

THAMES VALLEY BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



November 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 or at (519) 539-8967 with suggestions and/or contributions.

COMING EVENTS

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 17th to 19th.

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.

Michelle Nixon and Drive will headline a show at the Thamesford Arena Recreation Hall on Friday, February 23, 2007 from 7:30 to 10:30 pm. The doors open at 7:00 pm.

Michael Cleveland and Audie Blaylock will headline a show at the Thamesford Arena Recreation Hall on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 from 7:30 to 10:30 pm. The doors open at 7:00 pm.

Tickets for **Michelle Nixon** will go on sale about December 1, 2006. Prices are: \$15.00 for club members and \$20.00 for non-members.

More details on these two concerts will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

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WORKSHOPS

The Executive has decided to try a schedule, which comprises a Slow Jam on the second Thursday of the month, a Band Scramble on the third Thursday, and a workshop on the fourth Thursday. The first Thursday of each month is reserved for the Executive Committee meeting.

There will be a **Flat Pickin' Workshop** on **November 23rd** with **Bob Hansen**.

The Slow Jam and Band Scramble seem to be well received by the participants. For those who missed the last Band Scramble, here's how the program works. You sign up to participate with your instrumental specialty. The participants' names are then drawn at random and three groups are made up. Each group has a few minutes to work up two tunes which will be then be performed in front of the audience. There are no prizes. This is not a contest. The scramble is a lot of fun and gives people who might not otherwise have the opportunity to perform with a smaller group a bit of experience in performing in a band setting.

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. Also we have ordered more DVD's from IBMA.

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 were 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.

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MISCELLANEOUS

I recently received an e-mail from Pam Brooks-Armstrong regarding a Bluegrass Cookbook that is being put together by Candi Sawyer. It appears the Pam forwarded this e-mail to just about everyone. For those of you who missed it recipes can be e-mailed to clsawyer@adelphia.net.

There are numerous categories, all the ones found in almost every cookbook. If you a favourite recipe, please forward it to the above address.

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.

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