

# SHADY GROVE TECH CHECK: NOTES ON D AND SLIDES

Tech Check Instructions: Shady Grove primarily uses notes on the D string. These note names are D1=E, HD2=F sharp, and D3=G with the next note in the scale being open A. Consider writing these notes into the next two exercises and under the tech checks for the next few tunes. That way, by the time the fingering is not given, you will know what the notes are. As you add each finger, watch your left thumb, it should not support the fiddle. In fact, the thumb should stay pretty low on the fingerboard, allowing the fingers to curve over the fingerboard in relaxed arch. I sometimes mark the thumb placement for my students as it is hard to remember in the beginning. If you are using tapes, make sure your fingers are on the tapes and if not, listen for correct intonation.

D1 2 3 A 1 L2 3 E

On this exercise, play the scale as it is written, but start each note a half step lower and slide into the correct note. This is called a slide and is used extensively fiddle playing. The slide in the Shady Grove Lead occurs on the whole note in measure 4.

D1 2 3 A 1 L2 3 E E A3 L2 1 A D3 2 1

# SHADY GROVE LEAD

D1 2 1 D 1 1 3 A 1

Slide into this note

3 3 1 A HD2 D 1 A1 A HD2 1