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While editing this bulletin I had an epiphany. **I HAVE LEFT THIS TOO LONG AND THERE IS TOO MUCH TO TALK ABOUT.** So, I am going to have to cut down the chat about every gig. Give you just some highlights or this bulletin is going to be a book. Which brings me to my next realization....

I can't in good conscience print this out any more. From now on all editions will be paperless. Please sign up to be on the email list if you would like. I am going to try to update everyone more frequently using Facebook and Reverbnation. I will still send a smaller Bobby Bruce Ink email out more frequently than twice a year. But I encourage you to sign up to be Bobby's friend on Facebook and like his Nearly Neil page too.

It has been way too long since our last catch up! It was November and Bobby and I were just about to head off to Lethbridge, AB. Let's hit the highlights of our past gigs:

PAST GIGS:

November: Nearly Neil Solo Show at Average Joe's, Lethbridge, AB & McLennan's, Coaldale, AB. Recently aired on TV, Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band rocked the recipients of the Consumer's Choice Awards on November 20.

December: Bobby started December by singing three songs live on air at the CKNW Radio Orphans' Fund at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. He was proud help raise over \$1.2 million. We had to hot foot it out of the Hotel Van, as we had a private show immediately following.

Canadian-A had the pleasure of entertaining the Roofing Contractors' Association on the Main Stage at the River Rock Casino. Nearly Neil Solo entertained at Christmas Parties at the Inn at the Quay in New Westminster & Country Meadows Golf Club in Richmond. Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band performed at the Boulevard Casino in the Lions' Den on December 17 & 18. After Christmas we had a sold out Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band show at the Coast Capital Theatre in White Rock. Thanks to the great fans!

January: Started the year with Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band at Lulu's Lounge in the River Rock Casino. Followed the next weekend at the Lion's Den in the Boulevard Casino. The Solo Show closed out January at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 119, in Port Moody.

February: A string of fabulous solo shows - a great sold out show at the Lighthouse Pub in Sechelt, an awesome time at Vancouver Lawn and Tennis, and an overly packed Paddle Wheeler Pub was rocking. Closed out by an afternoon show at the Cloverdale Legion.



Shawn Clements in Canadian-A at the River Rock Showroom


February Continued: Brian Kirschner bought the Lido Theatre in Fort St John several years ago and has been steadily improving the seating and the sound. He has worked out an excellent entertainment program - I wish there were some more entertainment entrepreneurs doing the same in more locations. The Solo Show had a great time there just after Valentine's Day. February 18th we had a super Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band show at the new and lovely Chilliwack Cultural Centre.

The next night, Bobby had a fundraising show for Stepping Stones. Rounding out the weekend we had a small but mighty audience for our Centennial theatre show in North Van. Shout out to RokitBoy Productions for promoting our theatre shows. We closed out the month with two Solitary Band shows at Lulu's Lounge at the River Rock Casino and a solo show in Calgary for the Consumer's Choice Awards.

March: Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band rocked the beginning of March with a weekend at the Lion's Den, followed the next weekend with the band at the new and gorgeous Vancouver Convention Centre West for the always excellent Pacific Dental Conference. The band had a wicked time performing in Saskatoon at the Back to the Future themed show for the SGI Canada. Talk about going back in Time! They had Ms. Pac Man! The solo show rocked out some favourite old haunts - Jolly Coachman & Kennedy's Pub.

April: The Solo show entertained in Quesnel for the Firefighters Convention. Bobby was due to fly on to Saskatoon the next day to perform Canadian-A; but flight delays at YVR prevented him from making it so Sandra and Shawn led the band through a great show without him. Two back to back 40th birthday parties saw some fun Solo shows that became over the top Diamond-a-oke. Seriously over the top. Bobby and I provided the entertainment for the annual Spring Dance on Gambier Island. A major fun(d)raiser for the Community Centre - we are always happy to pitch in!

Our 21st wedding anniversary snuck in on April 28, we were in Ottawa for another Consumers Choice Awards. Closed out April with Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band at Lulu's Lounge.



NEARLY NEIL TRIO SHOW
Brauntex Theatre, New Braunfels, TX, May 21, 2011

When a booking complication created a venue without an act for the Brauntex Theatre in New Braunfels (a suburb of San Antonio) we got a call. Due to our success in the US with our Live on Stage Tour, the producers called to see if Nearly Neil could fill in. As it turns out, we couldn't make it work for the entire band. So, Jeremy Scott on acoustic bass and Dave Corman on mandolin and acoustic guitar accompanied Bobby in an intimate performance.

Bobby, Dave and Jeremy are all welcome back to the Brauntex Theatre. The likeness to Neil Diamond's voice and style were amazing with a unique twist on each song. Our audience did really enjoy the intimacy of the acoustic show as did I.

Janet Allen, Artistic Director, Brauntex Theatre

May: We were absolutely thrilled to be a part of the Lion's Gate Hospital Foundation 11th Annual Wine and Culinary Gala. Over \$1 million dollars (net) was raised by the 200 people in the Capilano Golf and Country Club. Next night the solo show was also on the North Shore at the Winter Club. The band was at the Lion's Den in the Boulevard Casino mid month and then for the holiday weekend, we had a special show in Texas in New Braunfels. See more in the box above about the Trio Show. Lastly we closed out May with a sold out solo show at the Gibsons Legion followed by another band show at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

June: Another performance for Consumers Choice, this time in the big smoke - T.O. Lynn Crawford from Restaurant Makeover was honoured as Business Woman of the Year - she and Bobby are in the picture to the right. Followed by a weekend at Lulu's Lounge in the River Rock Casino for Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band. And a Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band show at the Pan Pacific.

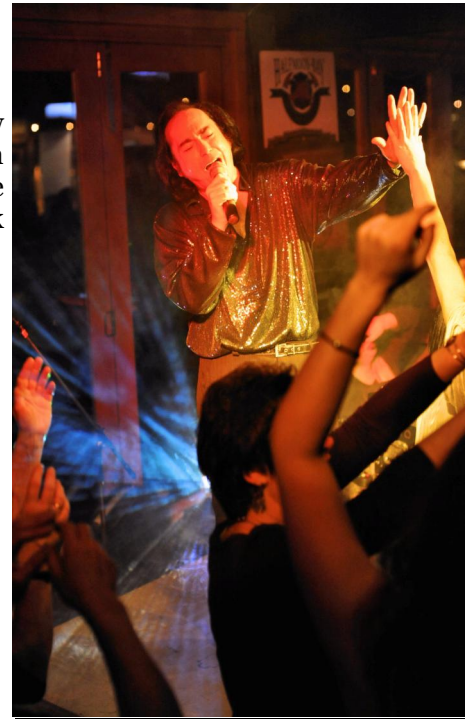


What's Happening?

June: Bobby and I are back at the Lighthouse Pub in Sechelt for a solo show on Friday, June 17; followed by an appearance for the Nature Trust Earth Wind & Fire Event in Kelowna on Saturday. We'll see Saskatoon for the Consumers Choice Awards and then we'll be at Sawbucks Pub in White Rock on June 25.



Canadian-A (l-r) Craig Zurba, Sandra Volodoff, Bobby Bruce, Marlow Holder, Dave Corman



Bobby's Solo Show at the Lighthouse Pub, Sechelt

July: Canadian-A are slated to play Canada Day in Kincolith, BC. The Solitary Band had this gig last year and it was gorgeous. Back at the Lion's Den July 8 & 9. Winnipeg for Consumers Choice and then Dublin Crossing on July 22. A few private parties later and we find Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band performing Opening Night of the Harmony Arts Festival at John Lawson Park. Always a favourite of the summer.

August: The Solo Show will be at Earl's on Fir on Aug 11 for their annual Customer Appreciation Party. That weekend the Solitary Band will have their last kick at the can at Lulu's for the summer. The following weekend is the opening weekend of the PNE and Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band will be back at the Tribute Stage in the Beer Gardens. At the end of the month Bobby and I will be flying to Sydney to start our Australian Tour.

September: For the first two weeks of September Bobby is teaming up with old friend Dave Battah (Frod Stewart) and Ashleigh Toole (who tributes Cher) for a show called Classic 3. It will be great to "Turn Back Time" cuz we'll be "Having a Party" for these first few shows! After Dave goes home, as Nearly Neil we'll see Townsville, and for the first time Alice Springs as well as return dates to Kedron Wavell and Twin Towns.

October: We'll finish our Australian Tour in Sydney with shows at South Juniors and Wently Leagues. We fly home for one day to pick up Maggie and then we fly out to Amsterdam to begin our first ever Netherlands Tour! The success of our Live On Stage Tour through the US spawned interest in a promoter in Holland. The band is coming and we will all be based in Apeldoorn for the month long tour. Please check the website for exact dates. We are super stoked about this tour!

Well, that's enough for now. Please visit our Nearly Neil Facebook page as we can most easily update dates, quotes, pictures, videos and we welcome tagging Bobby in pictures from shows - we love to see the fan shots! Cheers! LB

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PUBLIC SHOWS

Friday, June 17, 2011	Lighthouse Pub	Nearly Neil Solo Show	5764 Wharf Ave, Sechelt, BC 604-885-9494 Lighthouse Pub on Facebook
Saturday, June 25, 2011	Sawbucks Pub	Nearly Neil Solo Show	1626 152 Ave, White Rock, BC 604-536-6420 www.sawbuckspub.com
Friday, July 1, 2011 CANADA DAY	Crabfest!	CANADIAN-A	Kincolith, BC Canada Day!
Friday & Saturday July 8 & 9, 2011	Lion's Den Boulevard Casino 9:30 pm	Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band	Coquitlam, BC, 604-523-5361 www.blvdcasino.com/entertainment/lounge
Friday, July 15, 2011	Jolly Coachman Three 30 min sets at 9, 10 & 11 pm	Nearly Neil Solo Show	19167 Ford Road, Pitt Meadows, BC 604-465-9911 www.jollycoachman.com
Friday, July 22, 2011	Dublin Crossing Pub	Nearly Neil Solo Show	18789 Fraser Hwy, Surrey, BC 604-575-5470 www.dublincrossing.com
Friday, July 29, 2011	Opening Night - Harmony Arts!	Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band	John Lawson Park, West Vancouver, BC www.harmonyarts.ca
Saturday, August 6, 2011	Walley Legion 8:30 pm start	Nearly Neil Solo Show	#229, 13525 106 Ave, Surrey 604-581-3441
Thursday, August 11, 2011	Earl's on Fir Customer Appreciation Party	Nearly Neil Solo Show	1601 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC http://www.facebook.com/earlsfirstreet
Friday & Saturday, August 12 & 13, 2011	Lulu's Lounge River Rock Casino Richmond, BC	Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band 9:30 pm	604-273-1895 www.riverrock.com/entertainment/lulus_lounge
Saturday & Sunday August 20 & 21, 2011	P.N.E. - Tribute Stage 3 Sets @ 7:30 pm, 8:30 pm & 9:30 pm	Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band	Pacific National Exhibition 604-253-2311 http://www.pne.ca/thefair
September 1 - October 8, 2011	Australia Tour Nearly Neil Dates & Classic 3	Bobby Bruce's Tribute Nearly Neil	Check our website for details http://www.nearlyneil.com/Calendar_listing.htm
October 9 - November 7, 2011	Netherlands Tour From Drachten to Hoofddorp!	Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band	Check our website for details http://www.nearlyneil.com/Calendar_listing.htm