



Northern Nashville Country Music Club

March 2018 Newsletter

No sooner were the Christmas decorations down; spring lambs and Easter eggs are making an appearance across the county! Spring has sprung apparently; it doesn't feel like it at the moment although the snow drops are out and the daffs are on their way!

Mary 'B' and Paul Gallagher kicked off the 2018 NNCCMC shows. The weather was kind to us for this January show (anyone remember the night of the January 2017 show?!) and we had a great turnout; it was a big crowd and a fabulous night. Sandy wished everyone a Happy New Year and introduced the band who are no strangers to our club. It was dancing from the start to some great music, "Country Roads" and "Jambalaya". We were also delighted with some rock n' roll (there was even a bit of twisting going on!) and Johnny Cash songs. The bad news was that there were no CDs for sale but the good news was that this meant more money could be spent on drink – this according to Sandy!

Frank Sinclair was celebrating a BIG birthday and our resident poet (Alan Miller) had put pen to paper:

Frank has reached a milestone in life
Most of which he's shared with Sheila, his wife
She must have patience of a saint
Because that's one thing Frank aint!

As we know Frank enjoys cracking a joke
He's a humorous bloke
He's someone who can make you smile
A man with a certain style

He's a giant of a man in size
Always has a twinkle in his eyes
Franks is as easy going as they come
Laid back – horizontal say some

At the festival he was master of the room
No not the compere, master of the broom
He kept that place spic and span, end to end
But his rest times were many and the broomstick developed a bend

It's ok to lean on the broom now and again
But it couldn't take the strain
But Frank had a quip for the broom owners
"It's great for going round corners"

Life's not always been kind to Frank
There were times we know – it stank
With Sheila by his side all the way
They overcame and are still here today.

Sheila has two broken wrists in stookie
And Frank says he's no getting any nookie
But he's no complaining – truth be told
He far too old!

8 Decades on the planet Earth he's been
2 more before that letter from the queen
So if we ever do another Festival manoeuvre
We better buy a Hoover

Just remember –no matter how old you get
Do not fret
Every day's a school day they say
You're just a pupil who's gone grey

Today's lesson is simple but true
A message from all of us to you
You have lived – 29,222 days, or 701,328 hours, or 42,079,680 minutes, or
924,780,800 seconds all told
So 80's no really that old!

Happy Birthday Frank!

The February show kicked off with **Double Trouble**; regulars to our club. Father and son duo, Drew and Terry, hail from Brechin City; it has a cathedral so is definitely a city! Drew is originally from Shetland and they were last in the club in October 2016, appearing with Shaun Corrigan. "Pretty Little Girl From Omagh", "Shetland Isle" and "Old Flames" preceded some cheeky tunes. Asking if there were any farmers in the club, we got the "clean" version of "Did You Ever Get A Ride In A Tractor"! Following the two finger signal from Sandy, the duo finished their cabaret slot with "My Little Honda 50" and "You're Some Trucker".

Next up was the star of the February show, **Shaun Loughrey** who had transportation trouble on the journey north. We were glad to hear that Shaun is in better health but he joked that, should it be required, the first lady to perform CPR on him would get a free CD! Speaking of CDs, Shaun had a limited number of his new CD with him. He needed to sell lots of them to pay for his van's road side repairs! "Any Town In Ireland Would Be Home", "It's Nice To Meet Someone From Home", "Bed Of Roses" (on the new album), "I Had A Beautiful Time" were just some of the songs performed.

Donald and Val Bain were not in the club at the January show; we had ourselves a snowball rollover! February's snowball wasn't won either; June Ritchie wasn't in the club!! The March show snowball will be a double rollover! You need to be a member and in the hall to win!

Also held in February was our 2018 AGM, which was very well attended; 75 members. Alan Miller, our Chairman thanked the attendees for their loyalty to the NNCCMC. Committee election was performed by Robin Young; the Committee members were re-elected:

- Chairman – Alan Miller
- Treasurer – Wullie Morison
- Band Secretary – John Dunnet
- Secretary – Leisa Swanson
- Committee Member & Compere – Sandy Gordon

Our re-elected Chairman thanked Robin for managing the election and the attendees for voting for the Committee for another year.

Salient points noted by our Chairman:

- Please remember to sign in to the RBL on club nights if you are not a member.
- Voting is ongoing for the 2017 Band and Scottish Band of the Year. The 2017 winners will be the first to be added to our new plaque.
- 2018 memberships are now due. The cut off for entry to the Snowball is at the April 2018 show. To those that have renewed, thank you! Please collect your membership card at the March show.
- The bands and other tables would appreciate a respectable noise level during the cabaret.

Our March show is looming; **Manson Grant and the Dynamos**, along with **Western Rhythm** on Friday 30 March 2018. This will be an award show; Manson Grant and the Dynamos were voted the Scottish Band of the Year 2016 (remember, we are always voting for the previous year) and this is the first time they have appeared in our club since winning the award! It would be great to see you there!

Until the next time...

Leisa