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## Teams

Bridgetown Morris Men, Portland, Oregon (co-founder, 1992-present) The Black Jokers, Boston, Massachusetts (1980-1987)

## Traditions

Cotswold: Bledington, Ducklington, Adderbury (with the Jokers, did Fieldtown/Leafield, Sherbourne, Longborough, Badby, Eynshem, Headington, Ilmington, and Brackley – more or less in descending order of facility and preference) Border: Dilwyn, Brimfield, Evesham, Bromsborough Heath, Upton-on-Severn stick dance, Three Jolly Sheepskins Longsword: Kirkby Malzeard (with NON-bending swords), Papa Stour; also did North Skelton with the Jokers Jigs: Bledington Ladies of Pleasure, Bampton Bacca Pipes, Sherbourne I'll Go and Enlist for a Sailor; during one glorious ale in the mid-80s, I attempted Fieldtown Nutting Girl with John Dexter of the Bouwerie Boys, though I didn't know it

## Morris instruments

Fiddle

## Beasts and fools

I was the Jokers' hobby horse in 1980 (shortly after he was photographed for Smithsonian magazine but before he appeared in the May 1981 issue) but haven't done anything since

## Beer preference

Local microbrews: McMenamins' Nebraska Bitter, Crystal, Ruby, IPA and (when in season) Green Chili; Portland Brewing's MacTarnahan's and Honey Beer; just about anything brewed by Widmer and Full Sail; Red Hook in Seattle Bottled: Alaskan Amber (I've been to their brewery in Juneau!), Sierra Nevada, St. Pauli Girl, Corona, Dos Equis....

## Anything else that needs to be said

I do a killer Swedish Hambo (was a performing Scandinavian folk dancer – laendlers, schottisches, waltzes, etc. – for six years in my teens), but don't often get the opportunity these days. Saw a guy play mandolin at Bridgetown's Ephemeral Ale this year, so maybe I'll try doing that for morris. Managed to get not only tons of advance stories for the ale, but face time on the six o'clock news during it.

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