



## Northern Nashville Country Music Club

### March 2009 Newsletter

I have been trying since the show to get a chance to write this but never seem to have had a minute, here we are into March and the days flying by so if I don't get it done it will never be done.

Back to last Friday and another great club night. Top of the bill was the ever popular Irish duo Thomas McGuire & Fhiona Ennis supported by another couple Jolene & Barry. It's not often we have two couples on the same bill, Thomas and Fhiona are getting married in September whereas Jolene & Barry are old hands at it but both couples are clearly very much together. It was a very busy night we had a good turn out of members but also a few visitors. Everyone I spoke to said they had a good night - it was definitely all round entertainment with the dance floor busy all night.

Next show we have something old and something new; I shouldn't really call Brendan old but I'm sure he would agree with me anyway. Yes Brendan is top of the bill and this time he's teamed with Nickels & Dimes, not with James and the band, however I know that Northern Nashville members are only too delighted to have Brendan back with us - he still has the voice!

Supporting Brendan will be Buzzard Creek. Now I don't know much about these two guys - I think they are from the central belt - but I do know that they sent a demo CD a while back and, after listening to it, I said to Davie that they would go down well in the club - so a new experience to look forward to.

Things are going along fine for the festival, however this is about the time I start loosing sleep over it - not that I'm getting much anyway as I'm still coughing and spluttering away. Just can't shrug this cough off at all - one day I think that's it and then back it comes.

We're getting good radio coverage for the festival. Helen is playing the music of the acts on Moray Firth, Sandy on Waves and, although I haven't heard his programme for a few Sunday nights, I assume Raymond will be doing the same as are lots of other local radio stations. I must say a big thanks to them all it helps spread the word.

Our own Caithness FM country presenters Davie and Robin are plugging away and doing a fantastic job playing the music of the acts on Sunday nights, also Barbara Bain on her show on Wednesday night. On Sunday night Robin will be doing a phone interview with Robert Mizzell - I'm sure he'll be easy to talk to as he's a nice guy and we'll find out lots of information about him. I'm intrigued as to why he left Louisiana, arrived and then decided to settle in Ireland. So tune into All Round Country at 7.00 pm on Sunday to find out and also hear some great country music.

Another guy who works constantly promoting the event is Stewart Fenwick. This week he did a phone interview with Michelle Wright and she sounded pleased to be coming to the north. She said it was snowing in Nashville on Sunday so Stewart informed her that it might be snowing in Halkirk also and for her to bring warm clothes! Now Stewart don't tempt fate - it's going to be lovely! Stewarts on line radio programme goes out on Sunday afternoons between 2 - 5pm - well worth a listen with a variety of good British and American country music, so listen in on [www.celticmusicradio.net](http://www.celticmusicradio.net).

I had a phone call last night from Robert from the Dynamos. We were having a blether and catching up and he was telling me that their Buck Owens Tribute Album has been receiving huge airplay in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and all over Europe. It entered the airplay charts at no. 97, and has steadily climbed until its now at no. 27. That's great and they should be congratulated - they are up against fierce competition from all the big American stars who pay mega bucks to get their material recorded so it's WELL DONE to our local band!

Remember last year we went to the UTV Country Fest festival in Dungannon in Ireland? Well we are heading back again this year, however we won't need the wellies this time as the shows are going to be held inside the Kings Halls in Belfast. We will certainly be a lot drier but maybe the crack won't be the same!!! They have a host of stars from the USA and Ireland playing, including Martina McBride and Randy Travis who will be also touring Ireland during the week.

We had our AGM and the committee were all voted back on board. I am not sure if it's because we do such a great job of running the club on behalf of the members, or maybe because no one else wants to take the job on!

Well don't think there's much more happening really - it's just non stop work at the moment. However we will get a chance to listen to The Jacks on Saturday night as we are going to a wedding - the daughter of Joanne (festival treasurer) gets married and Geordie and the boys are playing at it.

I better go now - I have been up here all night and it's our wedding anniversary! Maybe he has poured me a glass of wine, but more likely he will be sleeping on the couch!!!

Until next time

Keep it Country

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