

"WORKING TOGETHER IN FELLOWSHIP, WE ENRICH SOCIETY WITH WORLD-CLASS BARBERSHOP ENTERTAINMENT"

January 2008

A FINE ADIEU TO 2007

By Bob Moller



Heritage Village

December 6th - A return engagement at the CROFTON HOUSE. A little more subdued crowd than last year thanks to an emcee making the announcements. Yours truly forgot his camera again; anyway it was a treat to be in proper chorus attire again (white and black). **Ian McGillivray** did a great job ad-libbing the dialogue; I don't know if he was able to convince anybody about the HOBO'S but a great job just the same.

December 12th - Another return engagement to the CENTURY HOUSE in New Westminster. It was a ladies night dinner, started a little late but went off very well. Ian's dialogue is getting better all the time. We finished with a standing ovation, I think not everyone was standing but that was mostly for medical reasons. Anyway it was a very good crowd.

December 13th - HERITAGE VILLAGE in Burnaby, perhaps our most "unique" venue, it was the little church in Burnaby's Heritage Park. It was kind of a continuous revolving audience. It was funny to watch **Andry** turn to take a bow on one number and there would be 20 or 30 people; next time he turned around they were gone. Thank you to Carl's wife **Wendy Gung** for the great pictures; I'm sure you have all seen them.

PS. there was a remark made to Ed Arnold that we use this venue for our next Christmas show (ha-ha-ha).

December 16th - RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS CENTRE, another return engagement to **Gord Cousins'** "digs" in Maple Ridge. There was coffee and sandwiches in the changing room which were well received. Always a great audience, with a standing ovation on our finale. A great set by **Antique Gold** added to the afternoon. We wore our Hobo outfits for the last time, with **Ray Fallan** emceeing, and then put on our tuxes for the last set where Gord was able to sing with us. Great to see him on the risers and a real treat for his friends I think.

Well that's it for this year guys, all the best for the New Year and look out HAWAII here we come.



Ridge Meadows Hobos

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We all Sing Together - So let's Work Together

By Rick Morrison

Here we are in January and already plans for the next twelve months are in progress. In order to accomplish our goals, we need every able bodied man to volunteer some time and effort towards making 2008 a great year for the GoF. Here is a list of projects being worked on, and events taking place, that you may want to consider.



New Music Leadership Team

In case you missed the last couple of weeks, be aware we have a new Music Leadership Team (MLT).

Director: **Charlie Metzger**

Assistant Director: **Andry Layarda**

Section Leaders & Assistants

- Tenors: **Alan Pinvidic, Jeremy Wong**
- Leads: **Alex Leung, George Wakeham**
- Baritones: **Ian McGillivray, Rick Morrison**
- Basses: **George Metzger, Bob Moller**

Presentation Team

- Leader: **Allan Pinvidic**

- Assistants: **Rick Morrison, Alex Leung & Jim Bates**

These guys will be out front more often than in the past and with a lot more input. Please give them your support and a pat on the back for stepping up to help this chorus be the best.

Valentine's Day Sing Outs

Bob Moller and his wife **Keena** are coordinating the sing outs and **Rod MacLeod** is organizing the advertisements and cards to go with the flowers and chocolate. Quartets are being formed and coaching begins this month. Hopefully, some of these quartets will go on to Division Contest and represent the GoF.

Division Contest

We will be singing (but not competing) in the Division I contest **April 4/5 in Abbotsford**, and the judges will evaluate and score us accordingly for our own use. We are learning the music for the first contest song with performance details coming in the next few weeks from **Allan Pinvidic** and team. The second song will be introduced soon so don't delay in learning your part. The faster we're off paper the faster we move on to other details. It is important that we support our Division; how many GoF quartets can we put into the contest?

Operation Bootstrap

This was successful last year and its coming back with a few twists to make it even better. Timeline is likely between the Division Contest and July. Do you have any ideas? I'd like to hear them.

Spring Show

Gord Ross is the Show Chairman and his team is hard at work putting this show together for **June 21st**. The show material has been finalized and **Charlie** has a timeline for everyone to learn their music. We will need every member to sell tickets and help advertise it.

International Convention

Contest is in Nashville in early July. For anybody who has not been to International this is one you will want to attend. Contact me to see a video of past Internationals.

Harmony College Northwest

I encourage all members to consider attending the weekend retreat in **Tacoma July 19/20**. There is a lot to learn and the singing is great.

Harmony College (University)

Yeah, if you haven't had enough already you can attend Harmony University in St. Joseph Missouri July 27-August 3. I have been once in my BBS career and I can't say enough about this week long session. If you want to know more see Charlie or me.

Squamish Retreat

Your MLT is already looking for coaching at our annual retreat in the mountains in early September. Everyone should plan to attend this weekend retreat. We will be finalizing our Hawaii performance and Christmas Show.

District Contest

Regrettably the Gentlemen of Fortune will not be attending the October 24/25 convention in Boise Idaho, due to our trip to Hawaii to attend the Pan Pacific.

Pan Pacific Convention

Moe Jones is chairing this project with the assistance of **Don Frost** and my self. To date, we have been advised the cost to fly and stay in Hawaii. Members have been asked to get their deposit in and finalize their extended plans through Action Travel Agency. The chorus has been entered for the Contest, and the Chapter Board agreed to pay the registration fee (\$185.00) for each chorus member. Family members must pay their registration to the GoF, who then pay the full amount to register each person for the convention. **Don Frost** will be our registrar; you must confirm your travel to the convention with him ASAP. If you have already registered, please bring me the receipt and you will be reimbursed. **Bob Moller** is actively looking at fund raising and needs everyone's help. Bob has some other ideas too; please contact him if you can help in any way. You may have noticed **Ray Fallan** has once again offered to run a **Garage Sale February 16/17**.

Christmas Show

We need a chairman to head the Christmas show this year. A hall must be booked along with the talent and it has to happen now. The show will come on the heels of the Pan Pacific so it must be finalized before we leave for Hawaii. Also, **Don Giles** our ticket man says he won't be available, so we need someone to step into Don's big shoes. If you want to fill either role, please see me. Is there someone who is not an active member of the chorus but enjoys projects such as this? Let me know.

As you can see, we have a lot of work ahead of us. This is your hobby and the only way it will happen is if you decide to be a part of the equation. Even if we had 140 members, I would still ask you to volunteer. Our biggest efforts this year should be **to bring new members and old members to the chorus**. Don't settle on the guys you already asked. Just keep telling people about the chorus and inviting them to come out. Your MLT will do the rest.

Gentlemen, I am eagerly looking forward to the new experiences we are going to share this year. Let's have a lot of fun doing it.



January 2008 **Down Memory Lane** By Ross Hood

40 Years Ago (1968)

Our director **Abie Klassen** reminded us that if you want to take credit for a good performance, the only way to achieve it is to work for it, and graciously claim it. A few of us had just returned from attending the **Victoria Chapter** Charter Show which included the **Vancouver Thunderbirds** and the **Howe Sounds**, with the **Four Do-Matics** from Seattle. Our membership dues were the large sum of \$15.00. Bud cigarettes were only \$0.40 - the same price as gas.

30 Years Ago (1978)

The chapter was planning a visitation to the **Bellingham Mount Baker Toppers** meeting. That's something we never do these days. I guess with the push for perfection we just don't have the time. "**Auditions for Admission**" was to take place again after the success of the last one. The **Kamloops** chapter hosted an **Apple Barrel Contest**, similar to the **Big Wheel**. Many of us attended and Charlie gave a Barbershop Craft Seminar using the group from our chapter for demonstration.

20 Years Ago (1988)

Gord Ross, our Program VP, set some goals for the year. 1. Establish a novice quartet contest. 2. Establish a "Sing Along With -" program and 3. Provide better variety during activity time (activity time - what's that?), and many others ideas totalling eight. The Annual Golf Tournament had 48 guys show up.

2007 Awards: Call for Nominations

It is time to recognize members of our barbershop family who have made outstanding contributions over the past year (and longer). There are four formal GoF awards presented each year - they are listed below.



Submit your nominations to any member of the Awards Committee (**Ian McGillivray**, ian.mcgillivray@ge.com **Jim Lohnes**, jimlohnesh@telus.net **Clarence Stad**, cstad@shaw.ca) by **Tuesday, January, 22, 2008**. Nominations should include the name of the candidate and reason for nomination. Wives &/or significant others may nominate for the BWOTY award. Don't worry if you can't remember all of the contributions your nominee has made during the year. With your help

the awards committee will research each nominee and prepare a list of qualifying criteria.

Hall of Fame

This is the highest award that can be bestowed upon a chapter member, who has been with the GoF for at least 10 years. It is primarily based on contributions, of an exceptional nature, over a long period of one's barbershop life, to the GoF, but could include contributions to barbershop in general.

Past Recipients: Charlie Metzger, Chester Colpitts, Elie Savoie, Marty Lovick, George Meehan, Tom Bates and Realtime.

Barbershopper of the Year (BOTY)

The criteria for this award are really wide open and all encompassing (with the exception of the criteria for the Barbershop Fellowship Award below). It includes contributions in any area of barbershop activity whether it is musical or administrative. They may have been within the chapter or external (District or Society-wide). Can be won more than once.

Barbershop Fellowship Award (BFA)

This award recognizes someone who has demonstrated a high degree of fellowship, love and harmony toward his fellow chapter members. The focus here is on the first phrase of our mission statement ('Working together in fellowship . . .'). Can be won more than once.

Barbershop Woman of the Year (BWOTY)

The criteria for this award are wide open and all encompassing. They may include, but not be limited to, contributions in the areas of makeup, costuming, special events, social events, conventions, etc. Can be won more than once.

Consider which of your fellow members (and the ladies) deserve special recognition for the contributions they have made. There are many who have worked hard on your behalf over this past year and before, so get your nominations in to **Ian, Jim, or Clarence** by **Tuesday, January 22, 2008**. Voting takes place on **February 5** and our four distinguished awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet on **February 23rd**.

Comment #87 by Bill Gibbons

"We spend our lives buying new-stuff and throwing away old-stuff. Exception: we never throw away an old pitchpipe. Interesting."

New Members

By Arthur Loyie

A warm welcome to the two newest members of our chorus - **Laurie Dye** (lead) and **Sean Donovan** (bass). It is obvious at practices that both have worked hard to be off paper on our repertoire. Their improvement in all aspects of performance since they joined the chorus will continue to complement chorus growth.



Laurie Dye

The future of our chorus development is dependent upon new members. There is no magic formula to generate new members, just a continued effort on the part of all GoF to be "men of note" and individually introduce potential singers to the enjoyment of barbershop. Be vigilant. Thanks to **Ray Fallan** who introduced Laurie, and to George **Gregory** who brought in Sean.



Sean Donovan

What the Directors Discussed

By Peter Lissett



Highlights from your Directors' last meeting held **December 10th**.

Honorary Secretary/Treasurer Don Rush reported that the chapter's financial position continues as expected with an operating loss in the order of \$10K.

However, we have funds in hand to cover the shortfall and hope to mitigate the situation with more singouts and so on. It was noted that new members are being issued uniforms without the usual deposit being received. The procedures for this situation will be carefully monitored by **Don Rush** and **VP Chapter Development Arthur Loyie**. Membership in the chapter remains at 72.

Past President Ian McGillivray stated that the chorus web site has been renewed for another year. He will be issuing an information sheet for new members so that they are able to gain access to the site readily.

Our new **VP Music & Performance Rick Morrison** outlined some of his plans for the coming year which included the sharing of the teaching load, ideas for coaching sessions and the 2008 Christmas Show.

It was confirmed that the chorus would participate in the 2008 Division contest but only for the judging aspect, not as a competitor. Also, the chorus will not be participating in the District convention in Boise, Idaho.

The mail out for the Christmas Show is a major source for ticket sales. However, the mail out list will be reviewed by **Don Giles** to see if the response ratio can be improved.

Garage Sale Date Change

The Garage Sale is moved up to **February 16 & 17**. Please bring your donations in every Tuesday.....
 Kitchen - Glasses, Plates, Silverware, pans, pots etc.
 Pictures, Games, Toys, Books.
 Tools - any kind, if electrical indicate if working or not.
 Furniture - House and Office.
 Planters - anything to do with the Garden.
 PLEASE NO CLOTHING.....
 Thanks. **Ray Fallan**

Deadline for the next issue is February 8, 2008

CALENDAR

2008

- Jan 18-19 QCED Show, Seaside, OR
- Jan 25-26 Midwinter, San Antonio, TX
- Feb 14 **Valentine's Quartets**
- Feb 16-17 Ray's Garage Sale
- Feb 23 GoF Awards Banquet, W Vancouver
- Mar 8 **Singout** Tsawwassen Coast Hotel
- Mar 21 Easter
- April 4-5 **Div I Convention** Abbotsford, BC
- April 10-13 SAI Region 26 Convention, Surrey
- May 2-3 Prelims & Div IV, Portland, OR
- June 21 **Spring Cabaret & Silent Auction**
- June 29-July 6 International, Nashville, TN
- July 19-20 Harmony College NW, Tacoma WA
- July 27 Anacortes Salmon BBQ
- Sept 1 Labour Day
- Sept 5/6/7 **Retreat** Brackendale
- Oct 13 Thanksgiving
- Oct 24-25 District Convention Boise, ID
- Oct 30-Nov 2 **Pan Pacific Convention** Hawaii

2009

- Jan 25-Feb 1 Midwinter, Pasadena, CA

- April 10 Easter
- June 28-July 5 International, Anaheim, CA
- Oct 30-31 **District Convention** Whistler, BC



**Seen at Ian & Rita's
New Year's Party
Charades**



Photos from Ian