

BLUE DEVILS "DEVIL'S PRIDE"

Booster Club Newsletter

June 2009



NOW IT STARTS



There were quite a number of people who went to the BD Hall to say goodbye to the Corps members as they left for tour on the West Valley buses. This is the start of some of the emotional highs and some of the turmoil members, parents and friends go through over the competition season.



Saying goodbye when they leave for tour is difficult but the hardest (for us) is saying

goodbye after Finals. We don't like saying goodbye! However, we put a big smile on our faces, gave out lots of hugs, wished them all well (double checked to see if they forgot anything) and waved at the buses as they pulled out.



• A few "Hotel Williams" residents

There is sort of an empty feeling as you watch the buses go around the corner, but we look forward to keeping track of them while they are on tour and, for some, knowing we will see them again somewhere along the route. Amazing how loud total quiet can be when they are gone.

WE ARE OFF TO A PRETTY GOOD START

Walnut, CA – June 20, 2009

1	Blue Devils	76.100
2	Santa Clara Vanguard	74.200
3	The Academy	66.000
4	Mandarins	63.800
5	Pacific Crest	63.200

Riverside, CA – June 21, 2009

1	Blue Devils	77.200
2	Santa Clara Vanguard	74.300
3	The Academy	67.500
4	Pacific Crest	64.800
5	Mandarins	64.200

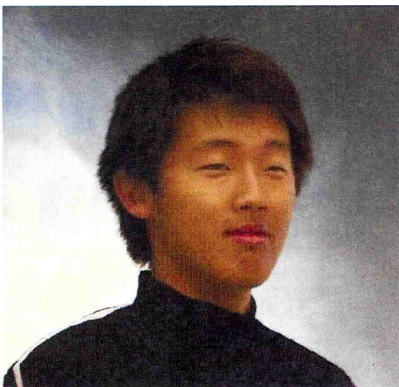
**CORY OLIVER - 2009
GUARD CAPTAIN**



Congratulations to the 2009 Color Guard Captain, Cory Oliver. Cory comes from Salt Lake City, UT and has been with the Blue Devils "A" Corps since 2005.

Unfortunately for us, this will be Cory's final year marching with the Blue Devils as he is among the group of age-outs. From Cory: *"I am very excited for the opportunity to lead a group of this level. I can't wait for what an exciting season this is going to be!!!"*

DM JOHN LEE



Our third Drum Major is John Lee. John comes to us from Pleasanton, CA and this is his first year as Drum Major for the "A" Corps. Since John is 20 years old, we look forward to having him on the podium again next year.

Working with the "A" Corps has been quite an adventure and John is looking forward to a very exciting competition year.

**FAMILY DAY - JUNE
13**

Busy, busy day! We started out with having the Corps members' individual pictures being taken by Alan Parker from Jolesch Photography. We have worked with Alan for several years and it is something we always look forward to.

Thanks to the several ladies who helped out with all the paperwork; even with all the delays, etc., we managed to get finished 15 minutes ahead of schedule.



• *Kana, Shu, Hiro, Seiko and Taki*

Alan and his crew had been busy earlier in the morning taking the pictures of the "B" and "C" Corps members as well. If you are interested in viewing the Corps pictures, you can go to www.jolesch.com.



After the full Corps shots were taken, we went over to the Family Day BBQ held in the park across from the school.

As always, Mary Cloyd had a most magnificent and efficient crew taking care of the BBQ duties, setting up the absolutely wonderful array of various food items and making sure things went as they should have.



• *Norma Merrill serving*



A big thank you to the people who brought the food, cooked the food and the ones who helped clean up afterwards. This made it easier for the BBQ crew to be able to get to the stadium in time for the program.



We had a great turn-out for our Family Day/Precision West show. As has been our tradition, members from all three Corps' drum lines performed, followed by members from all three horn lines.



What a great sight and sound this was. We always get our "Jerry Seawright Ducky Bumps" listening and watching all these young people.

The evening's performers were: The Renegades, BD "C" Corps (cute-cute-cute), Santa Clara Vanguard Cadets, BD "B" Corps, Santa Clara Vanguard and the BD "A" Corps. Even with the shows not being complete at this time of the season, it was very obvious that 2009 is going to be a year not to be missed.

The weather was good, the food was wonderful and the performances were tops - it was another great Family Day for the Blue Devils. We looked forward to attending Santa Clara's Family Night the next evening.

ALL YOU CAN EAT STEAK BBQ

WOW! What a day! The "All-you-can-eat" steak BBQ sponsored by your Booster Club this year was one of the most outstanding ever.



The kids were treated to some fantastic steaks, beans, multiple salads, fruit and ever-so-tasty desserts, dessert, desserts. A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this the huge success it was.



• *Jim Serena and Yvonne Moss serving the steaks*



While the event was a success, we must say it started out a "little" on the shaky side. When Jim Serena went to pick up the steaks, there was no one in sight at the market. After finally being able to reach someone on the telephone, he heard, "Oh my gosh. I totally forgot about it."

Not exactly what one wanted to hear when you have over 150 people waiting to eat! We don't know what went on exactly after the telephone call, but we do know Jim and the steaks arrived and the BBQ got started, albeit about an hour later than anticipated.

The kids were very patient and understanding - and very appreciative and well fed!

PROPERTY SHIRTS

Handing out the "Property of Blue Devils" shirts is always a fun time. Each shirt is labeled with the member's name and we always get great big smiles from the kids as they are given their shirt.

These shirts are special as only the marching members receive them. The "Property" shirt tradition started out in the late

1970s by the BD Association, and in the 1980s, the Booster Club took over sponsoring the shirts.



OOPS!

When we goof, we goof BIG. We were so excited about telling everyone about Shirley Dorritie being elected into the DCI Hall of Fame, we inadvertently left one major name out of the list of BD people receiving this great honor. We could not believe that we left off the name of our co-founder Jerry Seawright. Jerry has often been referred to (and rightly so) as "Mr. Blue Devil."

A little background: Jerry took over the BD Drum & Bell Corps from Tony & Annette Odello and formed the BD Drum and Bugle Corps. Over the many years, Jerry gave the Corps 120% of his time, love and most likely a good portion of his income! We are the Blue Devils of today because of the foresight and dedication of JerrySeawright.

This was a man we totally respected, admired and absolutely adored. With Jerry's sense of humor, we know he would get a laugh out of the fact that of all people his name got left off the list - and we hope he has forgiven us! Jerry was and is our #1 Blue Devil.

DON'T FORGET

If you are interested in attending the brunch at the Adam's Mark in Indianapolis on Sunday, August 9th, be sure to get in touch with Sonja Williams. The cost is \$35/person (down from our earlier \$40!!)

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GREAT YEAR FOR DRUMCORPS!

From what we have seen so far in the west and expect to see from the east, this should be one great year for the drum corps activity. Each of the corps have put on shows that are extremely enjoyable and well done.

It's early in the season and we know all sorts of changes will be made by the time we get to Indy in August - and we can't wait!!!

The Mandarins, Blue Knights and Bluecoats are excellent. The Troopers have always been one of our "special feeling" corps and we were happy to see them coming back strong and looking so good - we hope to see them back in the top 12.

We thoroughly enjoy SCV's show this year and they did a great job.

This year the Blue Devils are offering yet another show that is innovative, different, fun and very well executed. There is so much going on, it's difficult to catch all the excellent work being done all over the field; i.e., the great equipment exchanges by the guard.

Congrats to our great Blue Devils "B" Corps on their recent victories. You thought they were good last year - wait until you see/hear them this year!

Not only have we had the opportunity to watch some very good drum corps, we were able to meet up with some Blue Devil alumni now teaching several of these corps. We like to feel that it's definitely the Blue Devil

influence that is making these corps so good this year!!!

We had been concerned how all the kids were doing during the June 27 and 28 shows as the weather in this area decided to be HOT!! At one point in time, the field where BD was practicing registered 127 degrees.

Going into Stockton the weather hit 113 degrees and the show sponsors wisely delayed the show for an hour to help avoid some of the afternoon heat. Many members joked the Corps was just practicing for summer in Texas!!



• Memorial Day "B" Corps cooks



• We could sing "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes"



• Carol Vargas & Maryanne Lynne

MORE SCORES

Clovis, CA - June 26, 2009

1	Blue Devils	80.300
2	Santa Clara Vanguard	77.400
3	Bluecoats	76.000
4	Blue Knights	71.800
5	Troopers	66.700
6	Mandarins	65.100

Stanford, CA - June 27, 2009

1	Blue Devils	80.850
2	Santa Clara Vanguard	78.400
3	Bluecoats	76.200
4	Blue Knights	72.050
5	Troopers	68.950
6	Mandarins	66.150

Stockton, CA - June 28, 2009

1	Blue Devils	81.650
2	Santa Clara Vanguard	79.750
3	Bluecoats	77.450
4	Blue Knights	72.350
5	Troopers	69.700
6	Mandarins	65.150

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 7

I-HOP Restaurant
Martinez, CA
7:00 P.M.

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