

**^29th**  
**Bolton Fair**  
**2017**

28th Annual

*Old Time*  
*Fiddler's Contest*

**Sunday – August 14th**  
1:30 p.m.

Registration 10:30 to 1:00 p.m.

Classes: Junior-Junior, Junior, Senior, Open, Cello

Cash Prizes \$1200

Traditional Agricultural Fair

Lancaster, Massachusetts

Directions:

To get to the Fairgrounds take Exit 27 off I-495 travel West on Rt. 117 about 4 miles to Lancaster in the center of Massachusetts. Best Bet – Get there early! If you can't get there early, next best is to approach Fairgrounds from Rt. 117 from the West. There will be special parking for participants.

Contact Don DeRome (978-939-2544) or [donderome@comcast.net](mailto:donderome@comcast.net) for information.

# OLD TIME FIDDLER'S CONTEST

Lancaster, Massachusetts (West 4 miles on Rt. 117 from I-495, parking near to show tent for participants)

Registration: 10:30 to 1:00, Contest starts at 1:30 p.m.

Prizes:	OPEN	SENIOR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR-JR	CELLO
First	\$160	\$110	\$85	\$60	\$60
Second	\$110	\$85	\$60	\$45	\$45
Third	\$85	\$60	\$45	\$30	\$30
Fourth	\$60	\$40	\$30	\$25	
Fifth	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	

SENIOR – 60 and above. JUNIOR – 13 to 18. JUNIOR-JUNIOR – for 12 and younger.

OPEN – all not a SENIOR, a JUNIOR-JUNIOR or a JUNIOR. (Enter one class only)

## RULES

- Each contestant in each round will play a waltz, a tune of choice and a hoedown IN THAT ORDER. Tunes which do not meet the definitions below or tunes played out of order will be disqualified and not scored at all.
  - A WALTZ can be any tune in  $\frac{3}{4}$  time.
  - A TUNE OF CHOICE must be a jig (6/8, 9/8, 12/8 time) or a tune in slow 2/4 or 4/4 time such as a schottische, clog, strathspey, slow hornpipe, or similar tune. Tunes in fast 2/4 or 4/4 time such as polkas, two-steps, rags or fast marches may not be played as a tune of choice but only as a hoedown if otherwise appropriate.
  - A HOEDOWN is any fast tune in 2/4 or 4/4 time commonly used for square dancing or contra dancing, such as a reel, fast hornpipe, breakdown or similar tune.
- Contestants will be judged 25 points for authenticity (old tunes and a definite old time style of playing); 25 points for expression; 25 points for rhythm and time (old danceable time); and 25 points for tone quality and clarity (pure, clear notes) in each round by each judge.
- There will be no restriction on the age or derivation of tunes, except that they must be from a recognized tradition of dance fiddling. Tunes may be from the British Isles or North American, including New England, Southern and Western styles; Anglo, French and Scots Canadian; English, Scottish, Irish and Shetland styles.
- Fiddlers may play with an accompanist (a piano and accompanist will be available). The fiddler must lead at all times with accompanist picking or playing only rhythm.
- Contestants will draw for order of appearance as they register. Early arrivals have the best chance at avoiding first appearance...ALL CONTESTANTS MUST BE READY TO PLAY WHEN CALLED.
- Use the entry blank below to submit entries. The first 25 entries will be assured a place on the program. Tunes can be listed at Registration. Rules will be discussed prior to the contest beginning.
- Point of contact for registration, more information and special parking stickers is:

Don DeRome c/o The Bolton Fair Office  
P.O. Box 154  
Bolton, MA 01740

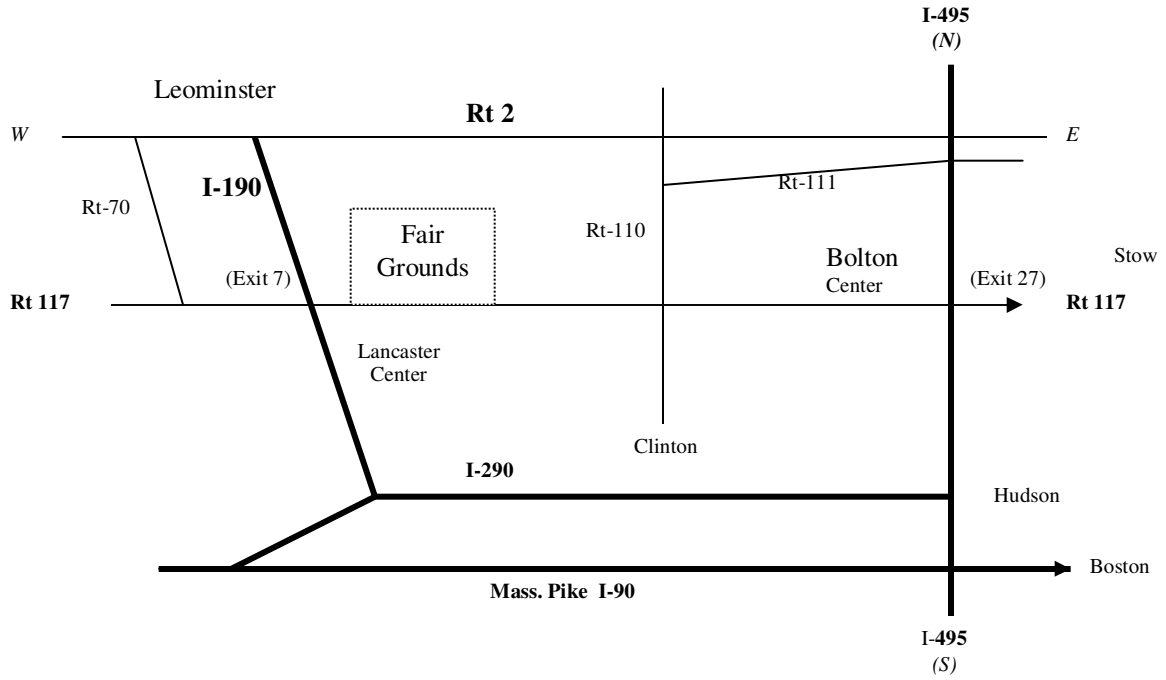
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ENTRY BLANK:      NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
                            ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
                            CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
                            Email \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION:      open\_\_\_ senior\_\_\_ junior\_\_\_ junior-jr\_\_\_ cello\_\_\_ (check one)  
TUNES:      1. \_\_\_\_\_  
                    2. \_\_\_\_\_  
                    3. \_\_\_\_\_

# Fairgrounds Map



## Fair Grounds

