



## Northern Nashville Country Music Club

# June 2018 Newsletter

In the blink of an eye, we are half way through the year and summer is well and truly upon us; what a good one it has turned out to be!

Many great shows have come and gone already this year; we've had some brilliant nights at the NNCCMC:

- Manson Grant and the Dynamos in March, along with Western Rhythm
- The Duke Boys in April, along with Texas Back
- Northstar in May, along with Country Features
- High and Dry in June, along with Buzzard Creek

NNCCMC loves **Manson Grant and the Dynamos** and was delighted to have them back at our club in March. "Love Bug" (Keith), "There Goes My Everything" (Brandon), "Day Dreams About Night Things" (Manson).

Ivan and John from **Western Rhythm** had started out to Thurso at 9am and had a bad journey north; heavy traffic caused by two accidents and detours. They were glad to get some space from each other having sat side by side in the vehicle all day. However, space between them became a problem when communicating on stage! One of the duo allegedly can only remember three songs at a time and the other is getting deaf. They did a great job entertaining us, singing some great tunes, "I Recall A Gypsy Woman", "You Were Always On My Mind", "Cold Windy City Of Chicago". We also got a set of jigs on the accordian!

At April's show we were entertained by **The Duke Boys**, with a new line up: regulars Nigel Slater on drums and Alistair Wordie on bass guitar/vocals, and new band members, Davie Adams on steel guitar, Pete James on vocals/acoustic guitar, Jimmy on vocals/lead guitar.

In addition to the two scheduled bands we were treated to a couple of numbers from a guest all the way from Vermont, USA; banjo playing **George Seymour**. George joined The Duke Boys on stage. 62 years young, he won the state banjo competition at the age of 22. George said he didn't usually dance but he and Mrs Rhona Macgregor danced very well to "Bad Moon Rising"!

Also appearing at our April show was **Texas Back**, who are a brother and sister duo from County Durham. They have been playing as Texas Back for

11 years but have been singing since they were children. Gavin is a music teacher and Debbie is a barber/hairdresser. They travel all over the country. This was their fifth visit to Caithness; they love coming here.

May's show was a great night of dancing with **Northstar**, along with **Country Features**, who were rushing back to Ireland for a hospital charity gig the following day! A change to the usual line-up saw Malcolm Coulter filling in for Robbie Pearson. It was Malcolm's first time in the far north of Scotland!

**High and Dry**, along with **Buzzard Creek** entertained us at our June show. Robbie (the Hag-gis!) from High and Dry is just back from a holiday in Nashville where he jammed with Ron Williams and Highway 101! He is going back later in the year to record an album. The band has been on the go for 30 yrs plus and consisted of Robbie, son Ryan and Robbie's best friend Mikey. The band as The Brothers have been voted Band of the Year by the Triple "C" Club in Wick three times; the only band to have done so! Buzzard Creek kept the dance floor busy and had some good craic too!

It is great to see the line dancers back at the club this year, with their designated area next to the stage. Hope you are enjoying the dancing!

Breaking news: NNCMC Band of the Year 2017 – **John Rafferty and Northstar**; Scottish Band of the Year 2017 – **Johnny Bremner** as voted for by our members. Many congratulations to well deserved winners!

The NNCMC has some fantastic shows lined up for the remainder of the year. The next 3 month's line-up is as follows:

- 27 July – **Ruby Rendall** along with **George Mackintosh**
- 31 August – **Boxcar Kelly and the Railroaders** along with **George Malcolm**
- 28 September – **Will Bannister** along with **Kentucky Rain**

There is currently much interest in our July show. Book early to avoid any disappointment!

Until the next time.....

*Leisa & Willie* (with special thanks to Mrs Rhona Macgregor and Mrs Veira Sutherland for their ace reporting during the Secretarial absence at the April and June shows – I could be out of a job!)