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## White Rock Blues Society Newsletter



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## Looking for something to do this weekend?

On Friday Oct. 30, The Compound Blues Band will host their annual Halloween

**Bash at The Morgan Creek Clubhouse** 3500 Morgan Creek Way, in South Surrey.

Admission is \$20. which includes tasty appetizers.

Costumes are recommended if you want to win one of the great prizes!

Tickets are limited and popular for this event, so advance purchase will

guarantee a good time. **For Tickets:** call Ken @ 604-531-7287, Paul @ 604-531-9759, Jody @ 604-531-7746, email – compound blues @ shaw .ca, or visit Tapestry music on Johnston Rd. in White Rock.

If you haven't experienced The Compound Blues Band yet, you are in for a treat. They deliver blues & rock favourites, along with some great originals. Their sound is impressive, with 6 band members providing a full sound spectrum. They all have histories with great bands, and have come together right here in South Surrey. Lead guitar player Kevin Star opened for the late, great Stevie Ray, and Ronnie Hawkins is a close friend and big fan of this dynamic group. Last year they played with Johnny Ferrara and The Jason Buie Band at the local Crescent Beach Legion, and in September they rocked our local streets when they headlined at the White Rock BIA's outdoor "Summersault" uptown block party, along with Sybil Thrasher and Tom Pickett. Hope to see you Oct. 30Th,  
Jody 604-531-7746

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**Next White Rock Blues Society Show**  
**Wednesday November 4th at the Crescent Beach**

# Legion

We are looking forward to these talented Canadian blues icons who are back on tour with 100 back to back shows across 9 provinces and 2 territories.

Follow their progress as they cross the country by going to: <http://centurybluestour.blogspot.com/>

If you are a blues fan you can't miss this show. Seating will be brought up close to the stage and it will be an intimate evening of music and story telling. A few advance tickets for the price of \$10 are available at the Legion. Tickets at the door will be \$15 for non members and \$10 for members.



## The White Rock Blues Society is Proud To Present

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Doc McLean

Big Dave McLean



Wednesday, Nov. 4th  
Crescent Beach Legion  
2643 - 128th St.  
Surrey

Doc MacLean and Big Dave McLean are pleased to report that their National Steel "Century" Blues Tour has grown to a record breaking, 100+ back to back shows spanning 9 provinces and 2 territories.

Big Dave McLean is a Juno winning, Stony Plain recording artist:

Doc MacLean was recognized as "Acoustic Blues Master" at last year's Black American Music Awards.

<http://centurybluestour.blogspot.com>

MacLean and McLean thrilled sold out halls from Halifax to Vancouver Island on their original Big Road Blues Tour. Back by popular demand, don't miss this opportunity to hear them interact again, up close and personal in this epic, all acoustic songs and stories presentation. Loaded with new songs and old favourites, the Century Tour promises to be a classic, "must see" event.

Tickets at the Door  
Crescent Beach Legion 604 535-1080  
Information - 604 542 6515



Support the blues, become a member  
of the WRBS today.

\$15 at the door - \$10 for members  
Doors open at 8:00 PM-Show 9:00 PM



## Coming Shows

Well we finalized things for another show in December. The good news for White Rock Blues Society members is that it's a free show for members. \$10 for non members. Harpdog Brown & Yukon Slim will be playing on Thursday December 10th at the Crescent Beach Legion on 2643-128th St. South Surrey. Blues lovers will appreciate this evening music. Check out the following link to hear them in action.



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# HARPDOG BROWN & YUKON SLIM



*Canada's Newest Acoustic Blues Duo*  
**Juno Award Nominees**

## Crescent Beach Legion

Thursday  
December, 10th **\$10<sup>00</sup>** 8:30 pm  
12:00 am

Crescent Beach Legion  
2643 - 128th St.  
Surrey

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## Harpdog Brown & Yukon Slim



Harpdog Brown

There's never been any question in my mind; Harpdog Brown is absolutely the genuine item, the real thing. The way he puts his individual stamp on everything he does and his command of his stage, you'll enjoying every minute of his show.

The Dog started playing blues 1981 and never looked back. He's shared the stage with such greats as Matt Guitar Murphy, Pinetop Perkins, Kenny Blues Boss Waite, The Powder Blues Band, Willie Macalder, Jack dekezer, Fathead, Donald Ray Johnson, Moran Dajis and the late Dutch Mason.

In 1994 Harpdog won the prestigious (Muddy Award) the only Canadian band to receive honour. In 1995 he was nominated for a Juno Award for (Best Blues Album).

Brown is a wonderful singer with a rich palate of colors and imaginative harmonica player that takes traditional blues into the 20th century.



Yukon Slim

Brandon began playing guitar at the age of fifteen and through hard work and experience has matured into one of the most sought after roots guitar players in the country. Brandon honed his skills at Selkirk college studying jazz guitar and composition for two years. He was the winner of the 2004 Indie Award and was nominated for a Juno Award the same year with his band The Twisters. Real Blues Magazine has him in the top 3 Blues Guitar Players in Canada. Brandon is also Juno Award winning Guitarist with his work on the CD, "Let It Loose" with Kenny Wayne in 2007.

He has played with many great artists such as Joe Louis Walker, Kenny Wayne, Zora Young, Jeff Healey, Colin Linden, Amos Garrett, Big Dave Maclean, Stephen Fearing, The Twisters, Tom Wilson, Don Johnson, Rusty Zinn, Lee Oskar and many more. The Yukon born bluesman has toured throughout Europe, Scandinavia, the U.S. and Canada, and has played guitar on over 18 albums.

Brandon is a prolific song writer who has over 120 original songs to his credit. His tunes have been recorded by many artist across the country. He is most recently up for a Western Canadian Music Award for "Best Blues Recording Of The Year" with his band The Twisters.

Brandon's affinity for the rawness and spontaneity of the blues is second to none, as anyone who has had the privilege of being in his audiences will tell you. He brings a firebrand style of guitar and killer vocals that truly has to be seen.

# Harpdog Brown & Yukon Slim

Check out this great promo video for these two blues greats. I saw them play their duo act a couple of weeks ago on the North Shore and they were great!

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Harpdog Brown & Yukon Slim



★★★★★ Thanks for rating!

241 views

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AqgOsN0-SUg&NR=1>

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## Coming Shows cont.

Also note that we are working hard to put together another great Yuletide

**Blues Benefit Show** for the White Rock/South Surrey **Food Bank** on Sunday the

**13th of December** at the Pacific Inn Hotel, Rhumba Room. Last year your

thoughtful donations resulted in \$3,750 in cash and 701 lbs of nonperishable food.

We are also excited to be sponsoring the BC based Blues group, **The**

## **Twisters**

to the 2010 International Blues Challenge put on by **The Blues Foundation**

each year. Check out their website for details. If you can make to Memphis

for these four days of blues on the world famous Beale Street it will change

your life. 180 blues acts from around the world will be there vying for a

top ten finish in both the duo/single and band category.

<http://www.blues.org/#ref=index>

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## **Here's a message from Mario Brox, a great blues supporter.**

Dear members of the White Rock Blues Society and Lovers of live Blues music

in the White Rock community.

Coquitlam based International Blues Booking and Promotion Agency

### **Concept**

**Entertainment Ltd.** is proud to present a live performance of the Russian born, incredibly talented and amazingly versatile Blues Guitar phenomenon.

# **ARSEN SHOMAKHOV.**

The concert will take place **Saturday, November 21, 2009** on the Studio Theatre Stage of the **Evergreen Cultural Centre** in Coquitlam.

The warm atmosphere of this cozy 264 seat theatre creates the perfect setting for an intimate and interactive night between guests and the artist.

Enjoy refreshments from the Bar at the Theatre's scenic lobby, as **doors** will open at **07:30 pm**. The musical program of the evening will be started up at **08:15 pm** with a short performance of the Dr. Charles Best Secondary School

Jazz Band Project. **Arsen** will get on stage around **08:45 pm** and will be joined by **Special Guests** during his performance. For the audience's convenience, there will be a 15 Min. intermission between his sets. The performance will conclude around **10:45 pm** and the band will then be available for a while afterwards, to meet and greet fans in the Lounge.

Tickets for the event are priced at \$ 27.50 each ( taxes incl. ) and are available online, at the Box Office in the Centre or directly through Concept Entertainment Ltd.

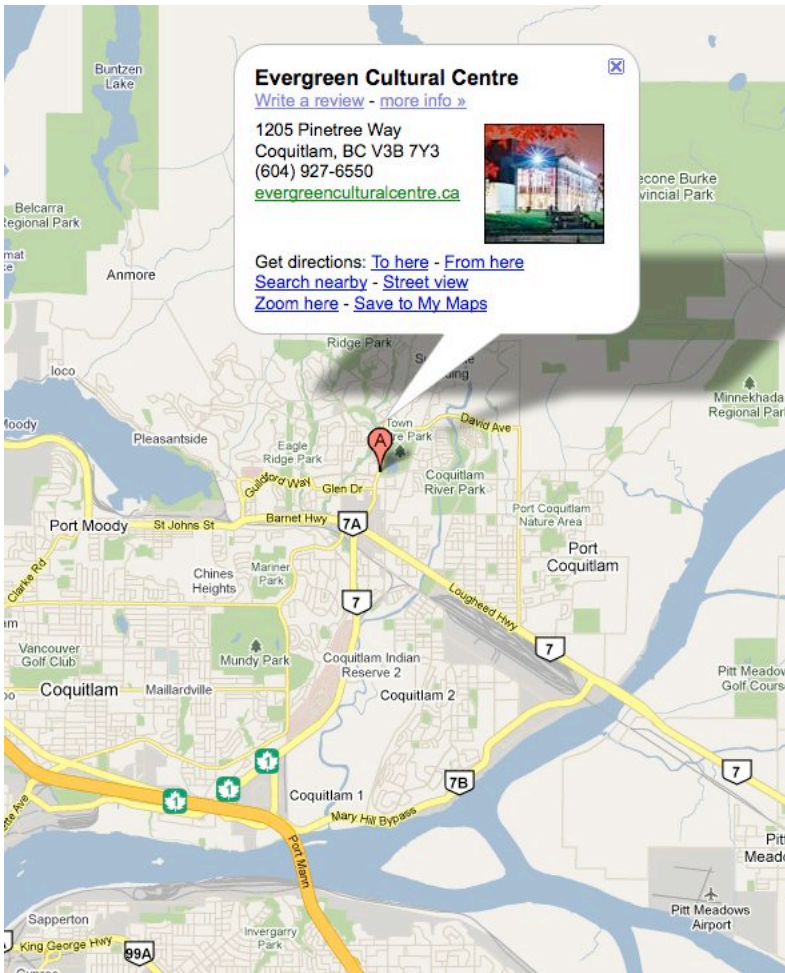
I'm looking forward to share my passion for the Blues with you on **November 21**.

With best until then and always.....

Cheers to the Blues,

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## White Rock Blues Society Corporate Sponsors

**Tapestry Music Ltd** is an official **Corporate Sponsor** of the White Rock Blues Society. We want to thank **David Sabourin** and his team for all their support over the last three years selling tickets and displaying our event posters.  
1335 Johnson Road, White Rock.



## **Memphis Blues Barbeque House**

160th Street. #50, 2443 161A Street  
**Authentic Southern BBQ**



### **The Memphis Blues Barbeque House**

Serving Authentic Southern Barbeque located in the new shopping area called Grandview Corners Mall, on the south east corner of 24th Ave and 160th Street.  
#50, 2443 161A Street.

One of the only restaurants open to 11:00 PM on Friday and Saturday in White Rock/South Surrey, Open until 10:00 PM Sunday to Thursday

<http://www.memphisbluesbbq.com> <<http://www.memphisbluesbbq.com/>>

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The White Rock Blues Society is very appreciative of the coverage and

support offered by our local newspapers and their entertainment writers. They do us all a great service in promoting the society's efforts to bring accomplished blues musicians to our White Rock/South Surrey area.

**For a detailed run down of coming music events in the White Rock / South Surrey area check these sources out.**



**Check out** the latest **Night Owl** column from **Doug Lachance**, the *premium source* for information about the *eclectic local music scene*. If you haven't read Doug's column you are planning your weekend without all the facts and the fancy

of the local vibrant music scene.

[http://whiterocksun.com/index.php?mode=night\\_owl](http://whiterocksun.com/index.php?mode=night_owl)

For the latest entertainment news and views in Surrey, White Rock and North

Delta, check out the **Now Newspaper**, online at

<<http://www.thenownewspaper.com> <[\[www.thenownewspaper.com/\]\(http://www.thenownewspaper.com/\)> > . Fridays in the \*\*What's On\*\* section, look](http://</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

for Tom Zillich's The Buzz column, about all things music.

The **Peace Arch News** at [http://www.bclocalnews.com/surrey\\_area/peacearchnews/](http://www.bclocalnews.com/surrey_area/peacearchnews/)

offers Alex Browne's insightful thoughts and information on the local entertainment scene.

**Surrey Leader** [http://www.bclocalnews.com/surrey\\_area/surreyleader/](http://www.bclocalnews.com/surrey_area/surreyleader/)

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As a backgrounder to who we are here is a short summary.

We are a relatively new society, receiving our charter as a non-profit society in May of 2007. We have been putting on shows every two months since. The venue we have used is a club the size of the Vancouver Yale Hotel called the Rhumba Room. It is attached to the Pacific Inn Hotel at 1160 King George Hwy about a mile from the USA/Canada boarder. We also put on shows at the Crescent Beach Legion at 2643 128th St. Surrey.

What we have done so far and our 2009 current plans: All events held at the Rhumba Room unless otherwise noted.

1. Introduction: Wednesday May 16th 2007 **Back Porch Blues Band** event, Camp Kwomais.

2. 1st event with Society Status July 13th 2007 at the Rhumba Room **Jesse Burch, Good Dog Bad Dawg & Rich Koops and the Koop De Villes.**
3. The **Bill Johnson Blues Band**, Sept 8th 2007 Crescent Legion, "A Blues Night Out".
4. **The Twisters**, November 3rd, Rhumba Room Blues Bash II.
5. 1st **Yuletide Blues Benefit Concert**, Dec 9th 07 Rhumba Room 10 local blues bands played for the Peace Arch Community Services Food Bank.
6. Year-End Blues Bash, Dec 29th.
7. **Phat Betty**, aka Cat Wells, Feb 07.
8. **Rob Lutes & Rob MacDonald** February 29th 08.
9. **Blue Voodoo, Ellie Johnson**, April 19th.
10. **Johnny Ferreira & The Swing Machine**, Sept 6th 08
11. **Jerry Doucette**, Nov 8th 08.
12. **2nd Annual Yuletide Blues Benefit**, Dec 7th 08, Rhumba Room, a long list of blues entertainers donated their time and talent for Food Bank.
13. **Russell Jackson**, Mud Bay Blues Band, Dec 27th.
14. **Kathi MacDonald, Joani Bye, Leanne Coleman** Valentines' Blues Divas Feb 14th.
15. **Wild T and the Spirit** Feb 11.
16. **Harpdog Brown, Hank Shreve, Brian McFadyen and Steve Kozak's Westcoast Blues Revue** *1st International Harmonica Showcase* April 11th.
17. **MonkeyJunk** award winning three-piece blues band Friday May 22nd.
18. **Lloyd Jones Struggle** Blind Pig Recording Artists, Saturday June 20th
19. **Julian Fauth**, 2009 **Juno Award Winner** Best Blues Album, "Ramblin' Son".
20. **John Lee Sanders and Muddy Fraser**, Saturday September 5th.
21. **Doc McLean & Big Dave McLean**, "The Century Blues Tour", Crescent Beach Legion, Wednesday November 4th
22. **Harpdog Brown & Brandon Isaak Blues Duo** Crescent Beach Legion, Thursday December 10th
23. **3rd Annual Yuletide Blues Benefit Concert** Sunday December 13th.

In the summer of 2008 the White Rock Blues Society conducted a **Talent Search** consisting of three shows at a the Sandpiper Pub mid-week and the first and second place bands opened for us during two of our fall shows. The first place band received one day of recording time at a local studio. We repeated this again this year on the last three Wednesday's of July at the West Beach Bar & Grill.

Since we have been active, many others in the community have been motivated to put on live blues events and a number of blues jam sessions have been established at local pubs throughout the week. White Rock and area is becoming a focal point for blues/roots music in the lower mainland.

The Society constitution consists of the following 6 objectives:

The White Rock Blues Society is a non-profit incorporated organization that has been formed with the following objectives:

1. To perpetuate, promote, share and advance 'Blues' and related music in our community and surrounding area.
2. To establish and promote the White Rock area as a regional epicenter for quality music and music venues.
3. To present performances from a wide variety of local, regional, national, and international artists.
4. To nurture creative artistic activity by supporting emerging artists from our community and surrounding areas by providing outlets and opportunities for performance.
5. To foster as many live music venues as possible in such locations as restaurants, clubs, parks, community centers and concert halls.

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*Rod Dranfield*

*President*

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*Roots Music For The Rock*

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