

BLUE DEVILS

"DEVIL'S PRIDE"

Booster Club Newsletter

July 2008



EARLY JULY NEWSLETTER

In order to get as much information to you, we are sending the July newsletter a bit earlier than we normally do. So much is going on and we don't want anyone to miss out on anything if at all possible.

Our Picture/Family Day/Precision West Day turned out to be great even though we tried (and succeeded) to do in one day what we normally do in two.

We would like to thank Charlotte Hollenbeck, Normal Merrill, Pat Worley, Yvonne Moss and Katie Wills for helping us with the early morning pictures.



Even though we had 15 extra members for pictures and got off to a little late start, we finished in record time. Working with Alan Parker and his crew from Jolesch is always a pleasure and that day was no exception. Pictures should be ready for viewing on www.jolesch.com - just search for Blue Devils.

After we finished with the picture session, we headed off to the Family Day BBQ. How can we say thank you enough to Mary Cloyd, Tom Wills, Carol Christopherson and Ronni Collmer for all their

hard work in getting things going. Wonder how many hot dogs Tom cooked!

The other corps brought a huge variety of salads and we brought desserts. We wondered how things would go since we were at a different location and the day was hot.

However, from the looks of things, it appeared everyone was enjoying the food and having a good time. Another successful Family Day BBQ.

Thanks also to the Booster Club members who pitched in making sure the site was clean before we headed off to the Mt. Diablo Stadium for the 2008 "Precision West" Exhibition show.



Many members of the "A" Corps wore their "Property of Blue Devils" T-shirts that were given to them as a small thank you from your Booster Club. The shirts are rather special in that they are given to marching members of the Corps exclusively.



• **Mary and Tom cooking for the Family Day BBQ**

Then off to the show:

Frank Melina did his always outstanding job announcing the event and gave a little history of the organization. We were happy to see the founders of the Jr. Bell Corps Mr. and Mrs. Tony Odello and we knew the founder of the Drum and Bugle Corps Jerry Seawright had to be with us in spirit on such a great occasion.

The "A" Corps had the honor of performing with members of the "B" and "C" Corps members in their various sections. Hearing the space chords done by all three brass sections was spectacular and the three drum lines were amazing. It was fun watching the three guards working together as well.

There was tons of talent on that field and we are hopeful to see many of the "B" and "C" Corps members coming up to the "A" Corps in the future.



Each year the Blue Devils present a \$500 scholarship to an outstanding member of the organization.

We were very proud when they announced **Brandon**

Bridges as the recipient of the 2008 Blue Devil Scholarship. Brandon has been a member of the Blue Devil organization for four years and this is his first year in the "A" Corps euphonium section.



The Renegades started the evening's performances and we were happy to see so many former Blue Devils in the corps.

Following the Renegades were: Santa Clara Vanguard Cadets, Blue Devils "B", Blue Devils "C", Mandarins, Santa Clara Vanguard and the Blue Devils "A". Being so early in the season, not all the programs were complete, but we sure did enjoy what was presented. We were anxious to attend the Stockton show to see how the corps would be judged.

The evening for the Stockton show (*"Moonlight Classic"*) was an absolute perfect night for drum corps. The weather was great and the audience was tip top in showing appreciation for each corps' efforts. We found the Santa Clara Vanguard's guard fun to watch and look forward to seeing more performances of this talented group.

We did get a kick out audience reaction when the BD "A" Corps

came into sight at the various shows. Yes, the guard uniform is totally different than anything we have done before (even from the "Tommy" show back in 1990).

To be honest, when we first saw the uniform, we were not too sure - but yes, our unbelievable staff knew what they were doing. Interesting in the amount of discussion held regarding the switch back to the white plumes (positive)! The new uniforms, the new direction of the style, everything seems to be perfect for the show.

Changes and refining the show is constant throughout the season. We certainly wish we were able to go along with the Corps during the season to watch how things progress and turn out on August 9.

Thanks to Yvonne Moss for keeping us up on how the Corps is doing off the field as well as on. With all the fires in California, the week at Summerville included some very smoky skies.

We have had some problems with ankles, knees, head wound from a rifle, shin splints, finding out the hard way a kid was allergic to bee stings, etc. We are very happy to be able to relay that all is well and now the kids are all doing fine. We know we have a very caring staff with the kids who will make sure their health is priority #1.

The Booster Club has tried to make it a practice to provide a little bit of money for each Corps member for each of the three



- **Check out the drumline on Blue Devils Fan Network (or media box on the corps' website)**

Free Days while on tour. The first Free Day was held in Southern California. Yvonne said many of the new members could not believe the generosity of the Booster Club. A great majority of the kids asked that the Booster Club be made aware of their appreciation for everything it was done (and we are not even finished yet!).

We have mentioned it before, but we will do it again. Providing all that we do for the members of the "A" Corps can get very expensive. The vast majority of our fundraising comes from working at the baseball and football games...and this has been done consistently by a very small group of the same individuals for a long time.

We would appreciate any assistance we can get from our local members. The more people we having working the games, the more we are able to set aside to accomplish our goals. If you can help even at one or two of the events during the year, please give Mary Cloyd a call at (925) 846-0802.



OnQ DRUM CLINIC

Four DCI top drum lines and their percussion educators will come together this summer to present the OnQ National Drumming Camps. Such a camp was held by the Blue Devils in Yucaipa in conjunction with their SoCal tour. Participants received drum sticks, OnQ T-shirt, books of music and exercises for the weekend and tickets to the Riverside show and meals were provided,... so...

Way to go BD cook crew!

Our great food crew provided meals to clinic attendees in addition to the regular meals for the Corps and staff. Even with



approximately more than 50 extra guests, they did an outstanding job. We are so lucky to have these people in Devil's Food. We understand while in SoCal the Shepherd family came in and took over Devil's Food for one of the meals and provided a meal to be remembered. BIG thank you.

We sincerely appreciate people who come in to help cook, wash dishes or whatever while we are in their area(s) - but to provide an entire meal is beyond appreciated.

We got a chance to see the kids for a few minutes before the Stanford show, and everyone seems to be doing well and having a good time. People attending the pre-show BBQ were treated with a performance by the musicians.



It was great being able to talk to so many people from years back who are still strong supporters of the activity. Many of the various guard uniforms are quite bright and really show up on the field. All the corps did a great job and were very entertaining, albeit we were (*personally*) not too thrilled with some of the content in the

Phantom Regiment show which we felt was not necessary and did bother us a bit.

However we must say the corps did a great show and the audience certainly showed their appreciation. Of course, having the "A" and "B" Corps judged as winners made the evening perfect. With all the corps being this good so early, we can't wait to see the final show in August. We were able to say goodbye to the kids and we wished them a safe and enjoyable tour.

HOUSING SITES

The housing site information list is now available on the Blue Devil site: Programs - "A" Corps - Emergency Contacts. Please note: mail should not be sent to the school as many times there is no one in the school office during the summer months to accept the mail.

FUN TRIVIA

It's a wonder the staff keeps up with the individuals members - we have: Alex (2) + Alexa & Alexandra; Andrew (2); Anthony (4); Ben (2); Brandon (4) + Brendon, Brittany and Bryan (2); Casey & Casie; Chris (4); Cory (2); Daniel (2) + Danny; David (2); Eric (2) + Erica; Heather (2); James (2);- Jacy & Jaycee; Jeremy (2); John, Johnny, Jon (2) + Jonathan; Joseph (2); Josh (2) + Joshua (2); Kristina, Kristofer & Kristopher; Matt (5); Michael (6); Nick & Nic; Patrick

(2) + Pat; Robert & Roberto; Ryan (2); Scott (2); Sean (2); Steve (2); Tom (2); Zach & Zak - and Conner Corbin, Conrad (2) and Colin.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Traditionally, new Corps members do not wear their Corps jackets until they have marched a DCI show. You never saw so many smiling faces of kids in their new jackets after the Stockton show! That was fun to see.

Each year members of the previous year get together (usually) the last day at Mars for the annual "Hack Fest" and perform the earlier show as much as they remember. As always, several of the "age-outs" came to participate.

Of course, a totally different version is done with all sorts of comical additions. What a kick when the guard picked up Cory Robinson and rotated him as was done with Janelle last year. Cory comes from the Long Beach, CA area, is a three-year member of the Blue Devils and was recently selected to serve as the 2008 Color Guard Captain.

There was a huge audience this year and everyone walked away with tears in their eyes from laughing so hard.

One member marched 2006 and was not able to march 2007, so he started out the "Hack Fest" by playing a few bars from "The Godfather." This started off the laughter.



• Carol Christopherson at the Family Day BBQ

AFTER FINALS BUNCH

If you are planning to attend the brunch on Sunday, August 10 in Indianapolis, please contact Sonja Williams as soon as possible.

This is a great way to end the season and to applaud the Corps members for their hard work. Family, friends and fans are all welcome.

Contact numbers: Day - (925) 934-9500 Cell: (925) 683-1598 e-mail: williamssonjab@hotmail.com (indicate Blue Devils in the subject line).

Corps members and touring staff are the guests of the Booster Club.

Guests: \$30/person, checks made payable to Blue Devils may be forwarded to P. O. Box 4184 - Walnut Creek, CA 94596 (receipt needed prior to August 1).

Time: 10:00 - 1:00 scheduled, but early arrivals/departures are ok as necessary. Attire: Comfort.

We have been told the Adam's Mark Hotel is very close to the airport and easily accessible.

TOUR PARTIES

The Booster Club has tour parties scheduled for the following shows:

July 12 - Denver show (home of Kaffy Cecil 925-686-2198 - Concord)

July 19 - San Antonio show (home of Charlotte Hollenbeck 925-672-0602 - Clayton)

August 1 - Allentown show (home of Jim & Pat Worley 925-458-0573 - Pittsburg)

August 9 - FINALS (home of Jim Serena - 925-689-2641 - Concord).

If you are in the area and would like to attend, just call the Host/Hostess for direction, etc.



We usually have a potluck dinner with everyone bringing some sort of sharing dish. Very casual, we eat-talk-eat-talk and wait around for someone to call in the show scores.

OUR NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

(traditionally, we have no meeting in August)

I-HOP Restaurant - Martinez, CA

7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

OFFICERS:

Mary Cloyd
President

Yvonne Moss
Vice President

Sonja Williams
Secretary

Pat Worley
Treasurer

Katie Wills
Membership

Penny Ross/Norma Merrill
Sunshine

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SCORES SO FAR

June 22 - Stockton, CA

BLUE DEVILS	75.90
SC Vanguard	74.00
Mandarins	64.60

June 27 - Clovis, CA

BLUE DEVILS	79.80
SC Vanguard	78.20
Mandarins	67.70

June 28 - Walnut, CA

BLUE DEVILS	81.90
SC Vanguard	79.50
Pacific Crest	71.70
The Academy	69.60
Mandarins	69.00

June 29 - Riverside, CA

BLUE DEVILS	82.20
SC Vanguard	80.20
Pacific Crest	72.60
Mandarins	69.00
The Academy	68.90

July 3 - San Diego, CA

BLUE DEVILS	83.70
Phantom Regiment	81.50
SC Vanguard	81.40
Pacific Crest	72.60
The Academy	70.60

July 5 - Stanford, CA

BLUE DEVILS	83.30
Phantom Regiment	81.60
SC Vanguard	80.15
Pacific Crest	72.75
The Academy	68.80
Mandarins	67.65

July 8 - Portland, OR

BLUE DEVILS	85.20
Phantom Regiment	84.10



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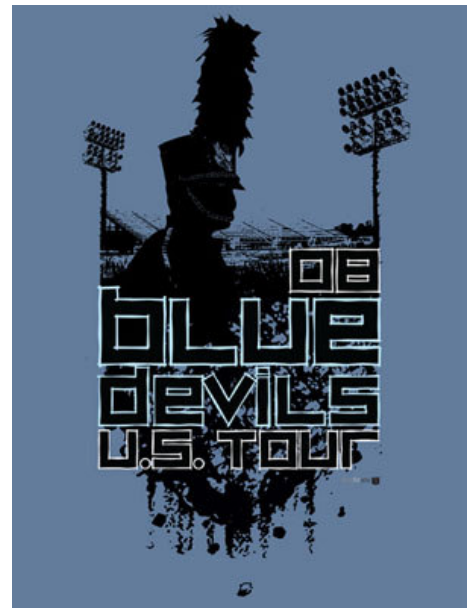


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NEW SOUVIE ITEMS

We showed you some of the new T-shirt designs for this season in the June Newsletter.

Here's another few:



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