

"DEVILS PRIDE"



October 2010

DCI – 2011

WOW – talk about some changes for 2011. When 23 of the World Class voting members met last September in Indianapolis, they came up with a major revision of how Finals Week would be conducted, the creation of the 2011 summer tour schedule, plus a multitude of other subjects.

Regarding the new Championship Week Format (taken from the DCI web site):

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 – Open Class competition held at Ames Field in Michigan City. The Open Class corps will compete for the TITLE in a new one-day event format. Participating corps will be seeded at tour events leading into the Championship event.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 – Hall of Fame Kick-Off Party – Downtown Indianapolis



THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 – World Champion Prelims – Lucas Oil Stadium. The new Prelims competition will be a veritable “all-skate” of DCI corps. In addition to the 23 World Class corps, all Open and International Class corps will be invited to compete.



DCI is expecting more than 40 corps to participate in the all-day preliminary competition. (*Sounds like one LONG day*) The final top 15 corps will be featured live in the “Big, Loud & Live 8” broadcast in theaters from coast to coast.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 – World Champion Semi-Finals – Lucas Oil Stadium. The top 25 corps from Thursday’s competition will compete, with the top 12 going on to Saturday’s Finals competition. Depending on placements, Finals could possibly include corps from World, Open and/or International Divisions. Following the competition segment of the evening, the traditional DCI Age-Out Ceremony and the induction of the 2011 Hall of Fame recipients will be held.



Of special interest to us is the special 100th anniversary performance by the Jubal Drum and Bugle Corps from the Netherlands.

Our newsletter editor, photographer and Devils Food volunteer, Hans Kloppert, is extremely involved (both as a marching member and as the Tour Director for the

USA trip) with Jubal and we are excited to be able to see the corps we have been hearing about.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 – World Champion Finals plus special events. DCI has plans for a special kick off to Saturday's festivities with a spectacular musical event featuring all non-finalist corps and other groups. The event is tentatively scheduled to culminate with a bass brass and percussion performance before the second annual "Come Feel the Music Festival" gets underway at the Lucas Oil Stadium (geared for "interactive and engaging musical entertainment for the entire family").

The Open Class Individual & Ensemble (I&E) competition will be held at the Indianapolis Convention Center. The World Class I&E competition will be held in San Antonio, TX earlier in the year as it was in 2010

The final Championship activity will culminate with the World Championship Finals which will feature the competitive performances of the top 12 finishing corps after Friday's semi-finals competition.



AND, OF COURSE, - SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 (we hope). The Booster Club is very hopeful that we will be able to once again sponsor the "After Finals Brunch" in Indianapolis.

This event has proven to be a very special time for the Corps members and is one of the Booster Club's ways of saying THANK YOU to the marching members and the touring staff.

We have contacted a hotel in Indianapolis to see what arrangements we can make. This is a huge expenditure for the Booster Club, but we are (and will be) working hard to make sure it will happen in 2011.

DRUM CORPS SCHEDULE 2011

DCI indicates they are hopeful the 2011 tour details will be finalized by the Thanksgiving holiday. So far 2011 would be similar to 2010, comprised of more than 100 competitions across the U.S. The DCI Premier Events are currently scheduled for San Antonio, Atlanta and Allentown and a return to Minneapolis in July.

CADETS & PANTOM COMING OUR WAY



Drum corps fans from throughout the western United States will have an early season taste of the East and Midwest, as the Cadets and Phantom Regiment are preparing to make a West Coast haul in June of 2011.

This will be the first time Phantom returns to the Golden State since 2008, and their seventh in the last 30 years.

The Cadets on the other hand will be making just their fourth trip to California since DCI's founding in '72.

Tentative plans for the start of tour would be during the 3rd week of June and would bring corps from the West, Midwest and East into the Southwestern US.

EXPERIMENTAL EVENTS

Being planned separately from the traditional format, DCI is working on a handful of experimental drum corps events. The top 8 finishing corps from 2010 have been invited to participate in the series which would feature additional competitive and non-competitive performance material developed beyond the corps' standard 11.5 minute production.

Also being developed for this experimental series may include judging techniques not currently utilized under current DCI rules. According to DCI, they hope this series will give them the chance to explore new elements in the production of events using a number of the very best ensembles -"By creating these unique opportunities for our corps and our fans, we hope to develop exciting new features for future DCI events, helping us to expand our audience while providing a thrilling and engaging experience for everyone."

The group will be working further on this venture and more information will be coming after their January meeting. *(Personal opinion: This sounds like a ton of additional work and stress for our young people. We are not sure what all this really means, but we are looking forward to January.)*

SOMETHING FOR FREE

An open invitation is extended to college students currently majoring in music education at the undergraduate or graduate level to attend the 2010 Bands of America Grand National Championship Semi-finals at no charge. This event will take place on Saturday, November 13 at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.



The space is limited and the complimentary reserved seats will be offered on a first-come, first served basis.

If you know anyone who might be interested, have them check out the

DCI web site for more details.

DRUM CORPS NORTH AMERICA

This is a new organization whose goal is to "promote the rebirth and growth of 'hometown' corps throughout the U.S. and Canada." According to founding member Craig Coldren, the goal is to create an atmosphere which allows youth of all skill levels to participate in the drum corps activity and they intend to establish a partnership with DCI with the hope of introducing many more young people to the exciting world of competitive drum corps.



The venue started out as a Facebook page and within only a few months has grown to over 600 members. Representatives from DCI

voiced their enthusiasm in being able to assist starting organizations as a part of DCNA. The DCNA group will be holding a meeting on November 13 in Philadelphia. We hope to hear more from this organization.

WELCOME TO THE NEW BLUE DEVIL STAFF MEMBERS

We were very excited and pleased to learn some of our former Corps members will be joining the instructional staff for the coming year. Shawn Murphy was a member from 1994 to 1996. We might mention Shawn took top I&E honors for Mellophone in 1995. There is a very nice article on the BD web site listing Shawn's background.



Not to be outdone, the winter guard staff can list two outstanding former members. Gio de Torres marched 2001-2004, was the BD Guard



Captain in 2004 and was a member of the famous Logan High Winter Guard. Joining Gio will be Adrian Bazua who is very well known for teaching guards, including the BD "A" Corps and Logan High School. Both of these gentlemen are extremely talented and are definitely welcome additions to the staff.

2010 CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS BANQUET

Just a reminder! The 2010 Awards Banquet will once again be held at the Marriott Hotel in Walnut Creek, CA on Saturday, November 27. Reception at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 and then the awards program.

Prepaid reservations are requested prior to November 19 as a guaranteed number must be given to the hotel. We will be able to accept credit cards this year which should make things a bit more convenient. As we said last month we will still take checks made payable to Blue Devils and, of course, cash!

The cost of the banquet is \$40 (as it was last year). If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Sonja Williams: e-mail (williamssonjab@hotmail.com) - be sure to indicate Blue Devils in the subject line) or call (925) 683-1598.



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<http://bluedevelops.org/mediabox/>

BALL GAMES

Yvonne Moss has been very busy trying to recruit workers for the ballgames so we can boost our sagging treasury. We are excited that members of the Blue Devil Winter Guard and members from the Santa Clara Vanguard have offered to work some of the games. The more people we having working, the more profits received. When other groups help, the profits from the games worked will be prated.

All monies received by the Booster Club (including tips) go directly into the treasury for use throughout the year to provide for our marching Corps members. In the meantime, we are hopeful to be gaining some new workers and some new friends. Good going, Yvonne.

If anyone has any ideas about any fundraisers that can be handled in a fairly simple manner (or would like to sign up to work a game or two), please get in touch with our VP, Yvonne at (925) 286-1130 or mossyvonne52@gmail.com . Our active group is very small and many do have other commitments, so we can't take on anything that is too involved or time consuming.

BOOSTER CLUB – 2011

You will probably be getting a letter from our Membership Chairperson, Katie Wills, within the next couple of months regarding membership dues for the coming year. We most certainly hope to hear favorably from everyone and also add many new families to our roster after the 2011 Corps is determined.



The dues will remain at \$20 per year per family. Your membership and support are very important to us and we appreciate all the support you have given in the

past.

We have members throughout the United States, Canada and England and membership ranges from the mid-1970s to the present (some of us just never age out even though our kids have long ago).

Remember, if you would prefer to have your newsletter sent to you via e-mail rather than the regular mail system, please let Sonja know. When all goes well (time wise and computer wise), the electronic newsletters are in beautiful colors which adds a lot.

This is where we give a big thank you to our editor Hans Kloppert! Periodically we have to revert back to the old fashion black and white, but not too often.

Portrait or landscape??

Hans has been experimenting a bit with the lay-out of the newsletter. Last month's edition was published in a "landscape format". This month's is back to "portrait format".

We would like to know which one has your preference. Please email your feedback to Sonja.



NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010

I-HOP Restaurant - Martinez, CA

7:00 – 9:00 P.M. (at the latest)

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