

Newsletter of the Bay of Plenty Blues Club Incorporated

Presidents Report by Shay Dender

November 2015



I would like to open our Nov/Dec newsletter with a tribute to Peter Jongenelen. PJ was a founding member of the BOP Blues Club and an active member of our committee and an organiser of our many Blues Festivals and the Blues Fests over the years. As well as of course the owner of the Belguim Bar which was the home to the BOP Blues for many years. Special mention must be made of PJ's willingness to open the Bar for musos' to practice and Jam and this we have struggled to replace since the closure of his bar.

Peter Died late October after a year long battle with cancer. We will all miss PJ and his input and guidance. We held a wonderful celebration of his life with a Jam night on Eat Street on a busy Friday after Pj's funeral , he would have loved this! See Pics in the photos section of the web site.

Your committee has listened to people's concerns re jam nights in regard to venues since, music type and acoustics. A change in venue on our November Jam night solved some of the issues. November's venue was the Abracadabra Cafe & Bar and what a night. Performing artists travelled from Taupo, Whakatane, Kawerau, and Tauranga, young and not so young performed and we had a great number of both playing guests and patrons of Abracadabra Cafe & Bar enjoying the music. (Just in addition to the above, the committee would like to hear any views from members and the public so we can continue to make improvements for your enjoyment. This is your club.)

And thanks to the owners and staff of Abracadabra , we are pleased to let you know that we will back there on December 2nd at 7:30. Don't miss out!! The December night will also be our **Xmas** get together. Wear your best **Santa Hat** please...!!

So keep an eye on our website www.bopblues.com and facebook page www.facebook.com/bopblues for details of upcoming events including our monthly Jam nights, the first Wed of every month.

We welcome our new club secretary, Morianne Lambert. Morianne will be updating our database and emailing out regular reminders etc. as part of her new role. You have to be a member to get on the emailing list...Happy to have you along. Please join.

Just a reminder that the Annual Subs for the Bopblues club membership are due. You are welcome to pay at our next jam night. See the Lovely Ladies on the door please. Your membership and fees help keep the club running so be sure we have your accurate details allowing us to communicate with you on a regular basis.

Stop Press : Put in your Diarys now "Blues on the River" a new Blues Festival in Whakatane over Waitangi weekend details to come soon. Look forward to seeing all of you at our Jam Nights.

Best Regards,

Shay Dender, President

BOP Blues Club Jam Night



**B·O·P
BLUES**



Starts at 7:30 and goes to late. 1263 Amohia Street. Wednesday 4th November and Wednesday 2nd December. Come along and enjoy a large range of meats and drinks.

Bop Blues Club Jam nights are held on the first Wednesday of the Month. This is an opportunity to network with others who love the Blues, both Musicians and enthusiasts. There will be a raffle and Musicians lucky draw.

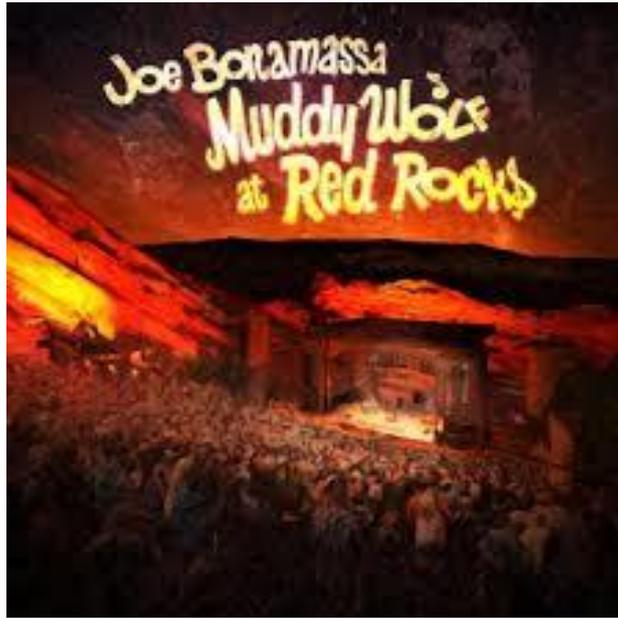
**Free to BOP Blues Club members and participating musicians.
\$5 entry for non members. Membership available.**

We encourage Musicians of all levels, and ages to come along and Jam - Solo Artists may want to group with others to form bands, or just join in. All to register with Marshall on arrival.

Come and enjoy a great night of the "Blues" in our new Spring/Summer Venue Abracadabra!

STEW'S REVIEW:- New Album for November 2015

Joe Bonamassa – Muddy Wolf at Red Rocks



Here's a very special double Album by a true master of the Guitar, Joe has put together a live recording of a "one off" show at the famous Red Rocks – which is an amazing natural Amphitheatre that is carved into the surrounding bed of rocks in the famous Colorado Rocky Mountains, overlooking the city of Denver..

It was a sold out show of 10,000 people gathering to witness a journey and homage to two masters of the blues, Muddy Waters and Howling Wolf and the live C.Ds have actual recordings at the start of both Muddy Waters and Howling Wolf before Joe takes you on a journey through some classic blues tracks.

On CD 1 a mid-song segue from the past to the present on Muddy's 'Tiger In Your Tank' which is an absolute gem, along with the following track where Joe switches to slide on 'I Can't Be Satisfied' and he then explores some cool dynamics on the next track, 'You Shook Me'.

C.D 2 pulls together an interesting mix of Howling Wolf's songs, and seemed to have overlooked the more obvious possibilities like 'Smokestack Lightning', 'Who's Been Talkin', but does include 'Spoonful' on which he hits an extended note and then fires into another burning solo. There's lots of early Clapton influence coming through Joe's riffs and his solo's throughout this 2nd C.D.

Joe plays with so much power and feel, that you get goose bumps listening as he is embedded in defined lead solo's track after track and you can't help but be impressed with his amazing vocal range. The 8 piece backing band provides all the icing a blues follower could ask for to the genuine and polished musical production.

As you listen to this concert, there's a strong feeling that blues history is being written. In my opinion, Bonamassa has ascended to yet a higher level.

Catch up next month,

Stew.