

BLUE DEVILS "DEVIL'S PRIDE"

Booster Club

December 2007

JANUARY BOOSTER CLUB – TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008
I-HOP RESTAURANT – MARTINEZ, CA
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

THINGS TO COME:

The first camp of the year will be held Friday, January 18, through Sunday, January 20. We haven't heard what shape Devil's Food is in at this time, but we are sure our great Transportation crew (Bill and Terry, plus Pete) will make sure we have an adequate facility to do some cooking. Saturday will include breakfast (traditionally sponsored by the Booster Club), lunch and dinner. Sunday will include breakfast and lunch. To save Corps members having to travel from the practice site back to Devil's Food, a huge variety of items are provided for sack lunches. We will still be planning a workday to clean all the coolers, etc. before the camp.

Future camps:

February 15-17 - March 7-9 and March 28-30 - April 25-27 - May 3-4 and May 10-11 (both full Corps rehearsals) - All-days for Brass: May 17-18 - Memorial Day Camp: May 23-26

Help is always appreciated with the cooking and cleaning chores. As far as we know, all camps will be held with Devil's Food at the Blue Devil Hall in Concord.

Of course, with the start of camps, we really would appreciate assistance in housing for some of the kids. If you have room for one or more kids, please leave word at the BD Hall for Housing Coordinator Kris Wills and/or Pete Emmons. With the tour fees (up to \$2,000), transportation to camps each month (\$\$\$), etc., it can get terribly expensive for these young people. They just need a place to put a sleeping bag and to take a shower. If you can help with transportation, that would be fantastic, but it is not a requirement. Our usual housing sites have gotten pretty full already. This is a wonderful way to get to know some of the kids – you wouldn't be sorry.

2008 Schedule: Highlights announced by the Hall:

Precision West – the opening show of the year on Saturday, June 21. Look for a new and different format with your favorite corps.

Mid California Tour of Champions – in Clovis, CA where valley Drum Corps fans will be able to enjoy seeing the Blue Devils and Santa Clara Vanguard performing on Friday, June 27.

DCI West Championships – at the beautiful Stanford Stadium on Saturday, July 5 featuring the Phantom Regiment, Blue Devils and Santa Clara Vanguard.

After the DCI West Championships at Stanford, the Blue Devils will head out on their national tour which will complete in Indianapolis, IN for the World Championships where they will defend their World Championship.

Schedule as of 12/14/07

Saturday, June 21 – Precision West (Pleasant Hill, CA); Sunday, June 22 – Moonlight Classic (Stockton, CA); Friday, June 27 – Mid Cal Tour of Champions (Clovis, CA); Saturday, June 28 – Corps at the Crest (Walnut, CA); Sunday, June 29 – Western Corps Connection (Riverside, CA), Thursday, July 3 – San Diego, CA; Friday, July 4 – Rose Bowl (Pasadena, CA); Saturday, July 5 – DCI West (Stanford – Palo Alto, CA); Tuesday, July 8 – Portland, OR; Wednesday, July 9 – Thunder in Boise (Boise, ID); Thursday, July 10 – Corps Encore (Ogden, UT); Saturday, July 12 – Drums Along the Rockies (Denver, CO); Monday, July 14 – Cornhusker Summer Music Games (Lincoln, NE); Tuesday, July 15 – Starliet Drum-O-Rama (Hutchison, KS); Thursday, July 17 – North Texas Festival of D&B (Dallas, TX); Saturday, July 19 – DCI San Antonio (San Antonio, TX); Sunday, July 20 – Red River Thunder (Denton, TX); Tuesday, July 22 – To be announced; Friday, July 25 – DCI Murfreesboro (Murfreesboro, TN); Saturday, July 26 – DCI Southeastern Championship (Atlanta, GA); Sunday, July 27 – Nightbeat (Charlotte, NC); Monday, July 28 – Drums Across the Tri-State (Charleston, WV); Thursday, July 31 Music in Motion (Westchester, PA) Friday, August 1 – DCI Eastern Classic (Allentown, PA); Monday, August 4 – Pro Football HOF Show (Canton, OH); Wednesday, August 6 – I&E Competition (Indianapolis, IN); Thursday, August 7 – DCI Quarter Finals; Friday, August 8 – DCI Semi-Finals; Saturday, August 9 – FINALS

(Warning: Do not enter in ink as things have a way of changing):

Major DCI Events:

June 27 - Bloomington-Normal, IL - June 28 – Madison, WI - July 4 – Pasadena, CA
July 5 – Kalamazoo, MI - July 12 – Denver, CO & Orlando, FL - July 19 – San Antonio, TX
July 25 – Murfreesboro, TN - July 26 – Atlanta, GA - August 1&2 – Allentown, PA

BLUE DEVILS “B”: The “B” Corps is still accepting new members for the 2008 season. There will be an orientation meeting at Glenbrook Middle School on January 13 from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have a son or daughter who might be interested, call the BD Hall for more information. We are looking forward to the “B” Corps being very strong this year.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES SUBMITTED: Following are the subject lines for 10 proposals being submitted for consideration by the Rules Committee. To see the proposals in their entirety, check out the DCI web site (dci.org). Interesting reading on some of these.

Ron Hardin: Double panel GE judges
Timothy Kviz: Amplification limited to front ensemble percussion instruments (2009)
Eligible marching members must operate the sound board
Amplification equipment of any kind may not be used (2009)
George Hopkins: Time of performance (2009) (10 -12-1/2 minutes)
Amplification of brass (2009)
Elimination of #2 percussion judge
Age requirement (2009) (extending cut-off date to January 1 rather than June 1)
Alteration to the use of water and water-based materials (2009)
Amplification of brass (2009)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The election of the 2008 Booster Club officers will be held at the January meeting. Nominations will still be accepted at the meeting.

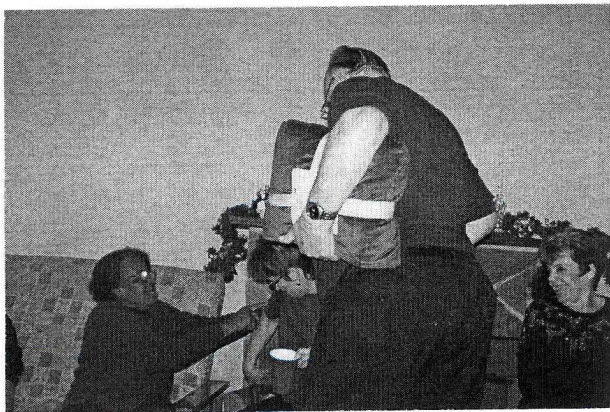
MEMBERSHIP TIME: Most likely everyone has received a reminder from Membership Chairman Katie Wills regarding the membership dues for 2008. So far our renewal response has been great, and we are very appreciative of the continued support. This year we have members from across the United States, Canada and England. If you are local, we would love to see you at one or more of our monthly meetings. If you have any suggestions for the Booster Club, please feel free to let us know.

As we mentioned earlier, if you would prefer to receive the newsletters via e-mail or have any suggestions/comments, be sure to let us know (williamssonjab@hotmail.com). If you do contact us by e-mail, please be sure to include Blue Devils in the subject line so the message won't be automatically deleted.

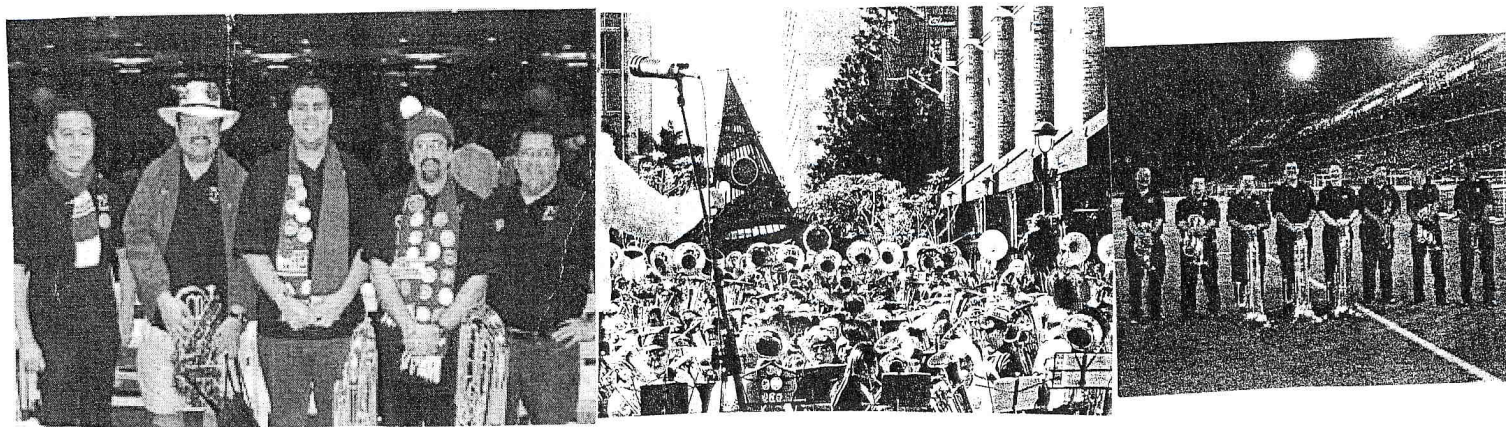
THINGS THAT WERE:

AUDITION TIME: The number of people auditioning for the various spots has been overwhelming. We happened to house people during the guard, brass and percussion auditions and met some really neat young people. We were unable to attend the guard auditions, but understand there were quite a number of very talented people there. When attending the start of the meeting for the percussion section, we could not believe the number of people who attended. It would have been difficult to get more people into the multi-use room. We kept thinking of the elation of the kids asked to come back for the January camp and the disappointment of those who weren't. Scott Johnson told the group that, obviously, not everyone would make the "A" Corps and suggested some might want to consider the "B" Corps as a great alternative. He also indicated the Blue Devils would try to help them with other corps as well. We were impressed with the way our staff handled this emotional situation. As there had been earlier auditions for the brass section, there were only about 26 attending the brass audition weekend. Even just having these kids for a weekend, it's hard when they do not make it into the Corps. However, when talking it over, without exception the kids have indicated the time was well worth it and they appreciated all they learned and the way the instructors took the time to let them know what they needed to work on. Those with more marching years all indicated they would see us again next year.

CHRISTMAS PARTY Oh did we have a fun evening! The potluck (as always) was a delicious feast, Thanks to our host and hostess Ken & Ronni Collmer, we all had a very wonderful start to the holiday season and end to 2007. We certainly appreciated their gracious offer to hold the party at their home. The volunteer gift exchange once again brought out the more humorous side of us all. The picture shows Mary Cloyd having her gift "stolen" during the evening's gift exchange.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TUBA: Pictured below are a few of the former Blue Devils who participated in various events during the Christmas holidays. From left to right: Anthony Cheng ('91), Ronny Hirata ('77), Amado Segobia ('94-'96), Erron Garrett ('82-'84) and Matt Dillon ('84). The "kids" also helped to celebrate the BD 50th Anniversary and our World Championship #12.



Participants in the Tuba Christmas events range from seniors to pre-teens and also include some father and son players. It was estimated that attendance at the San Diego performance exceeded 1,200. The guys are very impressive in their Blue Devil Alumni shirts and, out of the over 625 horn players at one event, some wound up in the front row. There are several hits on the BD Forum and we hope more alumni get involved in groups such as this to keep their "chops" in good shape.

DCI's PUMPKIN CONTEST: We ran out of space to include the following pictures in earlier newsletters, but we wanted to share them anyway. We believe the pumpkin depicting the BD guard took 3rd place in the contest. We loved the headpiece. The second picture shows our Blue Devil Imp. Many of the entries depicted the various drum corps very effectively.



It's hard to believe an entire year as sped by so quickly. We look forward to 2008 being another year of hard work, excitement, ups, downs, new adventures and the opportunity to meet another group of young people, parents, friends and fans. We are ready for 2008! On behalf of the Booster Club, we hope everyone had the merriest Christmas ever and a most enjoyable holiday season. We send our best wishes for the new year to be full of happiness and good health for all.

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