



Joy, Peace, Good Health and Blessings to you all as you enjoy time with family and friends over the Christmas season & a Happy New Year 2015.

LONESOME RIVER BAND will headline our 30th ANNUAL BLUEGRASS & OLDTIME MUSIC FESTIVAL, JULY 3-5, 2015. US, Maritime and PEI bands hired. Our work is underway with the volunteers teaming up to organize the 30th Annual Festival to be held in Rollo Bay, PEI. Please call 566-2641 to volunteer today.

2014-2015 PEIBOMS Board Members:
President - Shirley S. Jay
Vice President - Glenda Johnston
Treasurer - Pat MacKinnon
Secretary - Denise MacLeod
Charlie Hansen, Ivan Bulger,
Dave Clarke, Caroline Jones

JANUARY - GENERAL MEETING....

PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Society's General Meeting

DATE: Saturday, January 17, 2015

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

PLACE: Rm. 125, Royalty Centre, 40 Enman Crescent, Charlottetown

YOU are all invited to attend; bring your musical instrument for a Jam after the meeting....plus a plate of food to share.

To ensure a quorum is present, please confirm your attendance by e-mailing smedleyjay@icloud.com OR leave a phone message at 566-2641

Storm date: Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015

WHO WON... at the 30th ANNUAL EASTERN CANADA BLUEGRASS MUSIC AWARDS, Truro, N.S.

The 30th Annual Eastern Canada Bluegrass Music Awards show was held in Truro on October 18, 2014 with a wonderful lineup of talent and an excellent show was enjoyed by a packed house. The Groups, in order of appearance were: New Generation (N.S.), Simply Blue N.B., Janet McGarry & Wildwood (PE), Eight Wheel Drive (NS), Bluegrass Tradition (NS), Shadow River (NB), 30th Anniversary Masters Heritage Band (NS/NB). The two Emcee's for the evening, Wilson Moore and Serge Bernard. Downeast Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Society President, Jeff McRae and Ryan Dylan, Vice President welcomed everyone to the 30th Anniversary Award Show.

Following is a list of nominees and winners

from that evening:

Guitar Player Of The Year

- Jeff Nauss (Eight Wheel Drive)

Most Promising Band

- Simply Blue

Promoter Of The Year - Denise Comeau

Dobro Player Of The Year

- George Grant (Second Wind)

Fiddle Player Of The Year

- Lukas Munroe (Blue Tie Affair)

Vocal Group Of The Year

- Shadow River

Bass Player Of The Year

- Brian Hazlett (Shadow River)

Gospel Performance Of The Year

- Bluegrass Tradition (MASTERS)

Individual Entertainer - Tie

- Darren Richard & Brian Hazlette (Bluegrass Tradition)

Participation Award

- Annapolis Valley Bluegrass Assoc.

Mandolin Player Of The Year

- Waylon Robichaud (Shadow River)

Fan of The Year

- Ulyss Savoie

Radio/TV DJ Of The Year

- Wilson Moore

Emcee Of The Year

- Brian Hazlett

Composer Of The Year

- Ryan Dillman

Recording Of The Year

- New Shade of Blue

Banjo Player Of The Year

- Ryan Dillman (Shadow River)

Lifetime Member

- Shirley Olgilvie

Male Vocalist Of The Year

- David Doyle (Shadow River)

Female Vocalist Of The Year

- Crystal Thibeault (New Ground)

Band Of The Year

- Shadow River

The fans had a chance to meet and congratulate the Award Winners and nominees during a complimentary Awards Reception and Pickin' Party following the Show.

EMERGING ARTIST OF THE YEAR

1. Detour
2. Flatt Lonesome
3. The Spinney Brothers
4. Town Mountain
5. Volume Five

BLUEGRASS JAMS/EVENTS

Wednesday Slow Jams are held at the Murphy Community Centre, Richmond Street, Charlottetown 7 - 9 p.m. Fee of \$2 goes to the facility. Caroline Jones 569-2471 or jonescb@eastlink.ca

The PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Society is a non-profit organization that has as one of its objectives; the promotion of Bluegrass & Old Time Music on PEI. Come out and learn about the music and have fun!

Bluegrass

A mixture of several music styles

MARTIN OTTH – YES, MY GRASS IS REALLY BLUE!

When talking about traditional American music, most people relate this directly to singing cowboys and country music. Even though bluegrass can be seen as a sub-genre of country the music heavily differs from the often stereotypical image of country music. In my humble opinion, bluegrass is a highly underrated genre of music. For instance, did you know that the record for “Most Grammy Awards won by a female artist” (27) goes to Alison Krauss, a bluegrass musician? Followed by Aretha Franklin (18) and Beyoncé (17)!

For more see:

https://www.vis.ethz.ch/en/visionen/pdfs/2013/visionen_2013_4.pdf?end=20&start=16

Here are a few favourite Christmas Recipes



BUBBLY SQUARES

- ½ cup butter
- ½ cup peanut butter
- ½ bag chocolate chips
- ½ bag butterscotch chips

Put in microwave on high 2 minutes.

Add:

- ½ bag marshmallows
 - 1 cup peanuts
- Press into buttered 9 X 11 inch pan.
Keep in fridge.
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BUTTER TARTS

- ¼ cup butter
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ¼ cup corn syrup
- 1 beaten egg
- ½ tsp. vanilla

Mix everything together - with a whisk.
Pour into prepared tart shells (24). Bake 375° F for 20-25 minutes.

TOFFEE COOKIES

- 36 caramel squares
- 3 TBSP cream
- 2 cups cornflakes
- 1 cup rice krispies
- ½ cup coconut

Melt caramels and cream in pot on stovetop over medium heat. Stir until melted and mixed well. Mix in cornflakes, rice krispies and coconut. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto wax paper. Let set.



WHIPPED SHORTBREAD

- 1 cup butter (do not use margarine)
- ½ cup flour
- ¼ cup cornstarch

Cream butter and sugar together, beat until light and fluffy.

Add flour and cornstarch gradually while Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie sheet, or roll into small ball and flatten slightly. Bake in 375° F oven for 9 to 14 minutes.

MARbled PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE

- 1½ cups gingersnap cookie crumbs
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- 2 - 8oz packages cream cheese
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 tsp Watkins vanilla
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup canned or cooked pumpkin
- 1½ tsp pumpkin pie spice



Preheat oven to 400° F. Combine crumbs and butter. Press firmly over bottom and up sides of springform pan. Bake for 5 minutes; remove from oven and let cool. Reduce oven temperature to 325° F.

In large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, ½ cup sugar and vanilla until blended. Beat in eggs one at a time. Reserve 1 cup of batter.

Add remaining sugar, pumpkin and pumpkin pie spice to remaining batter; mix well. Alternately layer pumpkin and cream cheese batters over crust. Cut through batters with knife several times for marbled effect.

Bake for 45 to 50 minutes or until cheesecake springs back slightly when slightly touched. Loosen cheesecake from rim of pan. Let cool to room temperature, then chill.

INTERNATIONAL BLUEGRASS MUSIC AWARDS, October 2, 2014

What a night in Raleigh, NC. The 25th annual International Bluegrass Music Awards were distributed at the Duke Energy Center amidst performances by top bluegrass acts and the induction of Neil Rosenberg and the original Seldom Scene in the Hall of Fame. And the winners are:

ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR – Balsam Range

VOCAL GROUP OF THE YEAR – Balsam Range

INSTRUMENTAL GROUP OF THE YEAR – Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen

SONG OF THE YEAR – “Dear Sister,” Claire Lynch, written by Claire Lynch and Louisa Branscomb

ALBUM OF THE YEAR – *Noam Pikelný Plays Kenny Baker Plays Bill Monroe*, Noam Pikelný, produced by Gabe Witcher, Compass Records

GOSPEL RECORDED PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR – “Won’t It Be Wonderful There,” Dailey & Vincent, from *Brothers Of The Highway*, written by Mildred Styles Johnson, produced by Jamie Dailey and Darrin Vincent, Rounder Records

INSTRUMENTAL RECORDED PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR – “Thank God I’m A Country Boy,” Special Consensus with Buddy Spicher, Michael Cleveland and Alison Brown, from *Country Boy: A Bluegrass Tribute to John Denver*, written by John Martin Sommers, Compass Records

RECORDED EVENT OF THE YEAR – “Wild Montana Skies,” Special Consensus with Claire Lynch and Rob Ickes, produced by Alison Brown, Compass Records

EMERGING ARTIST OF THE YEAR – Flatt Lonesome

MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR – Buddy Melton

FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR – Amanda Smith

INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMERS OF THE YEAR

BANJO – Noam Pikelný

BASS – Barry Bales

FIDDLE – Jason Carter

DOBRO – Phil Leadbetter

GUITAR – Bryan Sutton

MANDOLIN – Adam Steffey



The Spinney brothers received two nominations:

1. **EMERGING ARTIST OF THE YEAR**
2. **SONG OF THE YEAR** “Grampa’s Way of Life”

in the IBMA awards held October 2 at the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts in Raleigh, NC. These great Canadian ambassadors for bluegrass music are doing us all proud. To get a more detailed read on the nominations and winners see [2014 IBMA Award nominees](#).

Rollo Bay Festival Flyer is included in this newsletter. Check our website’s Festival page for all the details.
peibluegrass.tripod.com

*Do you have any tips for the newsletter?
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*Please send them to us at:
smedleyjay@icloud.com*

Next Newsletter comes out in March 2015



PEI BLUEGRASS & OLD TIME MUSIC SOCIETY INC.
Membership Fee Form
(January 1 to December 31)

Membership provides opportunities to learn about Bluegrass and Old Time music, assist with organizing workshops, Jams, host concerts, and quarterly newsletters. Members are provided with a ballot to vote for your favorite skilled entertainers, in all categories, for the Eastern Canada Bluegrass Music Awards.

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

Single \$ 15.00 Cash Ck# _____

Couple/Family \$ 25.00 Cash Ck# _____

Check boxes of your interest:

- Volunteering Newsletter Festival Jam/Workshop
 Socials Concerts Other

Send fees with this form to: PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Society Inc.
PO Box 2812
Charlottetown PEI C1A 8C4



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ave Shirley a phone message at 566-2641.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

- 2015 Membership Fees may be paid before the meeting begins.
- Please bring the **enclosed agenda/minutes** with you to the meeting.
- Storm date (Jan. 24/15) will be called into all radio stations, if necessary.

Tentative Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda January 17/15
3. Approval of Minutes September 20/14 as circulated
4. Business Arising from the minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Other Reports
 - a. 30th Anniversary PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Society Festival, Rollo Bay
7. New Business
 - a. Fundraising efforts!
 - b. Jams
 - c. Newsletter
 - d. New Ideas, new members, and more.
8. Next General Meeting: Sat. Sept. 12, 2015

NOTE: After the meeting it will be time to eat and Jam!!!

PEI BLUEGRASS & OLDTIME MUSIC SOCIETY
General Annual Meeting- Saturday September 20, 2014

1. Shirley Jay called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm and welcomed and thanked those attending.
2. Approval of Agenda September 20, 2014
Motion: To approve agenda.
Moved by Dave Clarke Seconded by Fern Huestis. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes January 23, 2014 as circulated.
Motion: to approve Minutes.
Moved by Gerald Huestis. Seconded by Carolyn Jones. Motion carried.
4. No business arising from the minutes
5. Treasurer's Report:
Regular account balance \$20,661.85
US account balance \$6300.00
The 2014 festival lost approximately \$19,000.00
Motion: To accept the financial report as presented.
Moved by Pat MacKinnon. Seconded by Charlie Hansen. Motion carried.
 - a) Motion: To carry forward the bank balance funds to support Society in 2015. Moved by Dave Clarke. Seconded by Carolyn Jones. Motion carried.
 - b) Approval of 2014-2015 Society and festival interim budget. \$75,000.00 for festival 2015 with approval to amend by the BOD depending on grants and sponsors. Gate fee will be raised for 2015. We need sponsors and would appreciate everyone to look for sponsors large and small amounts appreciated.
Moved by Pat MacKinnon. Seconded by Charlie Hansen. Motion carried.
 - c) Approval of US band budget of \$20,000 for 2016 Moved by Charlie Hansen. Seconded by Albert Shepard. Motion carried.
6. We are planning to proceed with applications to both Federal and Provincial governments for funding to support Festival 2015.
 - a) We consider Festival 2013 to be successful in spite of bad weather that kept clients away from attending. Our gate fees were down considerably because of this weather forecast. The people who did attend commended the staff on a job well done in spite of difficulties and we did not receive negative comments. The bands did a wonderful show and the team of workers outdid themselves with the way they handled the whole event. A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way.
7. New Business
 - a) Plans are underway for our 30th Festival 2015. US bands are The Lonesome River Band, Clay Hess and Ned Crisp. Maritime bands will be Bluegrass Diamonds, Spinney Brothers and Bluegrass Tradition.

Motion: Approval for Ronnie DeMerchant to bring and set up quality sound equipment in the Buzz Shelter. He is willing to do two nights of open mic sound engineering as well for us. This will cost an additional \$400.00. The sound equipment will remain in the shelter and would make a quick transition should the bad weather hit us again.
Moved by Charlie Hansen. Seconded by Carolyn Jones. Motion carried.
Motion: To approve \$20,000 US Band budget for 2016 Festival.
Moved by Charlie. Seconded by Pat. Motion carried.

b) Nominations for BOD 2015.

Shirley Jay accepted a nomination for President.

Moved by Pat MacKinnon. Seconded by Charlie Hansen. Motion carried.

Glenda Johnston accepted nomination for Vice President.

Moved by Pat MacKinnon. Seconded by Albert Shepard. Motion carried.

Pat MacKinnon accepted a nomination for Treasurer.

Moved by Charlie Hansen. Seconded by Carolyn Jones. Motion carried.

Denise MacLeod accepted nomination for Secretary.

Moved by Pat MacKinnon. Seconded by Charlie Hansen. Motion carried.

Ivan Bulger, Dave Clarke, Carolyn Jones and Charlie Hansen were nominated as members of the BOD.

Motion: To accept these names as members of the BOD.

Moved by Fern Huestis. Seconded by Gerald Huestis. Motion carried

c) Fundraising ideas:

- Charlie suggested an idea to see if the local schools would have some Bluegrass instruments and workshops to introduce younger people to the style of music.
- Contacting past cookbook and festival program sponsors ads and presenting past flyers and information may help to interest old and new sponsors to support our cause.
- Possibility of an additional concert this fall is another fundraiser idea.
- Summerside Chrysler Dodge - Fern & Gerald Heustis will contact.
- Ensure 2014 sponsors are sent a thank you.

d) Newsletter - Thank you to Ellen Arsenault for taking care of the Society newsletters. She has been a wonderful editor and we appreciate the work she has done for all of us. We hope she will continue to help with this.

Jams - Carolyn Jones is once again taking on the Jams at the Murphy Center starting in October and we think she is doing a wonderful job and thank her for doing this on behalf of the Society. Shirley is planning to have Jams once a month time and place to be announced.

Thank you to all the helpful members.

Charlie at 1:05 p.m. moved the General Meeting adjourned.

30th Annual PEI Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival

at The Festival Grounds In Rollo Bay, PEI - July 3, 4, & 5, 2015



The 30th annual PEI Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival features: The Lonesome River Band, The Clay Hess Band, and Ned Crisp & Bottomline, as well as perennial favourites, The Bluegrass Diamonds, back for their 22nd time. In 2015 we will see the return of The Spinney Brothers as well as Bluegrass Tradition.

Also all your island favourites.

Island bands will be added in due course according to availability.



We will also have a full lineup of acoustic instrument workshops, open mic on Wed July 1st & Thur July 2nd, and lots of concessions and fun for the whole family.

Check our website at: www.peibluegrass.tripod.com for more information on the festival

Gates open Wednesday July 1st at 1:00PM.

For advanced tickets or information call:

Glenda Johnston (902)569-4501, or Shirley Jay (902)566-2641



We are in constant contact with many other bands and hope to present the finest lineup in the maritimes this summer.

Stay tuned for more information on bookings.

We reserve the right to change the program without prior notice.

