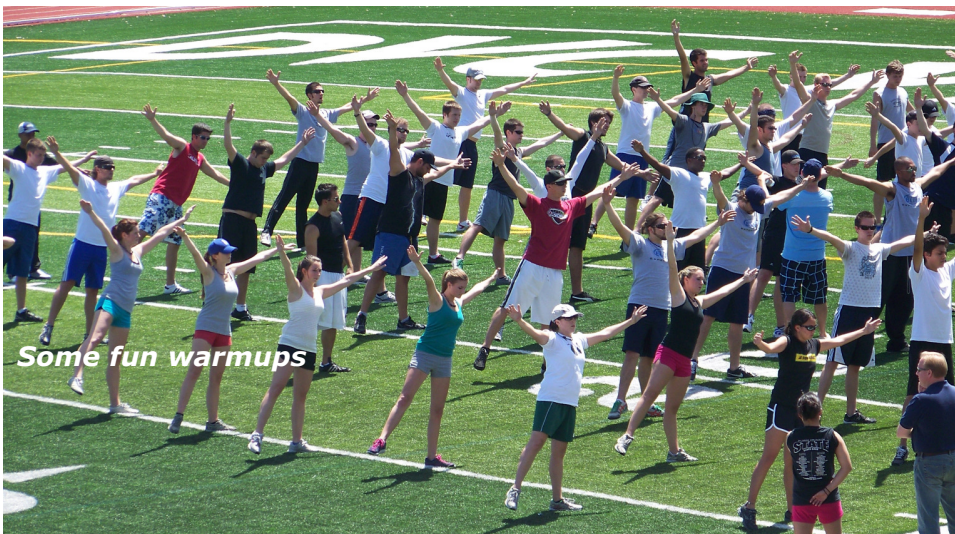


BLUE DEVILS

“DEVIL’S PRIDE”

Booster Club Newsletter

April 2010



Some fun warmups

APRIL CAMP

Thankfully, the weather for the April camp was great with no rain in sight and the Corps was able to use the football field at Diablo Valley all weekend for drill. As always, it was great to have the majority of the guard here for the first time. We did get to spend more time watching the Corps than we normally do at the camps. However, we really don't have a lot of information about the show itself.



Nothing has been released regarding the name or theme of the show and we are not sure of all the music selections. We will keep trying and will put something in the newsletter as soon as possible.

We did enjoy listening to the music and were a bit intrigued



Only way to eat Cheetos

with what we saw of the drill. Pete Emmons and Toby Bush were very busy working on what we think will wind up being some sort of prop to be used for the show.

Wish we could give you more information, but nothing is really known at this point in time. We have a feeling the 2010 show will be pretty innovative and another that will

have people talking.

WINTER GUARD INTERNATIONAL: CONGRATULATIONS TO TJ DOUCETTE



When we watched the Winter Guard Circuit Championships recently, we were very impressed with Logan High School's fantastic guard and were not surprised to hear that our own guard instructor, T.J. Doucette, was the instructor.

It was also no real surprise when we got the results of the WGI competition in Dayton, OH and saw Logan had won the Scholastic World Championship with a score of 97.25 and taking all captions.

Logan High School is located in Union City, CA. T.J. is a phenomenal instructor and the Blue Devils are very thankful to have had her on staff for the past several years.



Serena House



Getting to know each other

The Circuit performance by our own Blue Devil Winter Guard was absolutely beautiful and extremely well done and resulted in a first place score. While in Dayton, the guard came in 7th in Round One of the Independent Open Class with a score of 82.40. Our congratulations to Annette Odello – who teaches both Blue Devil guards – and members of the guards; we are extremely proud of you.

It was interesting to learn just how many different guards our instructors teach. We know our instructors TJ and Jay Murphy's names were announced several times at the Circuit competition and we know many drum corps are taught by Blue Devil instructors. The Blue Devils are very fortunate in having the best of the best when it comes



Member Omar

to instructors.

Congratulations are also in order for our neighbor, the Santa Clara Vanguard. Their excellent performance gave them a second place finish in the Independent World category with a score of 97.50.

Coming in first was Onyx from Dayton, OH with a score of 97.85.



2010 "COUNTDOWN"

Mark your calendars now so you won't forget to attend this year's DCI "Countdown" to be held on Thursday, May 13.

The show this year will include the 2009 World Champion Blue Devils, Carolina Crown, The Cadets, The Cavaliers and Santa Clara Vanguard.

In addition to these corps will be some behind-the-scenes winter rehearsal camp previews of the upcoming 2010 performances from the Boston Crusaders, the Troopers and the Bluecoats – AND, as an added bonus – the "Countdown" will feature several "classic moments" from the DCI archives which will include vintage highlights of the 1987 Garfield Cadets, 2001 Glassmen, 1987 Sky Ryders, 1985 Santa Clara Vanguard and

(our personal favorite of all time) the 1988 Blue Devils.

Tickets will be \$12.50 and are on sale through NCM.com/fathom. Check out DCI.org for a theater near you and the time for the show. Why not get a group together for the evening and, while you are at it, take some pictures for submittal to DCI?

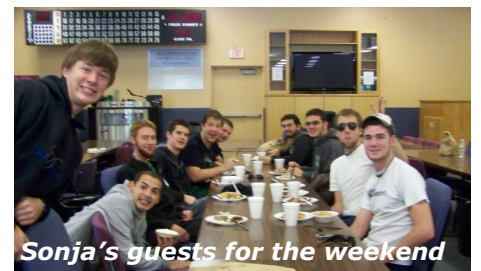
If you attend the "Countdown" and are interested in purchasing the "DCI on Blu-ray Disc" of the top 2009 top 12 corps, check the DCI site for details on how to take advantage of \$20 discount on the disc.



Food line



Lunch



Sonja's guests for the weekend

"MAGIC" TO BE UPGRADED

Just got the word that we will be getting a new(er) bus to replace the current staff bus known as "Magic" (also known as the blue bus, Lonestar).

Work is being done to transform Magic into the support staff bus and will be renamed The NEST. We are excited about this new addition to the bus fleet. Even



though we charter our tour buses, the Corps' buses each get a name that has been passed down since we first had our own buses: The Hound, The Funliner and The 04.

We used to have a bus called Tragic, but we won't go into that one – it's long gone.

HALL OF FAME

Since 1985, the DCI Hall of Fame honors individuals who have made a lasting impression on the drum corps activity. DCI is honored to have the following join the ranks of members of the DCI Hall of Fame:

Robert W. Smith – “May best be known to fans for being at the forefront of creating original programming.” Mr. Smith has worked with Suncoast Sound, Velvet Knights, Spirit of Atlanta, Magic of Orlando, Glassmen and the Cadets. It was said he had an ability to teach others about music and life in a way that gave unlimited potential.

Brandt Crocker – If you have ever seen or heard a drum corps show, you have heard the voice of Brandt Crocker. Since the very first DCI World Championship in 1972, Brandt has been “the voice of DCI.” Stated Michael Boo: “For life-long drum corps fans, it's practically impossible to imagine a DCI World Championship

without hearing Brandt's enthusiasm over the stadium public address system.



It is an iconic sound that belongs *distinctively* to DCI, an auditory touchstone that carries the same power to evoke drum corps memories as diesel fumes or the sound of a drum line warming up.”

Raymond J. Baumgardt – Well known as one of drum corps most prolific music arrangers, working with the Madison Scouts as well as The Cavaliers Spirit of Atlanta, Troopers, 27th Lancers, and the Capitolaires. Wayne Downey regards Mr. Baumgardt as a “creative genius” who set a new direction in the world of drum corps. (*Sadly, Mr. Baumgardt passed away in 1997.*)

There have been 96 people inducted into the DCI Hall of Fame since 1985 and 13 of those have had some association with the Blue Devils: Blue Devil founder Jerry

Seawright, Mike Moxley, David Gibbs, Pete Emmons, Wayne Downey, Scott Chandler, Shirley Stratton Dorritie, Stephanie Lynde, Jack Meehan, Rick Odello, Fred Sanford, Jim Ott, and Tom Float.

We are also very proud of representation in the “DCI Volunteer of the Year” division. Volunteers so honored in the past have been Booster Club past President Mary Cloyd, Jeannie Houck and Sonja Williams.



IT'S BASEBALL TIME

The Booster Club is committed to working at the Giant's baseball games on May 1 and May 15. We most definitely need workers for these games. If you are in the area and can help, please give Yvonne Moss at call as soon as possible (*925/229-3699 or 925/286-1130*).

Providing for the Corps members is the main focus of the Booster Club and the baseball and football games are the major source of income. The more people we have working the games = more income.

“B” CORPS CIOPPINO FUNDRAISER

Wow, what an evening this was. As always, the attendance was phenomenal. Having the delicious food served by our “B” Corps member, Tanner, was fun as we had a chance to get to know him and some of the



others a bit better – and look forward to having them as possible future members of the “A” Corps. The DJ was great and really added to the evening’s fun.

Each year we are continually impressed with how organized this event is... totally organized and totally fun.

MEMBERSHIPS

Membership Chairperson Katie Wills has reported we have had several new members join the Booster Club and we welcome each and every one of you.

We are also very glad to see the vast majority of the members renewing their membership and certainly appreciate your on-going support.



A big thank you to Katie for all her hard work and for a job very well done! If you have not sent in your **\$20** renewal fee, it isn't too late to continue receiving the monthly newsletter.

Remember, you don't have to have a child in the Corps to be a member of the Booster Club. We welcome family, friends and fans alike!!

NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

Most of the issues of the Booster Club newsletter are designed by Hans Kloppert (from The Netherlands) and can

be seen in glorious color if received via e-mail. As much as we would love to be able to send our color copies to each and every member, the cost would be far more than we could handle.

If you think you would like to be able to receive the newsletter via e-mail rather than the US Postal Service, please send a quick note.

williamssonjab@hotmail.com

Be sure to indicate Blue Devils in the subject line) and we will put you on our e-mail list.



There are times, however, that we have to revert back to the “old” black and white style due to timing, schedules, etc. but we try to make these as few as possible.

Hans does a fantastic job producing the newsletter in color and we think it really does add a lot.

REMINDER

Don't forget to look into the new Blue Devils VISA card offer on the BD site. This is an easy way to help the Devs financially.



NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 4

I-HOP Restaurant

Martinez, CA

7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

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