

BLUE DEVILS

“DEVIL’S PRIDE”

Booster Club Newsletter

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CAMP #3

While we did not get rained on, the wind and extreme cold made for an interesting weekend. It always amazes us how these kids can do so well under any weather condition!

There were approximately 110 brass and percussion members present. We got the chance to see a little bit of drill, but at this point not enough to tell much of anything.

The Sunday ensemble sounded great. We tried to sneak a look at the music sheets to see the title of the music that was being played. All we saw was “*Music of the 1930s.*” We are hoping to be able to get some information at the April Booster Club meeting.

To our knowledge, nothing has been published regarding the music or the title of the show. We believe they are still getting the required rights to use the various music selections and

nothing can be announced until these are in place. When we know, you will know. What we do know is that the music sounds great and we are totally impressed with the talent level of these kids.

WE TRIED

The goal for this month’s newsletter was to give all sorts of information regarding the Corps and some information regarding the show and music.

Unfortunately, we have to put this goal off for a future newsletter as we have virtually nothing to report at this time. We are waiting to compile a complete roster in order to report on average age of the Corps, number of age-outs, etc.

We do know we are scheduled to have 40 in the Guard, 31 in the Percussion line, 76 in the Brass line and 3 Drum Majors (1 new-2 vets) for a total of 150 members. We may or may not have one or two alternates

in the Brass line. We’re getting close.

2009 MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to be receiving renewal memberships from so many of our members and certainly welcome our new members. We have not heard from a few of our current members as yet and sincerely hope their renewals are in the mail.

As we have mentioned in the past, your continued support is vital to our success in meeting our goals – which is to provide for the members of the “A” Corps as much as we possibly can. Each year the Corps gives us an exciting year – and 2009 should be no different.

2009 COUNTDOWN

More than 15,000 drum corps fans took part in this year’s Countdown. The first round of voting involved 72 World Championship Finalists from 2004 through 2008 and the six finalist after the second round of voting were: Cavaliers 2004 (“007”), Santa Clara 2004 (“Attraction: The Music Scheherazade”), Blue Devils 2006 (“The Godfather, Part Blue”), Bluecoats 2007 (“Criminal”), Carolina Crown 2007 (“Triple Crown”), and Phantom Regiment 2008 (“Spartacus”).

There are a few of our favorite shows here, so we are definitely looking forward to a very fun and enjoyable evening. We are also pleased to learn the six performances will be in their entirety (*hate it when the shows are chopped (edited)*)



up). The evening will also include exclusive preview features recorded at the 2009 rehearsal camps of the Phantom Regiment, the Madison Scouts and the newest member of DCI's World Class, Jersey Surf.



Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 13. To find a theater near you, please check the DCI web site for the theater listing.

Tickets will go on sale through FantomEvents.com starting Friday, April 10.

As was done last year, fans will have the chance to try their hand at judging to select the "2009 Countdown Champion" and caption award winners.

A downloadable scoresheet to track the rankings and ratings will soon be available from DCI.

This judging will begin on DCI.org starting Thursday, May 14, and continuing through noon EST Monday, May 18. On Wednesday, May 20, the fan judging results will be tallied and the "2009 Countdown Champion" will be revealed on DCI.org. 3

If you have a group going, be sure to take a picture and send it to DCI for publication.

BY THE WAY

If you happen to see a Disney World wedding ad showing an absolutely beautiful couple riding in a Cinderella-style coach on their wedding day, the groom just happens to be former Blue Devil member Todd Moffsos. Todd was in the horn line during the middle 1980s.

CIOPPINO DINNER

Not sure if there are any tickets left but if there are, get ready for a fun night highlighted by unlimited tasty Cioppino, salad, music, dancing getting to see old and new friends. Check with Debbie Odello at the BD Hall. Debbie can also be reached at dodello@bluedevils.org. This is one of the major fundraisers for our fantastic "B" Corps.

NEW PARTNERSHIP

It was recently announced that the Blue Devils will be partnering with D'Addario & Company who makes the **Evans Drum Heads**. A few comments from the announcement on the BD web site: *"The relationship...is the result of a shared philosophy: the dedication to innovative excellence."*

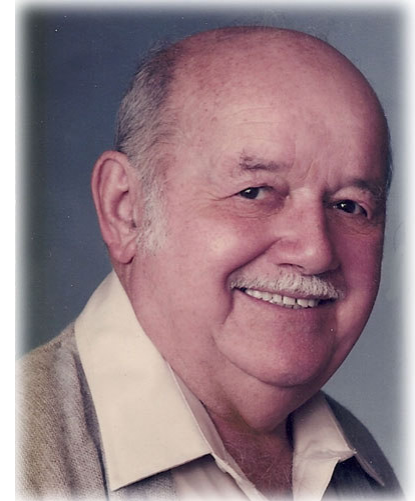


Within the highly competitive activity of Drum Corps, the Blue Devils continuously set themselves apart by exploring every possible avenue for improvement... especially when it comes to their drum sounds.

The continued growth of the Evans product line, including

the major strides made in just the last few years, represents the next step in the evolution of the Blue Devils' sound and gives them the tools to execute their musical ideas." Scott Johnson said, *"The Blue Devil family is always looking for inventive ways to create the new sounds of tomorrow."*

"The two organizations will pool their collective experience and resources with the goal of designing a line of percussion accessories under the System Blue name that will provide new sonic performance and educational options that will be sure to break new ground in the world of drum corps."



FAREWELL TO TONY ODELLO

It is always hard to say goodbye to those we love and respect. We are saddened to report the passing of the Blue Devils Co-founder, Tony Odello on March 17.

The funeral was held recently in Concord, CA. How perfectly fitting it was to see the chapel completely overfilled with people paying their respect.

There were those who were involved with the Blue Devils in

the 1960s through 2009 and friends ranging from senior citizens to the very young.

Many wonderful stories were told regarding Tony's life and many accomplishments. We send our deepest sympathy to Tony's wife, Ann, and to the entire Odello family.

ARE YOU IN THE LAS VEGAS AREA?

We have often mentioned former driver **Randy Warner** and his involvement in forming new non-profit venues in the Las Vegas area; e.g. Las Vegas Marching Arts, Vegas Masters of Baton, VocalMotion, "Hit Men" (percussion), etc.

It would take an entire newsletter and then some to report all the exciting things that are going on at the present time and things that are being worked on for the future - tons of opportunities available as a performer or helper.

Please, if you are in any way interested in looking into joining or helping with these great groups, give Randy a call (or e-mail) to have him give you a complete run down; you will be surprised and excited! Randy can be contacted at 21stcares@citlink.net, randy@lasvegasmarchingarts.org, or (928) 767-4895

To see upcoming events, go to www.lasvegasmarchingarts.org/calendar.htm

KUDOS TO SCOTT JOHNSON

We love it when we hear great things regarding those involved with the Corps. If you have a few minutes, go to the BD forum and read some of the comments re Scot Johnson and Alabama PAS Day.



Also, We have learned Scott will be a part of the *RELAY FOR LIFE*, an annual event to raise money to find a cure for cancer. Participants will walk for 24 hours straight - in teams - to raise money for this cause.

The event will take place at the Ripon High School football field and Scott will be holding a free clinic with the Blue Devil drumline on Saturday, May 16 from 1:00 to 2:30. The high school is located at 301 N. Acacia in Ripon, CA and is free to the public.

Scott is donating his clinic fees to the American Cancer Society and Dynasty, Vic Firth, Pro-Mark, Evans, Remo and Zildjian are donating as well.

If you are interested in participating, attending or

donating, you may learn more by using the following:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=team&....:team_id=459884

REMINDER

When making your plans to attend Finals Week in Indianapolis, don't forget the Booster Club will be holding its "After Finals Brunch" at the Adams Mark Hotel on Sunday, August 9.

The brunch starts around 10:00 and is usually over by 12:00. However, for those needing to meet travel times, early arrival is ok as soon as the room is set up and, being very informal, it is perfectly ok to leave when necessary.

The brunch is open to family, friends and fans; estimated cost of the brunch is \$40/person and \$0 for marching members and touring staff.



OUR NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009

I-HOP Restaurant - Martinez, CA

7:00 P.M.

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