

BLUE DEVILS

“DEVIL’S PRIDE”

Booster Club Newsletter

February 2009



“NINER NOISE”

What a way to end the football season! Our ever-popular drum line recently was part of the featured performers at the Pro Bowl game held in Hawaii.

This group of young men and women has become extremely popular at the various 49er football games and has gathered quite a following. It’s fun to watch the crowds dancing and clapping and obviously enjoying themselves as much as the drummers are.

Many people have asked if it might be possible to purchase shirts like they wear at the games (answer: No). During the basketball season the group performs at the local Warriors games.



Baseball, however, is a very different sort of venue and, as far as we know, there are no plans to have the group at the various Giants baseball games.

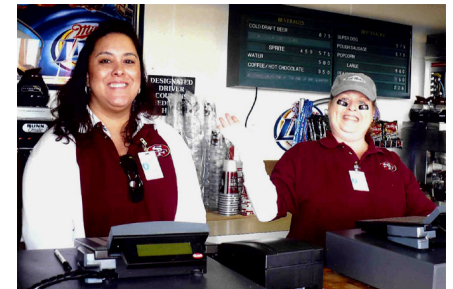
THE GAMES, ETC.

A big thank you to everyone who helped out with the concession stand at the Motor Cross Games recently. This was sort of the last event of our fund raising season.

The new year will start with the upcoming baseball games and we will, again, be requesting all the help we can get. We would also like to take the opportunity

to thank everyone who volunteered to help at the games during the past year.

As we mentioned before, working the concession stands at the baseball and football games and special events is our major source of fund raising and will allow us to provide for members of the “A” Corps throughout the 2009 season.



CIOPPINO DINNER

It’s that time of year again. The “B” Corps will be holding its annual Crab Cioppino Dinner on Saturday, April 4, at the Sunset Hall (Contra Costa County Fairgrounds) in Antioch CA.

In addition to the fantastic dinner, there will be a silent auction, a raffle and dancing to your heart’s content.

There is a \$40 donation and the reservations are on a pre-sale basis only. No tickets will be sold at the door. This is an event that is sold out quickly.

To purchase tickets, please call: 925/625-2132 (Frank), 925/689-2918 Ext. 0 (Debbie), or 925/625-0594 (Nancy). If you would really like to enjoy one fun-filled, highly organized event, this is it!

CAMP #2 – February 13-15

We were very aware of the fact that California needed rain in the worst way; however, we really wished it didn't have to be on a camp weekend.

Since the hotel's shuttle service was not in operation for the weekend (and it **poured** on Friday evening), we were so appreciative of the people who made an extra effort to help transport the kids from the various BART stations to the rehearsal site and then to the hotel after rehearsal at 11:00 p.m.

The Saturday breakfast was at the BD Hall. Not sure of what the weather would be like, Pete made the wise decision to move Devil's Food to the school for dinner. OK – pack up and re-group. The rest of the day was "rainless," but wow, was it



ever cold.

Everyone decided the refrigeration unit was warmer than on the outside. We fixed two big pots of soup for the kids to have with their sack lunches.

The rain that was missing on Saturday certainly found its way to us on Sunday! Since we did not have access to the multi-use room where we were located, it was necessary to move Devil's Food across the street to the high school.

OK – pack up and re-group again – only this time we had no place to connect the water hose.

As we said before, you can't keep the Devil's Food crew down: breakfast was served as if there were no problems whatsoever.

The kids were extremely appreciative of the fact they did not have to walk down the street in the rain to get to the food truck.



Sincere thanks to people transporting the kids and to those helping in Devil's Food all weekend. You made such a difference.

We finally got the opportunity to watch the drum line rehearsal.

Since it's hard to carry a tune to the drums, we were not sure of what music was being played.



However, what we heard was very, very good. **Talent-talent-talent!**

Towards the end of the Sunday rehearsal, there was the usual ensemble with the horns, drums and pit.

We sat back in amazement at how good the Corps is sounding after only two camps.

Sorry, we do not have any information regarding the show theme, music or uniform changes, if any.





We understand the camp scheduled for March 6-8 has been cancelled; our next camp will be March 20-22. This is one of the more difficult times for Corps information, but we are hopeful we will be able to fill you in a bit more after the March Booster Club meeting and Corps camp.

As soon as the 2009 Corps Roster is completed, we will try to give a general breakdown of the Corps membership.

DCI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The DCI Board of Directors is comprised of six elected representatives from the body of DCI member corps and three unaffiliated members.

Those elected for three-year terms: **Mark Arnold** (*Blue Knights*), **Mike Kehoss** (*at-large*) and **Rick Valenzuela** (*Phantom Regiment*).

Two-year terms: **Jeff Fiedler** (*SCV*), **David Glasgow** (*Bluecoats*) and **Brian Setzer** (*at-large*).

One-year terms: **Tom French** (*at-large*), **George Hopkins** (*Cadets*) and **Greg Orwoll** (*Colts*).



Two rule proposals were presented.

Overall Effect Judges (**George Hopkins**):

The proposal to utilize two overall GE judges in place of the current Visual and Music Effect judges was voted down.

However, the Judges Advisory Committee will explore and trial the system during the coming season and report back to the member corps with their findings.

DCI Judging Systems (**George Oliviero**):

Eight judges will be used for all regular season shows and 10 for Premier Events (e.g., San Antonio, Atlanta, Allentown and World Championships). This rule passed.

A motion was passed by the membership for flexibility to use a five-judge panel for all events up to July 10, and at

the discretion of the DCI Executive Director.

A BIT OF INFORMATION:

Ties: Also discussed was the ruling regarding ties. "Since 2001, a rule has been in place that any ties for first place would be resolved at all shows based on the placement of the corps within individual captions.

The membership voted to eliminate this rule. "Now, if there is a tie for first place at any DCI contest, both corps will be awarded first place." It was explained, "The judges make their decision when they give the corps their scores.

Under the old rule, it would be artificially decided – after the scores are presented – that only one of those corps that tied should be awarded first place.

We accept that the judges did their job and made the final decision regarding the score."

Electronics: Clarification of the 2008 ruling the use of electronics was made: "We are allowing for electronic musical instruments and pre-recorded sounds.

We are allowing for pre-recorded voice as well, but not for singing. For example, a corps could use the Martin Luther King, Jr. 'I Have a Dream' speech, or bird sounds, or the sounds of a waterfall.

However, a corps can't have someone on a recording sing by just hitting a key. One single keystroke can only result in a single event. A single keystroke can't result in multiple musical tones."

Corps staff members were instructed to send their questions to the Judge

Administrator between now and the beginning of the season and answers will be published after discussion with the Judge Advisory Committee, if necessary.

Music: Organization of melodic, harmonic and/or rhythmic sound through time.

Electronic Instrument: Any pieces of electronic equipment that produces "Musical" sound.

Sequence/Loop: "Music" that is pre-recorded or programmed during a performance.

Human Voice: Spoken word.

Music from Electronic

Instruments: Allowed given the "Music" is being performed live, in real time during the performance.

Sequenced Music:
Not allowed.

Musical Loops: Not allowed.

Pre-recorded Sound Effects & Human Voice: Can be used without penalty.

Full versions of the proposed rules may be viewed on the DCI site.

With the change in the rules to allow the incorporation of electronic musical instruments, the Blue Devils have announced they will be using Roland products exclusively.

Roland Corporation is a leading manufacturer and distributor of electronic musical instruments, including keyboards, synthesizers, electronic percussion and amplifiers.

If you are interested in further information about Roland Corp, visit <http://www.rolandus.com>.

Scott Johnson states, "The new Roland RMP-12 Rhythm Coach is an incredible practice and performance tool, and is an integral part of our daily practice routines. ..."

Additionally, it's not just for individual practice, but we can use it for group practice, too. Now we can practice anywhere and anytime we want."

THE 2009 BLUE DEVILS SCHEDULE

(as of 2/19/09 - and always subject to change)

March 20-22 - Camp

April 24-26 - Camp

May 9-10, May 16-17 - Full

Corps Rehearsals

May 22-25 - Memorial Day Camp

May 26 - DAY OFF

May 27 - SRVCA Performance

May 28-31 - All Day Rehearsals

June 1 - DAY OFF

June 2-7 - All Day Rehearsals

June 8 - DAY OFF

June 9-12 - All Day Rehearsals

June 13 - Picture Day / Precision

West / Family Night

June 14 - SCV Family Night - San Jose, CA

June 15 - DAY OFF

June 16-18 - All Day Rehearsal

June 19 - Leave on Tour

June 20 - Corps at the Crest - Walnut, CA

June 21 - Western Corps Connection - Riverside, CA

June 26 - Mid-Cal Tour of Champions - Clovis, CA

June 27 - DCI West Championship - Stanford, CA

June 28 - Moonlight Classic - Stockton, CA

July 2 - Bakersfield, CA

July 3 - Santa Barbara, CA

July 4 - DCI at Americafest 2009 - Pasadena, CA

July 5 - Corps at the Crest - San Diego, CA

July 6 - Las Vegas, NV

July 8 - Corps Encore - Ogden, UT

July 11 - Drums Along the Rockies - Denver, CO

July 13 - Starlite Drum-O-Rama - Hutchinson, KS

July 14 - Drums of Summer - Broken Arrow, OK

July 16 - North Texas Festival of D&B - Dallas, TX

July 17 - The exSIGHTment of Sound - Cypress, TX

July 18 - DCI San Antonio - San Antonio, TX

July 21 - Battle on the Bayou - Monroe, LA

July 22 - DCI Southern Mississippi - Hattiesburg, MS

July 24 - DCI Murfreesboro - Murfreesboro, TN

July 25 - DCI Southeastern Championship - Atlanta, GA

July 27 - Drums Across America - Sevierville, TN

July 29 - Soaring Sounds 29 - Centerville, OH

July 31 - DCI Eastern Classic - Allentown, PA

August 2 - Drums Along the Waterfront - Buffalo, NY

August 5 - I&E - Indianapolis, IN

August 6 - DCI Quarter Finals

August 7 - DCI Semi-Finals

August 8 - DCI Finals

August 9 - After Finals Brunch

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OUR NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009

I-HOP Restaurant - Martinez, CA

7:00 P.M.

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