

# BLUE DEVILS

## “DEVIL’S PRIDE”

Booster Club Newsletter

June 2008



## NEW SIGN AT MARS

We mentioned our new sign at the entrance to the sports complex in the last newsletter. We are very proud of the sign and wanted to make sure we shared it with everyone.

Members of the Booster Club had been concerned over the disappearance of our “Welcome to Mars” sign that was at the former entrance (*the entrance to the area was moved when the oil company needed the area as a parking lot for their workers and the entrance at the new gate refers to us as a “band complex”*) and were thrilled when we saw this beautiful sign.

Please note there is plenty of room left for additional

years..... Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Ondek does not seem nearly adequate for their generosity in providing this beautiful sign.

Their son, Scott, is a member of the 2008 bass line and will be “aging out” this year.

## A FEW STATISTICS BLUE DEVILS 2008

We have 150 members (1 brass alternate). At the present time there is one male spot open in the guard.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

(but just not in ink as things have a way of changing—rapidly)

### SUMMER TOUR:

June 27 – Clovis, CA  
June 28 – Walnut, CA  
June 29 – Riverside, CA  
July 3 – San Diego, CA  
July 4 – Pasadena, CA  
July 5 – Palo Alto, CA

July 8 – Portland, OR  
July 9 – Boise, ID  
July 10 – Ogden, UT  
July 12 – Denver, CO  
July 14 – Lincoln, NE  
July 15 – Hutchinson, KS  
July 17 – Dallas, TX  
July 19 – San Antonio, TX  
July 20 – Denton, TX  
July 22 – TBA  
July 25 – Murfreesboro, TN  
July 26 – Atlanta, GA  
July 27 – Charlotte, NC  
July 31 – West Chester, PA  
August 1 – Allentown, PA  
August 4 – Canton, OH

August 6 – I&E  
August 7 – Indianapolis, IN – Quarter Finals  
August 8 – Indianapolis, IN – Semi-Finals  
August 9 – Indianapolis, IN – FINALS



The average age at Finals will be 19.6.

Our members come from 22 states and 3 international areas: 82 from CA, 11-WA, 9 AZ, 8-TX, 5-FL, 6-NV, 4-OR, 3-IN, 2-CO, GA, NY, PA, 1-IA, IL, KY, MI, MN, NC, OK, TN, VA, VT. We have 1 from Canada, 2 from Japan and 1 from Holland.

We will have 46 age-outs this year: 19 one-year members and 27 multi-year members (15 2-year, 9 3-year, 2 4-year, 1 5-year).

Broken down by section:

BRASS: 5 Baritones, 5 Mellophones, 4 Euphoniums, 5 Tubas, 8 Trumpets (27)

PERCUSSION: 2 Bass, 4 Snares, 6 Pit, 3 Tenors (15)

GUARD: 4



"The door"

## UPDATE STATUS ON DEVIL'S FOOD REFRIGERATOR DOORS

Are we a bunch of happy campers! While the project is not yet complete, our cook crew will be going on tour with a refrigeration unit that won't be breaking down at the most inconvenient times.

Never thought doors could look so beautiful.



**Maryanne Lynn presenting plaque for the door**

Maryanne Lynn very graciously sponsored the door to the refrigerator.

At an evening rehearsal there was a nice dedication ceremony in the memory of her husband, Jim, and a small plaque was installed on the door.

Not only do we have a working refrigerator, we have a walk-in freezer. We found out just how good this works when we were inside the freezer and the unit turned on. Wow! Talk about cold!

## BOOSTER CLUB SPONSORED BBQ

As your Booster Club has done in the past, we provided an all-you-can-eat steak BBQ for the Corps members as a little thank you and to let them know how much they are appreciated. Heading up the organization of the BBQ were Jim Serena and Mary Cloyd.

The kids enjoyed having Booster members Tom Wills, Kaffy Cecil, Charlotte Hollenbeck, Maureen Scherzberg, Jim and Pat Worley, Norma Merrill, Bill Seeley, Jim Serena and Mary Cloyd do the serving and chit chatting with them.

Topping off the steaks, beans and salads were delicious watermelons and tons of different desserts provided by Booster members.

What a fun way to get to know some of the kids... and we were very thankful for the refrigeration unit! It was put to very good use.



"Happy Campers" - Carol, Chris & Carol



### CORPS ACTIVITY

The more we see of this year's show, the more we think it is going to be the talk of the activity for 2008.

It is so different from traditional Blue Devils - and yet not in that it is innovative, challenging, and GOOD. The members say the drill has to be one of the hardest they have attempted.

The music is strong, the ballad is beautiful, the drummers are incredible and the guard has a series of very interesting rifle exchanges and fast-moving drills.

There are so many parts of the show that are actually fun to watch. Not wanting to miss anything, we find the problem is that we keep trying to see everything all the time, and that is not going to be possible.

If there is a show near you, make sure you try to attend. We expect some will not like the difference, but we also think the majority of the drum corps activity will certainly appreciate what these kids are doing on the field and will thoroughly enjoy the show.

### MAIL STOPS

The 2008 Mail Stops for sending cards, letters and (hopefully) care packages to the Corps members while on tour are now posted on the Blue Devil web site.



We will try to provide a list of housing sites as soon as we possibly can.



### NEW PROMOTION ITEMS

Gail Schultz has announced that the new 2008 merchandise is now available and can be viewed and ordered using the web site.

The 2008 CD is also available. Check it out - looks like another good year for Promotions.





**"AFTER FINALS BRUNCH"**

If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact Sonja Williams ([williamssonjab@hotmail.com](mailto:williamssonjab@hotmail.com)) before August 1 or, if you are attending DCI, come by Ben Davis High School Tuesday afternoon August 5. Adam's Mark Hotel in Indianapolis - \$30 person.

Checks may be made payable to Blue Devils and sent to Sonja Williams - P. O. Box 4184 - Walnut Creek, CA 94596



**OUR NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER:**

Being involved with an innovative Corps, we are trying a new and innovative style for the newsletter.

Thanks to Hans Kloppert from The Netherlands who has taken on the task of formatting the newsletter and adding a few touches that we hope you will enjoy.

Hans is a member of the JUBAL drum & bugle corps in the Netherlands, which toured with DCI in 2002 and 2006.

Hans coordinated part of our European Tour back in 2000 and he toured with the Blue

Devils on support staff in 2004, 2005, 2007.

Hans (*known for his richly decorated cakes*) will be back on the road with us this summer as of Denver.



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**OUR NEXT MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2008**  
**I-HOP Restaurant - Martinez, CA**  
**7:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

**OFFICERS:**

<b>Mary Cloyd</b> <i>President</i>	<b>Yvonne Moss</b> <i>Vice President</i>
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**FIRST SCORES**

**June 22 - Stockton, CA**

<b>World Class</b>	
Blue Devils	75.9
SCV	74.0
Mandarins	64.6
<b>Open Class</b>	
SCV Cadets	70.1
Blue Devils B	69.9
Blue Devils C	48.9