



An Evening of Bluegrass a huge success!

Thanks to all those fabulous bluegrass enthusiasts, our special guests, and our sponsors who attended the kick-off event to the 10th Anniversary WinterGrass Concert series special gala banquet, ceremony and musical concert on Saturday January 29th. And, of course a huge thanks to the current QBBC board and volunteers who rose to the challenge and made this evening such a success.

For the 220 folks in attendance this event turned out to be a hugely rewarding evening, beginning with a stroll down memory lane reviewing old photos and stories from the early years of the club. A captivating video presentation of club activities over the years was projected on the stage wall, during the happy hour and supper.

Our Royal Canadian Legion Branch #6 Legion Ladies Auxiliary prepared and served a fabulous roast beef dinner on tables that were set as if for the Queen herself! Adding to the ambience were colourful flower centerpieces provided by Awesome Blossoms, later to be given away in an amusing way!

Introduced by Donna Henry, the gracious Country 93 Master of Ceremonies, the club President Bernie Range provided the audience with a bit of history about the club, how it was formed, and what the vision was and is. There was also a description of what bluegrass music is and was well summed up by the immortal words of Bill Monroe, as follows:

[Bluegrass music is] "Scottish bagpipes and ole-time fiddlin'. It's Methodist and Holiness and Baptist. It's blues and jazz, and it has a high lonesome sound. It's plain music that tells a good story. It's played from my heart to your heart, and it will touch you. Bluegrass is music that matters."

A highlight to the evening was the presentation of Pioneer Awards to the founding board Queen's Bush Bluegrass Club, and to three other special volunteers. Those recognized included Don Day, Wayne Bester, Mike Matejcic, Dave Reid, Jack McMeekin, and Gord Chapman. Recognized for their special contributions to the club were Murray and Udell Gonder, for long-time membership services and voluntary help, and to Doug Van Den Kieboom, for his personal effort in creating the valuable www.queensbush.ca website, and for acting as the administrator of this over the past half dozen years.

Long-time club sponsors were also recognized for being highly important to the club's success. Key to this have been businesses Country 93 Radio; The Owen Sound Sun Times; Montana's Restaurant, Co-Operators Insurance (Ed Graham and Jason Legge); Best Western Inn on the Bay; Fromager's Music Sales and Service; Thrifty's Car Rentals and Owen Sound Mini Storage; Bank of Montreal; Bayshore Country Feeds; and Joe Tomato's Restaurant.

Bluegrass Notes

- Monday Night Music Sessions - Jan/Feb 2011 at The Downtown Bookstore, 945 2nd Ave E, Owen Sound, each Monday night starting at 7:30pm. Feb 7 - Concert night with Samantha Martin (\$10 suggested donation). Feb 14 - Songwriters Circle, songs of love (to perform sign up at beckon.official@gmail.com). Feb 21 - Open Mic with host Michael Crowley (performers sign up at the door). Feb 28 - Acoustic Jam with host Richard Knechtel.
- Bluegrass lost a great friend and fan of bluegrass music in January. Our condolences go out to the family of Gerry Morrow. He will be missed. A card has been sent to the family on behalf of our club.
- "To our Bluegrass family, we'd like to thank those of you who were able to attend the visitation and/or memorial service for Gerry Morrow. Your contributions to the service, in song and in word, will be cherished forever. Love Jo, Mary Lynn, and Brenda"
- To all of those who are celebrating a birthday, anniversary or another special occasion, we would like to take the opportunity to send you "best wishes" and wish you a happy day! - *Shannon*
- Don't forget, on Thursday, February 24th our first Wintergrass Concert featuring the Spinney Brothers and Moonshiners Daughter. Concert information can be found on page 2. For more details visit our website at www.queensbush.ca.

And finally what the audience had waited for so long...the music. Shortly after 8 PM local bluegrass favourites GrassFyre led off a spirited opening set. The headline act and highlight of the evening was our own Grey Bruce "super band" Traditionally Wound. On the heels of having two of their members away... mandolinist Nick McDonald (recovering from surgery), and fiddler Wayne Ferguson (traipsing around Mexico on holiday!), they rebounded to put together a band suitable for the international stage. Aply filling the empty spots in highly skilled fashion were none other than Kemble's own Lindsey Beckett on fiddle, and mandolin virtuoso Will Meadows (of Hard Ryde fame). The audience were treated to an absolutely fabulous performance led by Jerry and Jim McNulty, Ken Grooms (banjo) and Sheldon Speedie on bass. A show not to have been missed!

Thanks again to all for making An Evening of Bluegrass such a wonderful success and for being part of the 10th Anniversary celebration!

Remember, the next concert on Thursday, February 24th features the Spinney Brothers from Wolfville, Nova Scotia with the opening act local Durham area band Moonshiner's Daughter.

Yours in bluegrass,
Bernie Range
President



February 2011 Newsletter

Buy and Sell

For Sale: New solid wood 12 Fret square neck Resonator Guitar. It is constructed of curly Maple & has all Gold Hardware with a J.P Quarterman cone. Asking \$2500.

Contact: William Eden, (519) 371-7828 or email ex440@hotmail.com

Lessons: Banjo, Guitar, and Mandolin.

Contact: Dan Campbell, (519) 374-1285 or email campbellsbreakdown@hotmail.com

For Sale: The Ontario Bluegrass Calendar for 2011 is available now! The cost is still only \$15.00. Those of you who bought one in the past know that these calendars contain a wealth of information about the years festivals and concert line-ups, etc., as well as promoter names, phone numbers, etc.

Contact: Dan or Shannon Campbell (519) 374-1285 or email campbellsbreakdown@hotmail.com

If you'd like to place an ad in the buy and sell, and are a club member, then email your information to dkieboom@queensbush.ca

QBBC Bluegrass School for Kids

Well our launch date for this project is Fall 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Owen Sound. We will be inviting any and all kids from around Owen Sound and area under the age of 16 to participate. Our course will be starting in September 2011 and run through to May 2012.

We will have lessons for 2 hrs every Saturday morning from 10am -12pm. All our classes are structured and we will teach a variety of instruments including vocals, Banjo, Guitar, Mandolin, Fiddle, Resophonic Guitar (Dobro) and Standup Bass. If you have a child, grandchild or know of kids that would be interested please get them to call Dan Campbell at 519-371-5037 to register or obtain more information.

This school is intended as a free school to help promote and preserve bluegrass music. We will provide instruments to our students if they do not own one themselves. We are just getting started at this and are asking any and all persons if you have instruments that you are not using anymore and would like to donate to the Queens Bush Bluegrass Club for our kids program would be greatly appreciated.

- Dan Campbell

Campbells Corner Music Sales

COMING SOON: We here at "The Corner" are pleased and excited to announce that we are going digital!! Check our website www.campbellscornermusicsales.com often for instructional digital downloads from Mel Bay and Home-spun! Also available will be instructional "E-Books" and sheet music from Hal Leonard!! We hope to have this available the middle of February!!

Congratulations to the Queens Bush Bluegrass Club on their 10th Anniversary! It was nice to see such a large crowd out to the dinner and show they had recently at the Legion in Owen Sound!! It was a wonderful evening!!

We are thrilled to be preparing for the first "Winter Concert Series" featuring Canada's own "Spinney Brothers". These boys are known world wide and are doing a fantastic job at representing Canada in the bluegrass world! We will be set up at most of the shows...check website for our up to date schedule!!

Coming soon...cDs from Charlie Sizemore, Grasstowne and more!! Bluegrass calendars are still available, but going fast...be sure to get your copy when you see us at the shows!! Enjoy the rest of the winter, folks!! Won't be long and our grass will be "BLUE"!!!!

Dan and Shannon Campbell

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WHAT'S HOT

- 1) CDN-059 Bluegrass Edition "Diamond"
- 2) CDN-021 General Store "More in Store"
- 3) NTO-10 "North to Ontario 2010"
- 4) RHY-1045 Russell Moore and IIIrd Tyme Out
- 5) HCD-4416 Smiley Bates "More Country Tears"
- 6) HCD-4401 Smiley Bates "Country Tears"
- 7) HCD-4481 Smiley Bates "Nova Scotia Queen"
- 8) HCD-04500 Smiley Bates " Bent River Boogie"
- 9) RHY-1040 Lonesome River Band "No Turning Back"
- 10) REB-1837 Junior Sisk/Rambler's Choice "Heartaches and Dreams"

**QBBC 10th Anniversary
2011 WinterGrass Concert Series**

**Thu. Feb. 24 - The Spinney Brothers
(Wolfville, NS)**

Multi-Winners - Eastern Canadian Bluegrass Music Awards

Opening: Moonshiner's Daughter (Durham)

**Thu. Mar. 24 - The Charlie Sizemore Band
(Kentucky)**

Overnight Sensation In Just 30 Years - Endorsed by Dr Ralph Stanley

Opening: The Riverbend Gentlemen (Port Elgin)

**Thu. Apr. 14 - Russell Moore & IIIrd Tyme Out
(Georgia)**

IBMA Vocal Group - Past 7 Yrs & Countless Other Awards As Well

Opening: Bluegrass Edition (Owen Sound) CCBA Winners

All Shows 7:30, Doors Open 6:30, Owen Sound Royal Canadian Legion. Members \$20, Non-Members \$22, 16 -18 Yrs \$10, Under 16 FREE.

We meet for jams every Thursday evening from 7:30 p.m.– 10:30 p.m. Owen Sound Legion, North Atlantic Room, 1450 - 2nd Ave. West, Owen Sound, Ontario. And on the first Sunday of each month at Joe Tomato's, 1020 10th Street West, Owen Sound (519-371-5637), from 1:30pm-4:30pm. Club membership fees are \$15 per family (\$20 if you prefer a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to you), including children under 15, for the year. The year begins and ends in September, excluding July and August. Members receive a monthly club newsletter through email. Members can also submit items for our newsletter and web page buy and sell section.