

THE BLUE DEVILS

“Devil’s Pride”

Booster Club

April 2007

MARCH 30 – APRIL 1 – CAMP #4

This particular camp was strictly a camp for the brass as a great many of our percussion members were involved in a percussion competition. We only had a total of 48 brass players in attendance for the weekend. We figured the low turn-out was due to several factors: One being the fact that many had already had to pay for flights for the earlier camp and another being the fact that many were involved in various school activities and tests and could not get away.

Even with the small number, we were impressed with the sound of the horns at rehearsal. We are anxious to hear the entire line at the next camp (those not in attendance receive the music and changes via a dedicated site on-line for members only). We know the music we heard was “Pegasus” from what sounded fairly dark at the beginning and evolved into various forms toward the end. And – NO – we still don’t know the name of the 2007 show!

Your Booster Club sponsored the Saturday breakfast as we do at each of the camps. Several Booster members showed up to help out with all the Devil’s Food chores and we thank them. We were absolutely delighted when Diane Ebert presented the cook crew with beautifully embroidered aprons with the Blue Devil logo. Diane came out to the camp with her son, Eric (brass member 2007), from Pennsylvania to check things out and to help with cooking and sewing. Diane has had several years experience working with the Colts, and were we ever happy to hear that she plans to be with us at various times throughout the tour! Diane – Welcome to the Blue Devils.

2007 CORPS STATISTICS – While we had hoped to provide some statistics regarding this year’s Corps, not all members have turned in their forms as yet and we don’t have enough information to give even close numbers. We should definitely have this information for you by the next newsletter.

CAMP #5: Friday, April 27 through Sunday, April 29. Rehearsal sites should be on the BD site close to the time of the camp. Devil’s Food will be behind the BD hall. We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our color guard members.

MAY SCHEDULE:

- Friday, May 4 through Sunday, May 6 – Full Corps rehearsal (MARS?)
- Sunday, May 6 - Spring Concert at the Pavilion – Admission is free but there is a Pavilion parking fee
- Saturday, May 12 through Sunday, May 13 – Full Corps rehearsal
- Possible all days start for the Brass line May 15
- Saturday, May 19 through Sunday, May 20 – Full Corps rehearsal

MEMORIAL DAY CAMP: Friday, May 25 through Monday, May 28. Now this one is a great weekend for the "A" and the "B" Corps as we both have rehearsal at "Mars" and "Bedrock." Both booster groups work very hard providing meals for this many people, but it has always proven to be a great deal of fun. Kids and adults get the chance to meet and interact with each other. As always, if you are in the area, come on down to either watch the kids or to help out with some of the cooking/cleaning duties. You are always welcome! Check out the BD site for more details closer to the date.

SILENT AUCTION REMINDER: Yvonne Moss and Gail Schultz are still working hard on this event and are still looking for some great items to offer for auction. If you have a time share you would care to offer or an item or two for one of the gift baskets, it would be wonderful; e.g., a bottle or two of wine, beauty products, restaurant gift certificates, (\$\$ to purchase basket items) etc. This is a combined effort involving all the Blue Devil corps and proceeds will be given to the various corps for needed items. If you can help: Yvonne Moss at yjmsounding@sbcglobal.net – Gail Schultz at g Schultz@bluedevils.org. Thank you!

We believe rooms are still available in the Blue Devil block at the Sheraton in Palo Alto for August 3 and 4 (\$109/night).

– Speaking of hotels and for future reference: There is an article on the DCI site regarding the Wyndham Hotel Group becoming the DCI preferred hotel provider for DCI. *"Fans of DCI and its member units will now gain exclusive discounted rates on advance reservations (10% below the lowest daily rate available to the public) at Wyndham Hotel Group properties."* The Wyndham group consists of 10 hotel brands: AmeriHost Inn, Days Inn, Howard Johnson, Knights Inn, Ramada, Super 8 Motels, Travelodge Hotels, Wingate Inn, Baymont Inn & Suites and, of course, the Wyndham. You can find out more about how DCI can help you save at the Wyndham hotels by going on-line. Good information for drum corps fans who plan to travel to see some of their favorite corps.

CLASSIC COUNTDOWN – April 26: The turnout at the theater we went to was not nearly as large as last year. This could have been due to the fact that another theater was involved in the San Jose, CA area and we figured most of the Santa Clara Vanguard people went there. Some people were not taken with the way the event was conducted this year and just couldn't get as excited about it. We felt it was more fun knowing which corps were going to be shown rather than the big surprise. However, we did enjoy being with other drum corps fans and reliving drum corps of the past.

The show started out with short clips of 22 of the top 30 shows from the first voting. Then -- #8 was the 1987 Cadets, #7 1980 Bridgemen (what a great, fun corps that was), #6 1993 Star of Indiana, #5 1994 Blue Devils ("My Spanish Heart" – loved that show), #4 2006 Cavaliers (machine theme), #3 2006 Phantom Regiment, #2 1995 Madison Scouts (matador theme) and #1 in the voting and the 2007 Classic Countdown Champions: 1989 Santa Clara Vanguard ("Phantom of the Opera – another great show). Sorry we don't have all the show titles, etc., but we were trying to write in the dark and hoping to rely on questionable memory – wrong thing to do! We had hoped 27th Lancers would get in there somewhere, but we figured a large majority of drum corps fans in this day and age have never seen that wonderful corps. We enjoyed seeing our own Jessica Allen doing some of the tour of Pasadena segment.

If you attended the Classic Countdown, DCI is interested in know what you thought. There is a place on the DCI site to make your comments (dci.org).

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER: Our good friend and neighbor from the Santa Clara Vanguard Romelia “Romie” Evans was honored as a 2007 “DCI Volunteer of the Year.” Romie has been with the SCV Booster Club since 1977 and has diligently served in quite a number of capacities ever since. Other DCI honorees this year are Ray & Mary McCrary from Carolina Crown and Mary & Lois Fricke from the Jersey Surf. If you happen to know these great friends, please make sure you tell them thanks for all their dedicated service. (Not to brag, but three Blue Devil volunteers have been so honored in past years: Our own President Mary Cloyd, Jeannie Houck and Sonja Williams.)

Another “Congratulation” goes out to our “B” and “C” Corps Manager, Rick Odello, who was featured in a great newspaper and DCI article recently. Rick actually started his drum corps career at the age of 4 by carrying the banner in front of the corps. Rick and Debbie Odello (Milena) and their families have been integral parts of the Blue Devils from the very start. All four of their sons have been/are members of the “A” Corps bass line. Check out the DCI site for the full article.

Our THANK YOU to the City of Concord, CA: Enclosed with the newsletter is a copy of the flyer that was recently sent to over 50,000 residents of Concord. Not only that, the Blue Devils Association has a good-sized picture and article in the May edition of “Diablo” – a local magazine. We understand we will also have some radio and television coverage regarding our upcoming events during our Regionals show at the new Stanford stadium in Palo Alto, CA. A long-standing bit of humor(?) in the Concord area has been the fact that many people in our own city would say, “The blue who?” when the Blue Devils were mentioned. Hopefully more people will now become aware that they have a great group of World Champions right in their midst. Again, we say “thank you” to the City of Concord.

REMINDER: If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail, just let us know. You can send a note to williamssonjab@hotmail.com -- Please indicate BD Newsletter or something including Blue Devils in the subject line so the message will not be automatically deleted.

Also, if you have any questions, etc., jot us a note and we will try to get answers for you (other than what the name of this year’s show is going to be, because we don’t know either).

Our next Booster Club Meeting

TUESDAY – May 1, 2007
I-HOP Restaurant – Martinez, CA

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

2007 Booster Club Officers

President	Mary Cloyd
Vice President	Yvonne Moss
Secretary/Treasurer	Sonja Williams
Membership	Katie Wills
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BLUE DEVILS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



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This year will be the most exciting ever for The Blue Devils, as we celebrate FIFTY years of excellence! This is a milestone of which everyone who has ever been associated with The Blue Devils can be proud! Established in 1957 as a Drum and Bell corps, the organization has grown into a world renowned performing arts organization with an unprecedented 11 Drum Corps International World Championships, 4 Winter Guard International Championships, 2 World Twirling Championships and a combined total of 18 National Twirling Championships! Over 8,000 young people, in 2,000 families, have participated in The Blue Devils programs since 1957.

We are excited to celebrate with the following events:

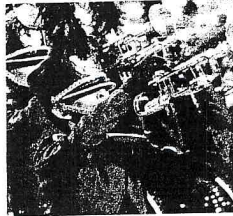
MAY 6

2 p.m. • **FREE** Concert at the Sleep Train Pavilion in Concord. Parking \$8. Parking lots open at 12 noon, gates open at 1 p.m. Concessions available. No cans, glass bottles or alcohol.

JUNE 16

2 p.m. • Concert at Dean Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek

6:30 p.m. • Precision West Drum & Bugle Corps competition at Diablo Valley College



AUGUST 3

7 p.m. • Celebration Party and Dinner at the Sheraton Hotel in Palo Alto

AUGUST 4

6:30 p.m. • Drum Corps International Regional Competition at Stanford University Stadium. *This will be an exciting and entertaining event featuring 10 drum corps from all parts of the United States.*

AUGUST 9-11

Drum Corps International World Championships in Pasadena at the Rose Bowl. *This is the first time this event has been held in California.*

For questions and ticket information, call 925.689.2918 or visit our web site at www.bluedevils.org



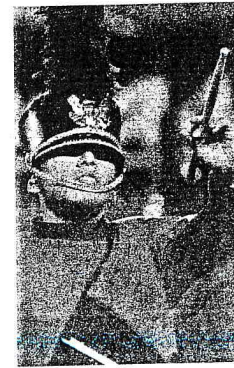
Performing units of The Blue Devils includes the following:

- **A Drum & Bugle Corps**
135 members, ages 17-22
- **B Drum & Bugle Corps**
90 members ages 14-18
- **C Drum & Bugle Corps**
75 members, ages 8-13
- **2 Winter Color Guards**
Ages 8-21
- **Diablo Wind Symphony**
65-75 members, ages 14-18

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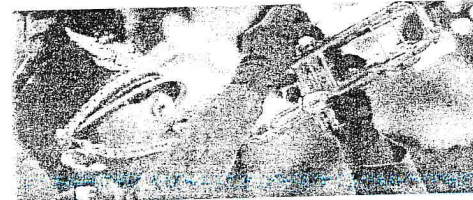


Come and celebrate 50 years of excellence with The Blue Devils!



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FREE* FAMILY CONCERT

Sunday, May 6, 2 p.m. • Sleep Train Pavilion

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