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Big Finish In Plymouth For Alumni Corps

By Chris Sortino

I left for Plymouth on Thursday like I usually do. I hit the heavy traffic in the same spots that I always do. Stopped for lunch at our usual place in Mystic and then off to Plymouth. Everything was as it was in other years except when we got to the hotel parking lot, it was half empty. Check-in went smooth enough. Had a wonderful dinner at the East Bay Grille - Pine Hills location. It's the other East Bay Grille restaurant housed in a beautiful golf club.

We came back to the hotel to a rather boisterous group on the fourth floor landing. It turned out to be mostly our members

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DCI/DCA How Is This Gonna Work?

By Chris Sortino

Well, all the stories we heard for the last couple of years turned out to be true. The DCI and DCA merged for a two year trial for 2024 and 2025.

What does this mean for all the different divisions? No one seems to know for sure.

What we do know is a bit troubling especially for Alumni/Exhibition Corps.

All corps no matter what the division, well have to have all members go through a background check. All members will have to take a video course in member abuse and an associated quiz afterwards. All alumni/

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.....Big Finish

just having a good time.

Friday morning, Kathy and I met Norm and Pat Dykstra on the way to a great breakfast place just beyond the reviewing stand. After enjoying our meal, as we were leaving, we chatted with Marianne and Rich Green and Ed Bushell and Dennis Magarro.

Come lunchtime we went to Waterfront Grill. Good food and a great bay view from the second floor dining area.

After relaxing a bit in the afternoon, I went to the pre-parade meeting conducted by Barbara DiRusso, parade organizer, for the corps directors. All the rules of the parade and the evenings stage show were explained. The contra bass bell covers were also handed out to all the units that required them.

We then met up with the Nargiso's and Cetani's for a great dinner at Tavern On The Warf.

Saturday morning was a bit soggy but comfortable temperature wise. I had to register the corps around 7:30 AM at a kiosk down by the water's edge halfway be-

tween the hotel and the reviewing stand.

We assembled around 9:00 AM at our assigned location in the street. The horn line moved to a semi-circle in a parking lot and warmed up with the songs we were going to play in the parade both on the move and at the reviewing stand. They sounded great. The fact that we had some guest contra bass players to double the size of the section from 3 to 6 helped the overall sound of the horn line immensely.

Finally, we kicked off. We marched into the reviewing stand playing "Feliz Navidad" then halted. We then started to play "Land Of Make Believe". I love playing this tune. It's so upbeat and exciting to play and listen to as a fan. When we finished, the TV announcer went wild and so did the crowd. We then played a street beat and played "Mombo Jombo" to the folks on Coles Hill and received the same reaction.

The most amazing thing this year is that the majority of the corps stayed in tact during and after ma-

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exhibition corps will have to review the contest schedule and choose which shows that are interested in attending. The DCI/DCA will then approve or disapprove which shows the corps will be allowed to perform at depending on the number of competing corps that are in the show. This does not necessarily mean the exhibition corps is in the show. At this point the sponsor of the show will have to approve or disapprove the requesting exhibition corps.

Oh! By the way! No alumni/exhibition corps are compensated for their performance.

This is what is planned as I understand it. I may have a few details wrong but you get the gist of the situation for alumni/exhibition corps.

So I'll say it again. How is this gonna work?

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..... Alumni Rocks

neuvering up those four unforgiving hills in the parade.

Around 5:00 PM, we had a required Italian dinner at Mama Mia's. Made it back to the hotel to change into our "Superman Suits" to prepare for the walk over to the rehearsal hall.

The show was running about a half hour behind schedule so we had to wait around for awhile. Finally we went from the lobby to the rehearsal hall where we warmed up a bit and tuned the horns.

We moved over to Memorial Hall where we would perform our show. We played our regular field show routine to an appreciative crowd. We waited around for a signal to play an encore but unlike previous years that never came. The show was running so late, the show organizers just wanted to wrap it up for this year's celebration. That was fine by us for we were spent.

Our ride home was a long one as usual but it felt good after pleasing thousands of people on the

parade route, the stage and the thousands watching on TV.

This year was possibly the last year that drum corps will be invited to Plymouth for the Thanksgiving Celebration. Rumor has it that the organizers can put more patrons in the seats with high school and college bands. Only time will tell.



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Remember When

Sixty Five Years Ago

September 4, 1958

AL National Prelims

Chicago, Il

1 Skokie Indans	82.91
2 Appleknockers	82.81
3 Brigadiers	81.98
4 Caballeros	81.98
5 Rockets	81.86
6 Black Knights	81.70
7 Knights of Light	81.41
8 Hurricanes	80.57
9 Yankees	80.37
10 Crusaders	79.70
11 Satan's Angels	79.17
12 Harvey Seeds	78.31
13 Boys of 76	78.13
14 Lamplighters	76.95
15 Cavaliers	75.61

November Birthdays

Geoff Cabrera
Hank Bignell
Helen Smyth
Kurt Zimmerman
Jimmy "Pic" Piccolo
Larry Kerchner

Alumni

Association Dues for 2024 are now due.

Please give the \$10 dues to Larry Mastroberardino or Greg McNeff or mail to Greg McNeff 143

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Trivia Answer Volume 4 Issue 5

Q: What corps were in the first DCA Championship in 1965?

A: There were 6 corps in the first DCA Championship in 1965.

1. Buccaneers
2. Hurricanes
3. Skyliners
4. Yankee Rebels
5. Interstatesmen
6. Rockets

Trivia Question

The Caballeros stopped the Skyliners undefeated streak in 1972. Where was that contest?

December Birthdays

Joe Frech
Nick Cetani
John Munger
Patricia Dykstra
Pete Salati
Rick McGarril
Sean Barton
John Ryan
Greg McNeff
Sylvie Gladu
Doug Tennis
Lou Pettinato
Charlie Hayek
Debbie Kienle
Kent Pennell

Remember When

Sixty Five Years Ago

June 28, 1958

Baltimore, MD

1 Caballeros	85.40
2 Reilly Raiders	84.45
3 Brigadiers	83.45
4 Skyliners	76.55
5 Colonials	50.55

Pics From The Past & Present



Alumni 2024 Partial Schedule

Sunday, January 7 *

Music Rehearsal
12:00-5:00
Post 199

Sunday, January 21 *

Music Rehearsal
12:00-5:00
Post 199

Sunday, February 4 *

Music Rehearsal
12:00-5:00
Post 199

Sunday, February 18 *

Music Rehearsal
12:00-5:00
Post 199

Sunday, March 3 *

Music Rehearsal
12:00-5:00
Post 199

Sunday, March 17 *

All Sections
12:00-5:00
JFK High School

HELP WANTED!

We are looking for help operating our truck.

Drivers: Looking for up to two additional qualified drivers. These people will need to show capability to drive our truck in city streets, such as Hawthorne, and park our truck next to the competing corps' trucks and trailers. This requirement is to assure our insurance company we certify our new drivers.

We can always use help with water bags and light-weight equipment when required. Applicants don't need to be members but associated with members.

Anyone interested in helping us can contact Bob or Kenny at any rehearsal.



Alumni 2023 Schedule

Sunday, November 5 *

Veterans Day Parade
Clifton

Sunday, November 12 *

Music Rehearsal
12:00-5:00
Post 199

Friday, November 17 *

Bus Leaves For
Plymouth From
Hawthorne Pool

Saturday, November 18 *

Parade
Plymouth, MA

Saturday, November 18 *

Stage Show
Plymouth, MA

Sunday, November 19 *

Bus Returns From
Plymouth, MA To
Hawthorne

Saturday, December 2 *

Final Rehearsal
11:00-3:30
Post 199



30TH
ANNIVERSARY
Dinner

Date: July 12, 2024

Place: La Reggia, Secaucus NJ

Time: 6:30pm – 11:30PM

Cost: \$125.00pp (open bar)

Cocktail hour/BUFFET Dinner/Venetian hour

Deadline: June 15, 2024

[\(No tickets will be sold at the door\)](#)

[There will only be 250 tickets sold](#)

Check Payable to:

Hawthorne Caballeros Alumni Drum Corps

Checks can be given to : Larry Mastroberardino OR

Mailed to : Steve Racowski 49 Sand Hill Road, Vernon NJ 07462

Tables of 8 or 10 can be reserved.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Meadowlands Plaza

201-272-1000

**Block is under the name of
Hawthorne Caballeros Alumni
(Attached to LaReggia)**

\$104.00 per night plus tax

Cut off date: June 10,2024

HALF NOTES...

Enjoyed talking with Boston Crusaders Senior Corps director up in Plymouth about some joint ventures with our Alumni Corps.....also had a chance to talk with Golden Knights main man **Charlie Walley** about the future of alumni corps..... I've talked with parade organizer **Barbara DiRusso** many times on the phone, but I finally got to meet her face to face in Plymouth. What a pleasant lady. Looking forward to working with her again.....I wish I had time to go to every eatery in Plymouth. There are so many great restaurants up there.....I love the new opener that **Larry Kerchner** composed and arranged. That song is ALLLLLLL Spanish.....our Alumni Corps also started the new concert piece.....we are moving forward right on schedule.....that's all for now!



Semi-Funny Jokes...

Thanksgiving is the day some men start getting in shape...to play Santa Claus.

Three years ago my doctor told me I was going deaf. I haven't heard from him since.

My wife says I'm gaining weight. In my defense, I've had a lot on my plate recently.

A teacher, seeing one of her students making faces at others on the playground, stopped to gently reprimand the boy.

Smiling, she said, "When I was a girl, I was told that if I kept making ugly faces, it would freeze like that."

The child looked up and replied, "Well, ma'am, you can't say you weren't warned."

A wife called her husband at work. "Have you ever experienced piercing pain all over your body? As if somebody had a voodoo doll of you and was sticking pins into it?"

"Um... no, not really," he replied, confused.

"Interesting," she said. "What about now?"

What's the Grinch's favorite band? The Who.

HELP WANTED!

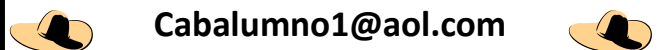
The Alumni Corps has openings in ALL SECTIONS, especially Contra and Baritones in the Horn line, Color Guard and openings for Bass and Double Tenor in the Drum Line.



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