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Heather Anderson wins \$1,000 in 20 Week Club drawing!

by Jerry walter, Editor

Last Friday evening at the chapter's annual 20 Week Club banquet, the big winner was Heather Anderson, a regular supporter and a member of the Champlain Echoes. Heather hasn't revealed how she will spend the money. Dick Labrecque was thrilled also, as Heather's lucky number 150 was the third winning number sold by Dick this year.

Other big winners were recently departed John Adams' number 229 (sold by Ed Bechtel) for \$100, Dick Smullen's number 65 (sold by Jerry Huetz) for \$75 and Ron Clarke's number 146 (sold by himself) for \$50. The list of each of the 20 weekly winners can be found on the back page.

As in past years, this year saw several multiple winners including Becky Senesac (70) sold by Dan Venditti and Dick Smullen (65) sold by Jerry Huetz both winning twice.

Lucky sellers were Ed Bechtel selling four winning numbers, Dick Labrecque, Charlie Church and Dan Venditti sold three winners while the following all sold two winning

numbers: Jerry Walter, Dan Blouin, Dale Higgs and Jerry Huetz.

The annual event has been a staple source of income for the chapter, since 1969 when the idea was brought to us from the Poughkeepsie Chapter by past director and co-Barbershopper of the Half Century, Steve Plum.

For those who would inquire, the annual lottery is a legal fund raiser for a non-profit organizations under Vermont law and raises nearly \$3,500 each year. Each year 250 numbers are sold for \$30 to eager patrons for the potential of winning \$30 in each of 20 weekly drawings. At the conclusion of 20 weeks, all "members" holding numbers are entitled to attend a free dinner and performance by chapter quartets and the Green Mountain Chorus where the final prizes, as mentioned above are drawn.

Once again the food was catered and included a giant whole leg of beef (which we demolished), stuffed chicken breast, Caesar salad, breads, veggies and desert, as well as hors d'oeuvres. Drinks were provided by BYOB.

St. Albans – next Tuesday

by Don Pierce, Chorus Manager

Next Tuesday there will be no rehearsal at SBHS. Instead, we will travel to St. Albans to participate in an exciting musical program with students at the St. Albans Town Elementary School.

Warm-up will be at 6:30 p.m. at the school. To reach the school take Exit 19 off of I89 and go towards St. Albans. Just before you reach US 7, you will see the school on the right as you approach. Turn right (North) onto Route 7, the school entrance will be on your right after a very short distance. Plan on taking about 35 minutes to drive from Burlington.

We will be singing at 7:00 p.m. with a 30 minute program; the conclusion of the program will be a joint number with the kids ("Teach The Children To Sing"). Uniform for the event is red striped shirt, khaki trousers, green sweater, and black shoes/socks.

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Chapter Barbershopper of the year 2001
Ed Bechtel
Division Barbershopper of the year 2000
Charlie Church

41 quartets qualify for International in Portland

Thanks to Harmonet Reporter Steve Tremper, the results of this year's International Preliminary Quartet Contest are now available.

QUARTET NAME	DIS	2-Judge Per Cat TOTAL	3-Judge Per Cat TOTAL	NORM. PCT.
1 Uptown Sound	*JAD		3119	86.6%
2 Metropolis	*FWD		3088	85.8%
3 Riptide	*DIX		3087	85.8%
4 Power Play	*PIO	2054		85.6%
5 Excalibur	*LOL		3077	85.5%
5 Four Voices	*DIX	2051		85.5%
7 Gotcha!	*FWD		3067	85.2%
8 Finale	*FWD		3037	84.4%
9 Cheers!	*ILL	2010		83.8%
10 FreeLancers	*MAD		2979	82.8%
11 Counterpoint	*EVG	1984		82.7%
12 Flipside	*EVG	1972		82.2%
13 Saturday Evening Post	*SWD	1967		82.0%
14 Premiere	*MAD		2897	80.5%
15 12th Street Rag	*CSD	1915		79.8%
16 HEYDAY	*SWD	1910		79.6%
17 Endeavor	*SUN	1908		79.5%
18 3 Men & A Melody	*CSD	1901		79.2%
19 Phat Cats	*MAD		2844	79.0%
19 Freestyle	*FWD	1897		79.0%
19 Storm Front	*RMD	1897		79.0%
22 Breakpoint	*LOL	1896		79.0%
23 Matrix	*JAD		2828	78.6%
24 The Chase	*CAR	1877		78.2%
24 Reprise	*RMD	1877		78.2%
26 Wise Guys	*SUN	1875		78.1%
27 Autograph	*SUN	1872		78.0%
28 Rhythmix	*JAD		2803	77.9%
29 Gangbusters!	*ILL	1866		77.8%
30 Road Show	*NED		2791	77.5%
30 T.K.O.	*ONT	1860		77.5%
32 Overture	*DIX		2785	77.4%
33 Sibling Rivalry	*CSD	1854		77.3%
34 Broadway	*FWD	1850		77.1%
35 Innovation	*LOL	1846		76.9%
36 The Noise Boys	*CSD	1845		76.9%
37 Pacific Standard Time	*EVG		2759	76.6%
38 Northeast Connection	*NED		2745	76.3%
39 Late Night Barbershop	*FWD		2739	76.1%
39 Flashpoint	*EVG	1827		76.1%
63 Destiny	*SLD	1753		73.0%

Non-qualifying quartets from the Northeastern District:

87 Overdrive	NED		2527	70.2%
127 Swing Shift	NED		2405	66.8%
130 Tall Order	NED		2400	66.7%
139 South Side	NED		2380	66.1%
142 24/7	NED		2367	65.8%
150 Saratoga Sound	NED		2353	65.4%

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The scores listed above have been hand-entered by Steve Tremper, who assumes all responsibility for typo's and other unintentional errors. When in doubt, please refer to the OFFICIAL published score sheets for actual scores.

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Use Members Only

to update Society personal information!

by Reed Sampson,
Society PR Manager

An e-mailing today to top Society, district and chapter leaders resulted in nearly 250 bounced e-mails. This is a recurring problem with *Live Wire* and the same is true for *Update*. [Both are Society news letters sent by email. Ed.] Despite frequent reminders about the Members Only site on the Society web page, the problem persists.

Members Only is a tremendously useful tool for all Barbershoppers to update personal information – especially an e-mail address – as well as other information such as mailing address, phone number, etc.

Using Members Only is very simple.

Start by logging on to the Society web site at URL:

(<http://www.spebsqsa.org>) then click on “Members Only” at the top of the page. If you are a current user, sign in and scroll down to “Update your member information.”

If you are a first-time user, you'll need to get a password from Society headquarters. On the sign-in page, scroll down to “Step 2: Don't have a password? Click HERE” and follow the instructions. A password will be e-mailed to you. When you receive it (normally within 24 hours), log on to Members Only, enter your member number (from your membership card) then enter your password and click on the box that says “Check here to remember this login.” That way, each time you sign in your password will be remembered and you will not have to re-enter it.

Then scroll down to “Update your member information.”

Why is this important?

The obvious answer is that important information is not reaching key leaders in the Society. But beyond that, other important business, for example membership renewals, will not reach you either.

For those officers who may have wondered why you don't hear from the Society very often, the answer may now be clear. Online business is increasing on a daily basis ... and the Society is part of that increase. While some may object to that, the efficiency and cost savings make it the obvious choice.

It is extremely important for Society members to keep their personal information up to date. The Members Only site – available 24 hours a day, seven days a week – makes it easy for everyone to do that.

Virus season –

by Prof. Greg Morrill

The W32.Klez.gen@mm Virus
If you use Microsoft Outlook Express or Microsoft Outlook for your e-mail, then you may have the W32.Klez virus. It's what is known as a “worm” virus which means it taps into your address book and sends itself to as many people as it can. Obviously someone in our greater barbershop community got the virus and it in turn sent itself to the rest of us.

If you don't use Microsoft Outlook Express (or Microsoft Outlook), then I believe that's the end of the story and you don't have to read any more. For those of us who do use Microsoft Outlook

Express, this virus does not require you to open any attachments for it to infect your computer! Merely “previewing” or deleting the e-mail is sufficient. And if you have the virus, getting rid of it can be non-trivial.

How do you know if you have the virus?

Assuming your anti-virus software is reasonably up-to-date, scan your disk drives and it should tell you if you have the virus.

How do I get rid of it?

While you can try to get rid of it using your anti-virus software, chances are this won't do the trick completely! Since some of the files infected are system files, they can't be deleted! You can download a

tool from www.symantec.com (makers of the Norton Antivirus software), that can do the complete job.

Program ads due next week!

Please be advised that all ads for the 2002 annual show program are due by next week. We will not be distributing copies of the program with *Vermont Times* or with *Seven Days*.

Quartets – this means you need to provide photos and copy for the program by next week as well or risk inclusion of outdated copy.

Deliver material to Jerry Walter or Dick Labrecque.

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Wow! Thanks guys!

by **Greg Morrill**,
Musical Director

Wow! What a surprise to arrive at 7:05 last Tuesday night and hear such a large ensemble already singing! That was a great start and it just kept on getting better. With CVQ's help we made amazing progress on "Halls of Ivy!" We also made good progress on "Moments To Remember." Even "Rockin Around the Christmas Tree" went better than expected. As usual, I was worried about our ability to pull off the new show tunes in time for the annual show, but after last Tuesday I believe we can do it. However, we still need to use those learning tapes and CDs **and** we need attendance like last Tuesday! As I have said so many times before, when we reach that "critical mass" good things start to happen. Let's keep them happening.

Next week we'll be performing and rehearsing in St Albans. If we can get as good a turnout there as last week, we'll wow them as well. We'll be part of a show featuring ourselves and an elementary school choral group. The show will start at 7:00 and last no more than an hour. We will then rehearse there for the rest of the evening. For the show,

we'll continue debuting some of the new show songs as well as dust off some others.

My thanks to Chuck for stepping in at the last minute to cover the 20 Week Club Friday. Alice has had lower abdominal pain for over a month and last Friday a sonogram revealed a mass on her right ovary. She will be undergoing additional tests this week which we anticipate will lead to surgery, now scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday. We appreciate your prayers and support during these difficult times.

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

Show meeting Saturday

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. Plan to at my place by 12:30 p.m. and carpool there as there is limited parking, especially on Sat afternoon.

20 Week Club Final 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	221 Ed Bechtel	Ed Bechtel
04/16	70 Becky Senesac	Dan Venditti
04/23	241 Sarah Richards	Gary Brunell
04/30	46 Tony Kvedar	Jerry Walter
05/03	171 Bill Burgess	Charlie Church
\$50	146 Ron Clarke	Ron Clarke
\$75	65 Dick Smullen	Jerry Huetz
\$100	229 John Adams	Ed Bechtel
\$1000	150 Heather Anderson	Dick Labrecque



- May 8 (Wednesday) - Board of Directors
Shaw's Supermarket 7:30
- May 11 (Saturday) - Show committee meeting
1 to 4 p.m. See article this page
- May 14 (Tuesday) - No regular meeting
Meet at St. Albans
See article on page 1
- May 25 (Saturday) - Montreal's Annual Show
- June 1 (Saturday) - 2002 Annual Show
College Days featuring
Michigan Jake
- June 8 (Saturday) - Package Show - Morrisville

Jerry Walter

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