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Road Show, NE Connection, two Burlington qtets win

by Jerry walter, Editor

On the weekend of April 19-20, two Northeastern District quartets qualified to compete in the International Quartet Contest this July in Portland, Oregon. Road Show (Providence) and Northeast Connection (Nashua, Beverly and Worcester) both qualified to represent the district for the second straight year. This year Road Show out qualified NEC reversing their roles of last year.

In the experimental combined Mountain Division and Yankee Division contests held the same weekend, top winner was Yankee Division's Prelude, followed by Swing Shift (Yankee), and last year's Mountain Division winner Tall Order. South Side, making the trip all the way from Montreal, topped the Mountain Division competition.

Closer to Burlington's interest was High Voltage finishing sixth followed closely by CVQ. HV qualified for the Fall Convention in Lake Placid, CVQ did not. Recall that Lake Effect Harmony previously qualified for Lake Placid by competing in the combined Granite and Pine and Patriot division contest earlier in April.

The combined division and International Preliminary quartet contest drew 33 quartets. Needless to say the Analysis and Review sessions following the contest last well in the wee hours of the morning.

In the chorus contests, Mountain Division Champ is Springfield, Yankee Division is Providence.

See page 2 for a composite of both quartet and chorus scores.

20 Week Club this Friday!

by Don Pierce, Chorus Manager

Don't forget, this Friday evening, May 3, is the annual 20 Week Club banquet and final drawings. The place is the same as last year, the Knights of Columbus Hall in **South Burlington** on Berard Drive, off of Airport Parkway. (Turn at Pizza Putt and go around the bend, the hall is on the left.)

BYOB cocktails begin at 5:30, dinner at 6:45. Drawings will follow brief chorus and quartet performances beginning about 7:45.

Chorus members not dining are requested to arrive before 7:45 to warm up. Uniform is red and white striped shirts, khakis and green sweaters.

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Northeastern District Chorus Division Contest 2002

*denotes Division Champion.

Current District Champion – Nashua, NH – has BYE to district contest.

| | CHORUS NAME | DIV. | Men | SCORE | Percent |
|----|-----------------------------|------|-----|-------|---------|
| 1 | Portland, ME* | GP | 41 | 1305 | 72.5 |
| 2 | Providence, RI* | YAN | 33 | 1272 | 70.7 |
| 3 | Concord, MA* | PAT | 37 | 1219 | 67.7 |
| 4 | Springfield, MA* | MTN | 40 | 1196 | 66.4 |
| 5 | Manchester, CT | YAN | 43 | 1193 | 66.3 |
| 6 | Worcester, MA | PAT | 44 | 1175 | 65.3 |
| 7 | Bridgeport, CT | YAN | 47 | 1132 | 62.9 |
| 8 | Central, CT | YAN | 23 | 1129 | 62.7 |
| 9 | Saratoga Springs, NY | MTN | 29 | 1125 | 62.5 |
| 10 | Scituate, MA | PAT | 19 | 1117 | 62.1 |
| 11 | Beverly, MA | PAT | 36 | 1107 | 61.5 |
| 12 | Poughkeepsie, NY | YAN | 24 | 1059 | 58.8 |
| 13 | Pittsfield, MA | MTN | 22 | 1057 | 58.7 |
| 14 | Burlington, VT | MTN | 22 | 1054 | 58.6 |
| 15 | Keene, NH | GP | 32 | 1052 | 58.4 |
| 16 | Schenectady, NY | MTN | 35 | 1050 | 58.3 |
| 16 | Troy, NY | MTN | 21 | 1050 | 58.3 |
| 18 | Portsmouth, NH | GP | 23 | 1011 | 56.2 |
| 19 | Lowell, MA | PAT | 25 | 983 | 54.6 |
| 20 | Brunswick, ME | GP | 17 | 982 | 54.6 |
| 21 | Waterbury-Derby, CT | YAN | 21 | 978 | 54.3 |
| 22 | Hanover, NH | GP | 23 | 977 | 54.3 |

Northeastern District Division Quartet Contest 2002

* denotes Division Champion

| | Quartet | Div. | Score | Percent |
|----|--------------------------------|------|-------|---------|
| 1 | Prelude* | YAN | 1242 | 69.0 |
| 2 | Swing Shift | YAN | 1220 | 67.8 |
| 3 | Tall Order | MTN | 1216 | 67.6 |
| 4 | 24/7 | GP | 1214 | 67.4 |
| 5 | Scollay Square | YAN | 1204 | 66.9 |
| 6 | South Side* | MTN | 1203 | 66.8 |
| 7 | Breakaway* | GP | 1163 | 64.6 |
| 7 | Saratoga Sound | MTN | 1163 | 64.6 |
| 9 | Exchange Street | GP | 1157 | 64.3 |
| 9 | Sound Wave | YAN | 1157 | 64.3 |
| 11 | Close Encounters... | MTN | 1149 | 63.8 |
| 12 | Tonal Eclipse | YAN | 1147 | 63.7 |
| 13 | SEEYA! | GP | 1123 | 62.4 |
| 14 | Footloose | MTN | 1116 | 62.0 |
| 15 | Lake Effect Harmony | MTN | 1116 | 62.0 |
| 16 | Main Street* | PAT | 1110 | 61.7 |
| 17 | Seems Like Olde Tymes | YAN | 1109 | 61.6 |
| 18 | Melodies & Memories | GP | 1106 | 61.4 |
| 19 | High Voltage | MTN | 1090 | 60.6 |
| 20 | Smilin' Through | YAN | 1071 | 59.5 |
| 21 | Chordiality | PAT | 1062 | 59.0 |
| 22 | BBLT | PAT | 1053 | 58.5 |
| 23 | Top Drawer Four | GP | 1052 | 58.4 |
| 24 | Imagination | PAT | 1050 | 58.3 |
| . | . | . | . | . |
| 27 | CVQ | MTN | 1020 | 56.6 |

A chording 2 your president *esprit de corps* — your needs

by John Villeré, President

I ended my last article touching on the subject '*esprit de corps*.' I quoted Webster defining this as "the common spirit existing in the members of a group and inspiring enthusiasm, devotion, and strong regard for the honor of the group." The armed forces have it... sports teams and marching bands have it. Does Green Mountain Chorus have it?

Our representation in Manchester Connecticut this past weekend reflects our own *esprit de corps*. I suspect that our numbers would have been cut in half if not for devotion to the group. Had our *esprit de corps* been even stronger, perhaps we could have increased our showing by as much as 50%. While entire choruses elected not to attend, GMC was the most remote chorus to participate fully. Art Lively, President Northeastern District, asked me to acknowledge the membership for their participation.

We usually think of *esprit de corps* as demonstrated by the members of a group towards

the group as a whole. I would argue that *esprit de corps* goes both ways. That is, there is a responsibility of the group to demonstrate devotion and a strong regard for the honor of the individual members of the group. As demonstrated by so many failed marriages, this is not easy even between two individuals. For a group to express this to its individual members becomes a very complex task, indeed.

First, the group needs to provide some means whereby its membership can express their individual needs. It is the responsibility of individual members to use these avenues.

Let's go back to the subject of last weekend's contest. Brian O'Leary Chairs the NED Spring Convention Study Committee. Others serving on this committee are: Cotton Damon, Mike Strianese, Alan Lamson, Greg Caetano and Ernie Johansen. It is this committee that will gather and disseminate information regarding site selection for

future Spring Conventions. The committee will deliberate and then make a final presentation to the District's Board of Directors.

Norm Mendenhall, Mountain Division Manager would like some feedback from you about how you liked the combined division contest this past weekend. He wants to know what the positives were and what the negatives were about combining the division contests. He needs to report to the board what our division feels about the matter at the HOD meeting in Lake Placid this coming October. You can email Norm at normkath@capital.net. I suggest that you cc: Brian O'Leary at shorttenor@attbi.com with your comments.

With adequate feedback NED leadership will have the proper information with which to make the decisions that will justify and further inspire *esprit de corps*. It is our responsibility to furnish them with that feedback.

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Good job guys!

by **Greg Morrill**,
Musical Director

A big thank you to all who made the trek to Manchester and sang the weekend before last. As I stated on Saturday, I was pleased with our performance and felt that we put everything we practiced and more on-stage. Even the facial involvement I'd harped about was better on-stage!

As you know the District considered this past weekend an experiment to see what people thought of potentially combining Division contests into regional competitions. They have asked for our opinions of this and I would like to encourage each one of us to input his opinion. Norm Mendenhall as our Division Manager has solicited your input and I urge everyone to e-mail him your thoughts and opinions (normkath@capital.net). Sometimes we assume others will represent our feelings, but this is one time where I think each of us should put in his two cents. Let the decision makers know your opinion.

Again thanks for your hard work this past weekend!

Now, let take on those show songs!

Roster Update available

by **Charlie Church**

New, updated Rosters are available tonight. A few corrections have been made from the roster issued last week. The date of the corrected copies will be 04/23/02A Take all you need. For those with a chapter business related need for an updated chapter e-mail address list, send me an e-mail requesting same. As usual, address changes should be given to both me and the chapter secretary, Dave Merrill.

**Board of Directors
meeting
Wednesday May 8
7:30 at Shaw's
Supermarket,
Colchester**

2002 Show Update

by **Dick Labrecque**

There will be a final meeting to tie up all loose ends of this show. It will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2002 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Serge Rizzo's condo downtown at 40 College Street, Unit 410. It would be best to meet and leave my place by 12:30 p.m. and carpool down there as there is limited parking, especially on Sat afternoon.

20 Week Club Results

| | | |
|-------|----------------------|----------------|
| 12/25 | 3 Marion Beaulieu | Dan Venditti |
| 01/01 | 33 Carol Henson | Dick Labrecque |
| 01/08 | 247 Bob Bouvier | Dick Labrecque |
| 01/15 | 75 Donna Walter | Jerry Walter |
| 01/22 | 80 Christina Gonillo | Ed Bechtel |
| 01/31 | 211 Adam Socinski | Dan Blouin |
| 02/05 | 244 Matthew Higgs | Dale Higgs |
| 02/12 | 175 Conrad Hazelton | Charlie Church |
| 02/19 | 157 Ray Ouimette | Charlie Church |
| 02/26 | 70 Becky Senesac | Dan Venditti |
| 03/05 | 81 Don Goliber | Dan Blouin |
| 03/12 | 18 Walter Fischer | Ed Bechtel |
| 03/19 | 219 Deanna Higgs | Dale Higgs |
| 03/26 | 65 Dick smullen | Jerry Huetz |
| 04/02 | 60 Kerra Desseau | Denis Brochu |
| 04/09 | 221Ed Bechtel | Ed Bechtel |
| 04/16 | 70 Becky Senesac | Dan Venditti |
| 04/23 | 241Sarah Richards | Gary Brunell |



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| May 3 (Friday) | - 20 Week Club Banquet South Burlington K of C |
| May 25 (Saturday) | - Montreal's Annual Show |
| June 1 (Saturday) | - 2002 Annual Show College Days featuring Michigan Jake |
| June 8 (Saturday) | - Package Show - Morrisville |
| July 23 (Tuesday) | - Workshop at SBHS Coach - Karen Rourke |
| July-August | - Vermont Expos singouts Dates TBD |
| August 10 (Saturday) | - Package Show - Troy |

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