



Picks N' Licks



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CAMPOUT WEEKEND

September 26, 27/08

**Sun n' Shade Campground
Borden PEI...and the Society
General Meeting**

Come one, come all, to the final Bluegrass Campout for 2008 at the 'Sun n' Shade' Campground in Borden on September 26-27th.

As in former years we will be holding the **Annual General meeting on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 PM followed by a Pot Luck Supper at 5 PM.** Maybe some of the culinary delights will be out of our new Bluegrass Cookbook!

This is your Society and you as a member are entitled to voice your thoughts and suggestions on how we can make the Society stronger and ensure its success in future years. **Please confirm your attendance to ensure a quorum by calling 566-2641 or e-mal: asjay@eastlink** start this Fall

Following the Pot Luck Supper, be ready to participate in an Open Mike Jam on stage in the Rec Hall. We will attempt to give everyone an opportunity to strut their stuff and showcase their abilities, Bluegrass Style!!!

Hope to see y'all in Borden!
Alan MacRae

DOWNEAST BLUEGRASS AWARD BALLOTS

Your voting ballot is enclosed.

1. **Review categories/musicians and fill out ballot**
2. **Mail your completed ballot to: PEIBOTMS PO Box 2812 Charlottetown, PEI C1A 8C4 by Sept. 8/08. Late ballots will be counted.**

**24th Annual Downeast Bluegrass Award Show
October 18/08, Cobequid Education Centre, Truro, NS.
\$12 advance tickets... more info call 902-673-2957**

PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Society Jams ...will start this Fall

Public Service Notices will be posted for radio and print media.

COOKBOOK PROJECT A SUCCESS!

The first 500 copies of the cookbook sold out. Sales exceeded \$5,000 which has been a real boost to the Society. Many thanks to the committee Emily

Bryant, Edith Creighan and Audrey Barlow for setting up a table in Rollo Bay. Thanks to Vans Bryant and John Barlow for their help. John is our "star salesperson" selling many cookbooks walking from camper to camper at festivals. Someone said, "When you see him (John), you can't say no!" Comments have been positive: "I like the jokes...It's a coffee table book as well as a cookbook...very entertaining!"

Upon receiving further requests for copies, a second printing of 300 is now available. You can include a cookbook in your Christmas list!

To obtain copies, please contact any of our committee members. Audrey 566-2523 Emily 675-4203 Edith 892-3970 Shirley 566-2641 Thank you.

Shirley S. Jay, PEIBOTMS President

4th Annual PEI Laurie Blue Bluegrass Festival

November 7 - 9, 2008

Location: Causeway Bay
Linkletter Hotel and
Convention Center,
Summerside,
PEI.....featuring,,,,,,,,,

.....Steve Bonafel and One Iota
from Melbourne, Kentucky
<http://stevebonafel.com>

PLUS up to 12 extra Bluegrass & Oldtime Acts from PEI, NB, NS, and/or Quebec including...

Wayne Brown & Friends
Jericho Road
Driftwood Harmony
Bluegrass Revival
The Country Grass Band
Dunromin Duo
The Wheatley River Band
SK Bluegrass Band
Eastern Edition
Bethany Coughlin & Bluegrass Angel Band
Glenda & Charlie

Friday - Reception, Concert & Jams

Saturday - Workshops, Concerts & Jams

Sunday - Church Service & Gospel Concert

Reserve your room/tickets weekend package soon by contacting The Causeway Bay Linkletter (902) 436-2157 or 1-800-565-7829

All rooms equipped with

Microwave & Fridge

Bluegrass & Old Time Country Music Jamborees

Summerside Legion

340 Notre Dame Street

Every Monday 7 - 9 PM

Admission just \$5.00

Open Mike Performers

admitted Free.

House band "Country Grass"

23rd Annual PEI Bluegrass & Old Time Music Festival

2008 Festival Report

A tremendous effort by all of our volunteers throughout the year made this festival a very successful event enjoyed by all who attended. Comments that resonated the most from over 70 survey sheets submitted were that people were simply taken with our hospitality, music, organization, clean grounds and surroundings. We had a fantastic team to work with this year and the proof is in our survey sheets..."keep up the good work...continue with what you're doing...wouldn't change a thing..." is what they all say, year after year.

But a few things had to change. As a result, I am also pleased to report that our collective efforts and tough decisions throughout the year also helped our festival's finances. For the first time in quite a long while of back to back deficits, our festival posted an \$8000 surplus this year (not including cookbook revenues). Our gate receipts were actually down about \$3000 over 2007, but we trimmed our expenses over last year and together with our fund raising activities and additional revenues from our sponsors, we were able to turn the corner. While our weekend ticket sales were on par with last year, our day crowds dropped, most notably on Saturday when another very successful event was also held in the Souris area.

This surplus, combined with revenues realized from our Cookbook initiative, will surely

enhance our overall Society finances and future events. Our society itself has grown to be involved in various other events, jams, etc. As such, perhaps the Society should develop its own operating budget within which our Society's productions such as this festival, the Laurie Blue Festival, website, and other events would be but components thereof. I sincerely believe that our people make the difference and that we should strive to make each event truly unique, showcasing the best that we have to offer if we are to continue to grow and remain on this successful path.

My term as festival chair will conclude this year and I am proud of our work and its results. It has been a very challenging term but I am confident that one of the Maritime's flagship festivals is back on track. I was very proud to chair this event, exceeded our goals and to have been part of a team of caring and dedicated volunteers who always had the festival's best interests at heart. A special thank you to all who played a part in our festival's success and sincere best wishes for many more fun and successful festivals to come.

Serge Bernard, 07-08
Festival Chair

Please send your news items for the December 2008 newsletter by mid Nov. to: Caroline Jones 60 Nottingham Dr., Stratford, PE C1B 1G8 Ph: 569-2471 or email jonescb@eastlink.ca
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