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I don't get to many Bluegrass Festivals. They all take place in the hot summertime.

THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL, BUT THE MUSIC IS SO DELIGHTFUL!

With the Central Canadian Bluegrass awards behind us, it seems like our next bluegrass fix is so far away! Don't worry, we have some great entertainment lined up for you in the new year! The plans for our annual Wintergrass concert series are wrapping up, and the acts this year are dynamite! Along with our Thursday night jams at the Owen Sound Legion, you'll be picking and grinning right through till spring. When the jams end in the summer, it's only because the Ontario summer festival season is already "jam" packed with great bluegrass music!

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And please say hello to our Valued Sponsors

We have been invited back to the Meaford Fairgrounds this year (and hopefully many more) for our annual Campout. We are looking forward to bringing you the best in bluegrass for the coming year.

If you haven't already purchased your membership for the year, don't forget that dues are a primary method to raise seed money for some of the many important activities that the club presents for its members and to all our fans who support our annual entertainment events.

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38th Annual Central Canadian Bluegrass Awards at Deerhurst Resort

A Weekend Roundup!

Tony de Boer and his entourage of volunteers hosted another great weekend of concerts featuring some of Canada's premier and up and coming bluegrass groups. It was refreshing to see some of the first time performers playing their music featuring great talent with confidence. With new and young performers embracing bluegrass music as we all witnessed, I believe our music community is in good hands. Well done Tony.

If you are there for the jamming as well, there was no disappointment. Every year, I seem to get connected up with new singers and pickers. I'm always amazed how such talented people appear for this weekend and then only to disappear again. Where do they go?

The Queens Bush Bluegrass Club was well represented by our own Grass Fyre, Tim and Doug, Tyler Beckett, Pete Harrison and Jill Welch. Great job on the big stage!

Once again, the Queens Bush Bluegrass Club sponsored the award for "Most Promising Group". Our own Club Executive Louise Gowanlock, with class and grace, presented the award to "Old Tradition". Louise gave the audience a nice update on our club and the 2017 Campout in Meaford inviting them to put the date on their calendars.

It was great to see one of the awards presented, come back to our area. "Fiddle Player of the Year" was awarded to Kemble's own Tyler Beckett recognizing his talents and contributions to Bluegrass Music by his peers. We are very fortunate and proud to have Tyler amongst us. Congratulations Tyler.

After the Awards Presentation, the audience was treated to two of American's premier bluegrass groups. Our own Queensbush Bluegrass Club has been fortunate to be able to host these two fine groups in our past Winter Concert Series. Russell Moore and Illrd Tyme Out and Dan Paisley and Southern Grass put the audience on the edge of their seats for almost two hours. Four times IBMA "Male Vocalist of the Year" Russell Moore and Illrd Tyme Out got the music started with some songs from his new CD. Unfortunately, Russell and his banjo player Keith McKinnon arrived at Deerhurst with bad colds apparently from kissing the same woman somewhere along the way. It didn't seem to affect their portion of the show. He is one of my favorites. "IBMA"s 2016 Male Vocalist of the Year" Dan Paisley and Southern Grass kicked the next set off with his hard driving traditional sound. Dan is a performer who loves what he does. He is never without a smile. He was very proud to feature his 15 year old son Ryan on mandolin representing the 3rd generation of Paisleys playing bluegrass music. I was glad to have a front row centre seat to witness these two performances.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our Winter Concert Series featuring Steve Gulley and New Pinnacle on March 23rd and Junior Sisk and Ramblers Choice on April 27th at the Owen Sound Legion Hall. You won't be disappointed.

Kerry Adams

Central Canadian Bluegrass Awards Winners 2016

Disc Jockey:	David Blakney (Windsor)
Banjo Player:	Ron Jubenville
Fiddle Player:	Tyler Beckett
Bass Player:	Matt Naveau
Guitar Player:	Larry Carriere
Mandolin Player:	Gilles LeClerc
Dobro Player:	Ken Robichaud
Female Vocalist:	Joyce Gagnon
Male Vocalist:	Doug Moerschfelder
Composer:	Kaitlin Gerber
Promising Group:	Old Tradition
Instrumental Group:	Winterline
Recording:	Stick & Stones - Rhyme and Reason
Vocal Group:	Winterline
Gospel Group:	Bill White and White Pine
Overall Group:	Winterline
Entertainer:	Matt Naveau

Jam Nights:

Every Thursday Night 7:30. Open Jam at the Royal Canadian Legion on 14th Street West, Owen Sound. Jam Nights are suspended in Summer, but resume the week after Labour Day. All pickers and listeners welcome.

And thank you to all the many volunteers who were so generous to bring sweets and goodies to our Annual Christmas Party at the Owen Sound Legion. We had a record turn-out and had a terrific time with all our Bluegrass Friends. And a great big thank you to Santa, who also made an appearance. Well Done, Everyone!

Annual Wintergrass Concert Series... BRING A FRIEND!

Each year the Wintergrass Concert series brings top tier bluegrass acts home to us, and this year is no exception. Held at the Owen Sound Legion, we're very excited and proud to present two stellar performances for 2017, one in March, one in April. Bring a friend and introduce them to Bluegrass. Real music. Real People. Razor Sharp and Lightnin' Quick.

Concert Number One - Thursdat March 23

- Doors open at 6:30. Concert at 7:30. 25 Dollar Admission
- Steve Gulley and New Pinnacle - Owen Sound Legion

Alumni of Bluegrass starmaker Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver, Steve Gulley is also a founding member of Mountain Heart, and Grasstowne. Considered a stalwart of the very top echelon of lead and tenor singers in the bluegrass business as well as being a gifted songwriter and guitarist, Steve's New Pinnacle, 2016 IBMA emerging artist nominee, will surely not disappoint.



IBMA EMERGING ARTIST of the YEAR - NOMINEE in 2016!

Concert Number Two - Thursday April 27

- Doors open at 6:30. Concert at 7:30. 25 Dollar Admission
- Junior Sisk and Rambler's Choice – Owen Sound Legion

If you're not familiar with Junior Sisk and Ramblers Choice, you owe it to yourself not to miss this. If you are familiar, you're already sold.

With *Poor Boy's Pleasure*, their sixth album overall and first for Mountain Fever Records, Junior Sisk & Ramblers Choice have perhaps outdone themselves. From beginning to end - from the opening barn-burner of a moonshine song, "Lonnie Ray," to the hard-driving rendition of the classic "Ain't Gonna Work Tomorrow," which closes the album - the multi-award winning group never lets up. This is traditional bluegrass the way it should be played. Five singles from the album have hit the Bluegrass Today Top 20, while lead single "Longneck Blues" is not only the 2016 IBMA Recorded Event of the Year but was a number one hit on both the Bluegrass Today and Bluegrass Unlimited charts!



"Longneck Blues" Receives 2016 IBMA Recorded Event of the Year!

The QBBC “Annual Camp-Out” – July 14-16

We’re back in Meaford again this year, as the Summer Campout has hopefully found it’s forever home! See our flyer on our Club Table at the jams and at the concerts. Se it too on the web-site and on Facebook. Look for a future issue with all the details. Mark the date: July 14, 15, 16 – 2017 and get ready for a fantastic weekend!

Welcome to our New Executive!



Pictured: (Back Row L to R) Chris Best, Vice President; Bill Robbins, Director; Kerry Adams, Director; Gord Craig, Director; Mike Matejcic President;(Front Row) Louise Gowanlock, Secretary; Rose Craig, Director

Not Pictured: Vern Lawrence, Treasurer; Terry Lamont, Director; Bob Robb, Director; Ralph Gray, Director