

# **THAMES VALLEY BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**



*October 2006*

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We will try to produce a Newsletter every month during the current season provided we have enough content to make it worthwhile. Any suggestions or contributions are more than welcome. Please contact Wes Lowe at [wlowe@sympatico.ca](mailto:wlowe@sympatico.ca) or at (519) 539-8967 with suggestions and/or contributions.

## ***COMING EVENTS***

Our regular Thursday night sessions started September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Thamesford Legion. The turnout has been excellent.

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**The Goin' Concern** is now performing regularly every Sunday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Alex P. Keaton at the corner of Talbot and Albert Streets in London. It is well worth the trip to take in this group's performance. I plan to attend as often as possible.

**Git-R-Done** will be playing at the Central Canadian Bluegrass Awards in Huntsville in November sometime during the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Lonesome Wind** presents An Evening of Bluegrass at the Aylmer Old Town Hall Theatre & Library, 38 John St. S., Aylmer on Saturday October 28, 2006. Please see the ad on Page 4 for details.

**The Dixie Flyers** – with special guest Al Widmeyer are appearing at the London Music Club on Saturday November 4, 2006. Please see the ad on Page 4 for details.

If any other groups affiliated with our association, or not, want us to publish their schedules, please let me know by phone or e-mail.

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## ***FALL CLASSIC BLUEGRASS PICKIN' SESSION***

On Sunday September 10 the Thamesford Lions Club hosted this event at the Thamesford Arena Recreation Hall from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The event was not as well attended as we were expecting however the music was excellent and a good time was had by all.

The groups appearing included The Goin' Concern, Generation Gap, Git-R-Done, Mike's Bandidos, Bill Gould, some members of Foxtail and of course that old country star favourite Minny Others.

## ***WORKSHOPS***

We have already started the new season with a couple of instrumental workshops and a slow jam thanks to the participation of great volunteers in our club. On September 14<sup>th</sup> we had a guitar workshop led by Don Hutchinson. I learned some new stuff. Many thanks Don for your great support.

On September 21<sup>st</sup> we had a slow jam for those club members who are not quite ready to mix it up with the big group downstairs. This venue allows newer musicians to play at their own speed in a group setting and gives them a chance to develop the skills and tempo to participate any jam they may encounter in the future.

On September 28<sup>th</sup> Ray Surette conducted an instructive and informative mandolin workshop. I was supposed to help out but came down with some kind of bug and had to beg off. Many thanks Ray.

We continue to try to present programs that will enhance the enjoyment of bluegrass for all our members. If anyone has ideas for programs/workshops that they would like to see happen, please let any member of your Executive know.

## ***KIDS IN BLUEGRASS***

We continue to distribute DVD's to school boards across the province as our project to promote Bluegrass in the schools. We have over 100 DVD's distributed so far.

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## ***MEMBERSHIPS***

We are in the process of updating our membership database. There will be a sheet with member information on the table by the bar every Thursday. Please check it out and correct any information that we have wrong. The new database will allow us to get information out to the members in a timely fashion.

Please remember that 2006/2007 Memberships are due by October 31, 2006. The price is \$20.00 for a Single membership and \$30.00 for Family. There will be no price reduction after January 1, 2007.

## ***BUY-SELL-SWAP***

This is a new section to give members a chance to source or dispose of instruments or whatever. Just send a note to the Secretary with the details of the item you want to sell or are looking for.

**Barb Johnston** has a fiddle for sale. It's an A.R.S. Music Czech Republic Model 026. She wants \$500 OBO.

**Wayne Uncer** has these items for sale:

1972 Dobro – maple finish in good condition with case - \$2,000.

Gitjo – 6 string with banjo body, guitar neck as new with case – played once - \$500.

Check out our website at **TVBA.ca** sponsored by **The Stringman** and developed and maintained by Gord DeVries.

*The Thames Valley Bluegrass Association Executive*

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## *An Evening of Bluegrass*

*Featuring: 2005 Canadian Bluegrass Female  
Vocalist nominee*

**Pam Brooks & Lonesome Wind**

At the **Aylmer Old Town Hall Theatre & Library**  
38 John St. S., Aylmer

Saturday, October 28, 2006

7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Admission: \$15.00

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

*Free Parking - Light Refreshments Available*

**"Waiting for the Wind"** #1 hit single on CBC Radio for 7 consecutive months!

For ticket information call:  
**519-765-1445**

## **BLUEGRASS**

with LONDON's own *the* **DIXIE FLYERS**

*with special guest...Al Widmeyer on dobro*

**SATURDAY-NOV 4th -2006**

9:00pm...till...12:30pm

.....doors open at 8:30pm.....

**the LONDON MUSIC CLUB**

*470 Colborne Street...London...640-6996*

*\$10.00...advance ~~~ \$12.00...at the door*

*--\$7.00....LMC members--*

*ticket outlets*

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