October 29, 1966; Mrs. Hicks has forgotten the source of this song.” For November: *How Are They Servants Blest, O Lord*. A hymn from the Scottish Psalter, 1635, with words by Joseph Addison, 1672-1719. For December: *The Squid-Jigging Ground*. A Newfoundland folk song found in *Folk Songs of Canada* from 1954. *Sing Out!* Magazine describes it saying it “describes the excitement of catching the squid.” For Christmas: *Song Before Christmas*. This is a translation of a German folk song.

“TUNE LEARNING CD’S”: Finally, the latest Audio CD and Tab CD’s are available! CD #10 covers tab from our 2008-2010 newsletters in 99 tracks. The Tab CD has been redone to include all tunes from 1990-2010, and now includes mp3 files of the “alternate” versions (usually finger-picked) from the audio CD’s, as well as the “normal” version and midi files played slowly and all lyrics, as before. The CD’s are \$5.50 each, shipped. For paid club members, shipped they’re still \$4.50 for the first CD and \$4.00 for each CD after that in the same batch.

“MIDI” FILES: See <http://www.everythingdulcimer.com/wncdc/Newsletter.htm> and click on the “Click here to listen to ‘midi’ files” link to listen to simple “midi” files of newsletter tunes not yet on CD’s. And <http://www.everythingdulcimer.com/wncdc/Meetings.htm> always has simple “midi” files of the current quarter’s review tunes plus links to print them out.

SONG REVIEW SCHEDULE

October:	No, Sir	(2 nd Quarter, 1996)
	Old Spinning Wheel	(3 rd Quarter, 1994)
	Omega	(2 nd Quarter, 1996)
November:	On The Baltic	(4 th Quarter, 1996)
	Pale Moonlight	(4 th Quarter, 1998)
	Pap's Old Billy Goat	(1 st Quarter, 1996)
December:	Poland Will Not Be Lost	(3 rd Quarter, 1999)
	The Poor Working Girl	(2 nd Quarter, 1998)
	Reuben Ranzo	(2 nd Quarter, 2005)

Sailor On The Sea

1. It was on one Sunday evening
Just about the hour of three
When my darlin'
started to leave me
To sail on the deep blue sea.
2. He promised to write me a letter,
He promised to write to me,
But I haven't heard
from my darlin'
who's sailor on the deep blue sea.
3. My mother's dead and buried,
My paw's forsaken me,
And I have no one to love me
But the sailor on the deep blue sea.
4. "Oh Captain can you tell me,
can you tell me where he may be?"
"Oh yes, my little maiden,
he's down in the deep blue sea."
5. Farewell, friends and relation,
This the last you'll see of me;
I'm goin' to end my troubles
By drownin' in the deep blue sea.

How Are Thy Servants Blest, O Lord

1. How are thy servants blest,
O Lord!
How sure is their defense!
Eternal wisdom is their guide,
Their help omnipotence.
2. From all our griefs and fears,
O Lord,
Thy mercy sets us free;
While in the confidence of prayer,
Our hearts take hold on thee.
3. In midst of dangers, fears,
and death,
Thy goodness we adore;
We praise thee for thy mercies past
and humbly hope for more.
4. Our life, while thou
preservest life,
A sacrifice shall be;
And death, when death
shall be our lot,
Shall join our souls to thee.

The Squid-Jigging Ground

1. Oh, this is the place where
the fishermen gather,
With oilskins and boots and
Cape Anns battened down;
All sizes of figures
with squid-lines and jiggers,
they congregate here
on the squid-jigging ground.
2. Some are workin' their jiggers
while others are yarnin',
There's some standin' up
and there's more layin' down;
While all kinds of fun,
jokes and tricks are begun
As they wait for the squid
on the squid-jigging ground.
3. There's men of all ages
and boys in the bargain,
There's old Billy Cave
and there's young
Raymond Brown;
There's a red-rantin' Tory,
out here in the dory
A-runnin' down Squires
on the squid-jigging ground.
4. There's men from the Harbour
and men from the Tickle,
In all kinds of motorboats,
green, grey and brown ;
Right yonder is Bobby
and with him is Nobby
He's chewin' hard tack
on the squid-jigging ground.
5. God bless my sou'wester
there's Skipper John Chaffey;
He's the best hand at squid-jigging
here, I'll be bound.
Hello! What's the row?
Why, he's jiggin' one now,
The very first squid
on the squid-jigging ground.
6. The man with the whiskers
is old Jacob Steele;
He's getting' well up
but he's still pretty sound;
While Uncle Bob Howkins
wears six pairs of stockin's
Whenever he's out
on the squid-jigging ground.

7. Holy smoke! What a scuffle!
All hands are excited,
'Tis a wonder to me
that there's nobody drowned;
There's a bustle, confusion,
a wonderful hustle,
They're all jiggin' squids
on the squid-jigging ground.
8. Says Bobby, "The squids
are on top of the water.
I just got me a jigger
'bout one fathom down"
When a squid on the boat
squirted right down his throat
And he's swearin' like mad
on the squid-jigging ground.
9. There's poor Uncle Billy
his whiskers are spattered
With spots of squid juice
that's flying around;
One poor little b'y
got it right in the eye
But they don't give a darn
on the squid-jigging ground.
10. Now if you ever feel
inclined to go squiddin',
Leave your white shirts and collars
behind in the town:
And if you get cranky
without your silk hanky,
You'd better steer clear
of the squid-jigging ground.

Song Before Christmas

1. Sing today a song of
right good cheer.
Sing for Christmas Day will
soon be here!
La la la la,
merry let us be.
Soon we'll sing around the
Christmas tree;
Soon we'll sing around the
Christmas tree.
2. Now's the time for keeping
holiday;
Schools will close and books are
put away.
La la la la,
Christmas Day is near;
Good Saint Nicholas will
soon be here;
Good Saint Nicholas will
soon be here.

⇒ OCTOBER '10 ⇐

Sailor On The Sea

Mountain Dulcimer: D-A-dd and D-A-AA

Arrangement: Steve Smith

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Notes	F#	E	D	-	D	-	F#	-	A	-	B	-	D	-	-	-
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A	0	0	0		0		0		0		6		6			
dd	2	1	0	-	0	-	2	-	4	-	5	-	7	-	-	-
D	0	0	0		0		0		0		0		0			
A	0	0	0		0		0		0		6		6			
AA	5	4	3	-	3	-	5	-	7	-	8	-	10	-	-	-

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A	6	6	0		0		1		1		0					
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AA	10	8	7	-	5	-	3	-	5	-	4	-	-	-	-	-

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A	0	0	3		3		5	5	5		6		6			
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⇒ **NOVEMBER '10** ⇐ *How Are Thy Servants Blest, O Lord*

Mountain Dulcimer: D-A-dd and D-A-AA

Arrangement: Steve Smith

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		How	are	the	serv-	ants	blest,	O	Lord!	How
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dd	0	2	3	4	0		0	1	2	
D	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	4	
A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
AA	3	5	6	7	3	2	3	4	5	

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	3	4	5	5	4	-	-			4
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⇒ DECEMBER '10 ⇐

The Squid-Jigging Ground

Mountain Dulcimer: D-A-dd and D-A-AA

Arrangement: Steve Smith
Newfoundland

	D			Bm			A			D			
	Oh,	this	is	the	place	where	the	fish-	er-	men	gath-	er,	with
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A	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	4	4	0	0	0
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	oil-	skins	and	boots	and	Cape	Anns	batt-	ened	down,	All		
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A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3
dd	3 -	3 -	3 -	2 -	4 -	2 -	1 -	2 -	4 -	5 - -	6 -	6 -	6 -
D	4	4	4	0	0	0	4	4	4	0	0	0	0
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A	0	0	0	6	6	6	4	4	4	0	0	0	
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A	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
dd	0 -	2 -	4 -	4 -	3 -	1 -	1 -	0 -	0 -	0 -	0 -	0 -	0 -
D	5	5	5	4	4	4	3	3	3	0	0	0	0
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⇒ CHRISTMAS '10 ⇐

Song Before Christmas

Mountain Dulcimer: D-A-dd and D-A-AA

Arrangement: Steve Smith
Germany

D						G																		
Sing to-day a song of						right good cheer.						Sing, for Christ-mas Day will												
Notes	A	-	A	-	A	B	A	G	F#	-	F#	-	F#	-	-	-	G	-	G	-	G	A	G	F#
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dd	4	-	4	-	4	5	4	3	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	3	4	3	2
D	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		0				0		0		0	0	0	0
A	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		0				4		4		4	4	4	4
AA	7	-	7	-	7	8	7	6	5	-	5	-	5	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	6	7	6	5

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soon be here!						la la la la						mer-ry let us be.												
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D						G						D						A					
Soon we'll						sing a- round the						Chris- mas						tree;					
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Soon we'll						sing a- round the						Chris- mas						tree;					
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MEETING DATES

October 10, 2010
November 14, 2010
December 12, 2010

MEETING LOCATION/TIME

Second Sunday of each month from 2:30-5:00 at
The Folk Art Center Upstairs Gallery, Blue Ridge Parkway, Asheville

The Folk Art Center is located on the Blue Ridge Parkway at Milepost 382, about 1/2 mile North of US 70, just East of Asheville. Take I-40 Exit 55 to Highway 70, then left to the Parkway, or take I-240 Exit 7 and go East on Highway 70 to the Parkway. The Club meets in the upstairs gallery, across from the top of the ramp as you enter the Folk Art Center.

Handicapped Access is available: From Highway 70, go West from the Parkway just past the VA Medical Center to Riceville Road. Go to the Folk Art Center Service Entrance. A ramp leads to a second floor entrance next to where we set up.

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