

FIVE OF A KIND

Strasburg, Virginia's **Five of A Kind** was formed in 1980 out of a group of local friends who were jamming behind the home of Winston and Martha Brill. Since then, the band has played extensively throughout the Northern Shenandoah Valley at private events, clubs, firemen's carnivals and yard parties.

The band has recorded a number of cassette projects and since 2000 have recorded 3 CDs, "Best Hand" (2000), "New Addition" (2002) and "Royal Flush" (2007).

The current band members are: **Jimmy Drummond** (guitar), **Norman Racey** (bass), **Terry Barbin** (dobro), **Bill Foster** (mandolin), and **Tom Knowles** (fiddle).

Their vocals, harmonies, instrumentation and energetic stage presence, coupled with their friendly, personable and involve-the-audience approach to the music has gathered them a large following throughout the area.

Their music is a traditional blend of bluegrass and classic country from sources as varied as Bill Monroe, Flatt & Scruggs, The Country Gentlemen, Jimmy Martin, Charlie Moore, George Jones, and Web Pierce.

FIVE OF A KIND CONTACT INFO

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FIVE OF A KIND MEMBERS

Jimmy Drummond

Jimmy Drummond is the band's guitarist, MC, and lead vocalist. Jimmy co-founded the band in 1980 and is the remaining original member. Jimmy is a big fan of the music of the Country Gentlemen. Jimmy is native of Strasburg, VA.

Norman Racey

Norman Racey is the band's bassist and bass vocalist. Norman has been with the band since 1988. Norman played electric bass in Country bands before joining Five of a Kind. Norman is native of Strasburg, VA.

Terry Barbin

Terry Barbin plays banjo and dobro and sings lead and harmony vocals. Terry is originally from Louisiana and was a member of "Louisiana Grass". Terry has been with the band since 2004. Terry lives in Winchester, VA.

Bill Foster

Bill Foster plays mandolin, guitar and sings lead and harmony vocals. Before joining Five of a Kind in 2006, he was a member of Florida's "Swinging Bridge". Bill is also a contributing writer to Bluegrass Unlimited magazine and is producer/host for "Foster's Corner" bluegrass radio program on WAMU's Bluegrass Country. Bill lives in Strasburg, VA.

Tom Knowles

Tom Knowles plays fiddle and sings lead and harmony vocals. For many years Tom was the leader of the Washington DC area band "Appalachian Reign". Tom joined the band in August 2008. Tom lives in Strasburg, VA..

FIVE OF A KIND QUOTES

"Many thanks to **Five of a Kind** for putting on a great bluegrass show this past Friday night (December 12, 2008). What a perfect way to end the year! The night was full of traditional bluegrass music with super harmonies and "wood & strings" plus a lot of fun too. Everyone had a grand time and the night ended way too soon. Catch this band whenever you can as they put on one whale of a show --- nice folks too." - **Bob Thompson, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Herndon, VA. "Weekend Bluegrass Concerts"**.

"On behalf of Hometown Strasburg, thanks so much to **Five of a Kind** for being the very first group to perform in our new "Music in the Park" events in Strasburg's Hometown Park next to the Fire Hall. Your music was just great, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it!!!" - **Carla Wallen, Hometown Strasburg**

"Thought I should let you know how much we are enjoying the CD - you guys really have some talent" - **Terry and Ves Taylor (Florida)**

"Those boys sure can pick and sing. It's the kind of CD you can listen to over and over and never grow tired of it" - **Phillip Daniels (Georgia)**

"Wonderful! Best Bluegrass Cd in the last Years. A Must for a Bluegrass Fan." - **Hans Brauchle (from CD Baby)**