



# The Burlingtone



The Voice of the Green Mountain Chorus of the Barbershop Harmony Society since 1947  
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## Cots Weekend Well Represented by GMC

This past weekend seven members of the GMC attended COTS in North Conway, N.Hampshire to hone their skills for the duties they have undertaken for 2005 in the Chapter. John Zweighaft attended the House of Delegates meeting on Saturday morning; Dick Labrecque, David Stonecliffe, Jerry Walter, Charlie Church, Bob Cauley, and Jerry Huetz each attended sessions on Saturday and Sunday pertaining to their specific function.

Reports from each will be presented to the Board, with appropriate action plans. The NED brought in a fine faculty and it was an enjoyable as well as educational meeting.

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## Wild Game Dinner at LDS Church Friday, 1/14

By Dave Stonecliffe

As you recall the **Green Mountain Chorus** has been invited to perform at the Annual Wild Game Dinner on Friday 14 January 2005. The Green Mountain Chorus and spouses are invited to the meal and activities. This will be at the LDS Church in Berlin. Here are details of the evening:

### A. Time and Activities:

6:30 PM dinner will be server. Turkey, Ham, Venison stew, potatoes, salads, rolls, desserts, beverages, etc.

7:30 - 8:00 - **Green Mountain Chorus** Show

8:00 - 8:30 - Games brought by members.

### B. Directions:

Exit 7 to Montpelier  
 At the last set of lights (4th) on Route 302, turn left toward Montpelier  
 Cross the Bridge and turn left on Hersey Road. [Before the Wayside Restaurant]  
 At the top of the Hill is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.  
 Go around the building to the right and (See **Game**, p.2)



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park in the rear of the building.

I am in charge of the dinner that night and will be happy to introduce us. I will be there most of the day on Friday, the 14th at the chapel getting ready for the dinner. There is a wing of the building with rest rooms and rooms that can be used for changing and or practice if they are needed. The phone number is 229-0482. I hope we can have a good turn out. Tada! – Dave

**ADDENDUM FROM C.CHURCH, ACTING CHORUS MANAGER-**The format of this performance will follow that of an "early bird" singout (but with a free meal for everyone attending). Uniform is the new informal travel outfit: green short sleeve shirt, new khaki trousers, black shoes/belt. A sign up list will be circulating Tuesday evening; this sing-out should be viewed as a fun evening, a social occasion, but we do need a minimum number of singers and balance of parts.

## **COTS Comments---**

Gents,  
I had a wonderful weekend at Northern District Chapter Officers Training School (COTS) at North Conway New Hampshire. We were housed at the Grand Hotel off of Route 302. This was my 2<sup>nd</sup> year at a COTS experience. I attended to understand my duties and responsibilities as your Secretary in the Green Mountain Chapter.  
While the House of Delegates met on Saturday morning there was a membership meeting for the rest of us to receive instruction on NED and Chapter goals and brainstorm membership ideas. COTS instructor Ted Leinbach, from Winston Salem, N.C. taught the

Secretaries block of classes, which I attended. We had 5 hours of classes plus a General Session on Saturday and 3 hours of classes plus a General Session on Sunday. There were 17 students in our Secretary's class.

True to his word Ted reminded us that we are "singers first and administrators second." So to end every class he taught us a barbershop tag.

We discussed an extensive array of responsibilities of a Chapter Secretary including: duties, annual calendar of events, member reporting, processing new members into the chapter, membership dues, board meetings, incorporation, copywrites, Harmony Society WEB site, ordering supplies and ASCP / BMI / SESAC. It would be a tremendous help if all members could go the Society WEB site at

[www.spebsqsa.org](http://www.spebsqsa.org) Go to "members only" section:

**1. Look at your personal information and make sure it is correct.**

**2. Please keep your membership up to date.**

**3. Make sure your email address is correct.**

In the General Sessions Dr. Burt Szabo taught us two songs: "*Dear Old Girl*" and "*Meet Me Tonight In Dreamland*". We had an excellent presentation on relationship building called "**Whale Done**" followed by a leadership video from a symphony conductor's point of view. All who were there will remember Rule #6. To close the weekend President Greg Caetano gave us the charge to 2005 - "**Make It Happen**" and Dr. Szabo led us in "*Keep The Whole World Singing*". Thank you for enabling me to attend COTS. I look (See **Comments**, p.3)

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forward to serving you and attending COTS next year. Tada-Dave, GMC Secretary

From Charlie Church: A note of thanks to the chapter for allowing me to attend COTS this past weekend. What a wonderful experience from both a learning and renewal standpoint. Learning since the Membership VP class and general sessions brought forth many new, unique and motivational ideas. And renewal because of meeting both old friend and new friends. Examples - Bob Cauley and I had a wonderful time on Saturday evening singing tags/tunes with four cool guys from the Pittsfield chapter.

At breakfast on Sunday morning I experienced the joy of meeting three new friends from the Portsmouth chapter. We commiserated about common problems and issues, but with humor. Example - while chatting about dues increases, it was mentioned that one way to beat this is to take advantage of multiple year prepayment at today's rates. One older gentleman at the table said he doesn't do prepayments any longer. Indeed, he said, he doesn't even buy green bananas any more!

## **BOTY Awarded to 'Hootz' at Installation Banquet**

Last Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, Jerry Huetz received the **Barbershopper of the Year award** for the Burlington Chapter. Dick Labrecque, Chapter President, presented Jerry with a framed certificate and BOTY pin in honor of the achievement. Jerry says, **THANK YOU!!**, to all who voted for him and is

very appreciative of the recognition. Getting such an award beats all others because it comes from your peers. Jerry also said it was a fun year and we should strive to continue the good singing and fellowship of 2004.

*Charisma* sang at the dinner which was held at the K of C hall in S. Burlington with about 35 in attendance. Dick Labrecque Enterprises was in charge of the dinner, candlelight, decorations, etc. Thanks, Dick!!

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Jan. 14-** Wild Game Dinner-Berlin  
**Feb 5-**HEP School, Montreal-Reg.by 1/10!!  
**Feb. 9-**Farmers' Night-State House  
**Feb. 13, 14,** Singing Valentines  
**Feb. 25-27-** VACSummit-Burlington  
**Mar. 18-20-** NED Prelims, Warwick, R.I.  
**April 8-9-** Mountain/Yankee Regional Division Contests, location TBD  
**May 6-** 20 Week Club Banquet  
**May 27-28-** GMC Annual Show  
**July 3-10-** International Convention in Salt Lake City  
**July 27-** Package Show in Essex Jct.  
**Aug. 12-13-** Harmony College Northeast  
**Sept. 30-Oct. 2-** Fall Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia—SAVE NOW!!!

Anyone going to the Montreal School on February 5<sup>th</sup>?? Chapter will reimburse the early registration fee to those attending. Deadline is January 10<sup>th</sup> I think(OOPS!)

