



Orlando, with all its lovely weather and lively action, somehow still brings out the flavor of this wonderful season. We wish all of you much happiness and joy, as well as excellent health and continued passion about the important work you are bringing to your clients, students, patients and referral sources. We feel a personal connection to many of you who are reading this newsletter. We also feel a commitment to our field and to being of assistance when you have questions or dilemmas that need a sounding board.

It's a pleasure to bring you our 2nd edition of Orofacial Myology News. As you see, it has grown quite a bit. I know you'll like the challenge of our Crossword Puzzle, and yes...we did supply the answer guide as well! A couple of the articles have sections for your input and we look forward to hearing from you. Some of your replies will appear in our next edition.

Season's Greetings and may 2012 bring 366 days of contentment to you and your loved ones.



Which Wind Instrument for Malocclusion?

It is not unusual for a client to ask about the interrelationship of playing a wind instrument and a particular malocclusion. Howard M. Green B.M., MSIS, spoke to an IAOM audience about this subject. He also wrote an article for the 25th Anniversary Edition of the IJOM publication, co-authoring with his wife, Shari Green, RDH, COM. In it, they discuss the skills involved in playing various instruments based on orthodontic classification, therapeutic value or contraindication.

Tables, photographs and drawings provide answers such as "if the occlusion is Class II, Div I, which instrument is recommended and which should be avoided?" Breath support and the oral cavity are

also addressed. This article seems to have been a well hidden "secret" whose time has come. This important information benefits not only the patient, but music instructors, orofacial myologists, orthodontists and speech pathologists as well.

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Question for today: Our Role and Nail Biting

In this section of our Newsletter, we throw out a question for your input.

Should Nail Biting be within our scope of practice?

There is some disagreement whether or not we should address this particular habit since there is little or no research directly linking it to orofacial myology symptoms and orthodontic complications. Share your thoughts about this prevalent negative habit and how and why you believe it impacts our patients and our therapy.



We will include some of your comments in our next issue.