

# The Burlingtone



The Voice of the Green Mountain Chorus of the Barbershop Harmony Society since 1947  
We meet Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski, Vermont-Call 879-3105  
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## Pay Heed!—Show Details for the Chorus

Logistical plans are firming up for the annual show weekend. Nothing is solid yet but we thought it would be prudent to get some notification out concerning tentative times and places.

Thursday, May 26 - the usual technical rehearsal will not be held. However, in order to compensate for the Friday schedule compression, a special rehearsal will most likely be held at St. FX school in Winooski from 7:00 to 9:00PM.

Friday, May 27 - at the Barre Opera House - 1) "Techie" load-in at +/- 3:00 p.m; 2) A full "cue to cue" technical rehearsal with all technical, chorus/quartet members present will start at 6:00 p.m. sharp; 3) Show time is 8:00 p.m. You will notice that any chorus warm-up and/or rehearsal and dinner break is missing from this schedule - pls plan ahead and be prepared.

Saturday, May 28 - at South Burlington High School - 1) "Techie" load-in at +/- (See **Show**, p.3)

## Focus is on Membership- C.Church, Membership VP

Your humble Membership VP has developed both Orientation and Recruitment plans for 2005. These plans have been reviewed and approved by your Board of Directors. The 2005 Orientation Plan was printed in a previous edition of this newsletter. Here is the 2005 Recruitment Plan:

### 2005 Plan - New Member Recruitment Burlington, Vermont Chapter

A) 2005 New Member Goal:

1) The Burlington chapter new member goal in 2005 is ten. Impossible? Not really – in 2004 the chapter took in nine new members.

B) Target groups:

1) The Society indicates that the target age group should be 35 to 54. Your Membership VP views this an optimistic guideline only.

2) Music professionals (e.g. music teachers, choir directors, etc.)

3) Current member of a singing/performing group (e.g. church choir, community chorus, theatre group, etc)

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4) Your friends, neighbors, associates, etc.

5) High School/College/Post College quartets and individuals singers

C) Biased Facts: (from the most recent COTS)

1) 54% of all men entering the Society did so as a result of personal contact – **someone asked them!**

2) 34% saw or heard a barbershop performance.

3) Thus 88% of all new members had a personal experience of barbershop harmony.

4) The average age of Society membership is sixty-six. (You don't need to be a rocket scientist to figure out where this number is headed).

D) Action Plan:

1) Group activity - (secondary thrust)

a) Two guest nights this year (but not after the annual show - the traditional "no guests" after the show is depressing). Current dates under consideration are +/- May 3 and September 13th (in conjunction with the Society's new marketing campaign and its "**U Can Sing 2 Night**")

b) A Holiday Chorus (and yes, we'll learn at least one new song).

2) Personal activity - (primary thrust)

a) Every Tuesday night is Guest Night.

b) Each chapter member to bring a minimum of two guests during the year. The second guest to be half the age of the first guest (Nate Foster excluded).

c) "Membership Begins with Me" - Each chapter member needs to be convinced that he is a vital part of the membership effort.

d) The Membership VP will provide, via the chapter newsletter so as not to take up (Cont'd.)---

valuable rehearsal time, tips/suggestions/ideas to assist chapter members in finding new guests to bring to a chapter meeting.

E) Metrics:

1) Display the 2005 new member goal in a prominent place at the chapter meeting hall and show the progress towards the goal.

## HCNE Update- Register Now!

Time to bring you another preview of one of our course offerings at Harmony College Northeast this summer. But first, we really need to bring you up to speed on our guest quartets for the school. We all know and are overwhelmed by the fact that our 2003 International Champions, Power Play, will be with us. They are one of our great champions in every respect.

Our second quartet, Realtime, out of the Evergreen District, were surprising 7th place finishers at International last year on their first trip to the big show. What is astonishing for us is that as of today, based on division qualifying scores, Realtime ranks SECOND among all the qualifiers. Might it be possible that we could have the brand new, 2005 International Champs on staff?

Rounding out the staff will be the reunion appearance of the Vagabonds out of the Pioneer District. These guys are one of the three greatest International quartet who never won the Gold Medal (the other two are our own Four Rascals and the amazing Nighthawks). Although they are older, you'll get a chance (See HCNE, p. 3)

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to hear how they ruled the roost during the 70's, giving our Boston Common all they could handle in those contests.

Now to the class! This week we are featuring the second appearance of Steve Tramack's Vocal Boot Camp. In this all day session, Steve will take you on a journey through the human body, giving you an awareness of how your body functions as you sing and making it easier to understand what you need to do to become a better singer. There will be group classes and breakout sessions in which you will get individual vocal attention. This was our biggest class last year and more than replaces all the Vocal Production classes we have held in the past. It also drew the biggest raves on the evaluation forms (yes, Virginia, we do read them!). Sign up early and find out how the Maestro has led the Nashua Granite Statesmen to so many championships.

WHAT: Harmony College Northeast  
WHERE: Fitchburg State College  
WHEN: August 12-14, 2005  
HOW MUCH: \$120 (Room, board, classes, and fun!)  
HOW DO I SIGN UP?: Go to [www.nedistrict.org](http://www.nedistrict.org) and click on Harmony College Northeast.



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8:00 a.m.; 2) A full technical rehearsal, with singing, will start at +/- 10:30 a.m.

3) We'll take a lunch brief break around noonish and be back on the risers by +/- 1:00 p.m. for warm-up.

3) Matinee show time is 2:00 p.m.; 4) Warm-up for the evening show will start at +/- 6:30 p.m. Out-of-towners will be welcome to retire to Charlie & Pat's condo between shows; 5) The evening show time is 8:00 p.m.

6) The Afterglow will start directly after the show at the Elks Club on North Avenue in Burlington.

Firm times for all events will be published and distributed next week.

Thanks.....

"Ray"

## 20 Week Club Summary

For those not in attendance at the 20 Week Club Banquet, here is the summary of our weekly and Grand Prize winners. Thanks to Dan Blouin, Dick Labrecque, John Villere, and Charlie Church for all the prep work for the Banquet—Bruce Spector did his usual fine job as MC. Thanks also to Denis and Diane for their help at the door.

5/14/2005

### 20 Week Club Winners

\$100 **079 Higgs** Deana 420 Walden Road Colchester VT 05446 Higgs

\$75 **185 Longe** Nancy VT Church

3&\$1000 **044 Walter** Steve 66 Bacon Drive Shelburne VT 05482 985-8714 Walter

7&\$50 **002 Venditti** Sandy 220 River Road Essex Junction VT 05452 878-8694 Venditti

1 **139 Marshall** Bob Pinnacle Rd Stowe VT 05672 Morrill

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## **20Week Club Summary,-**

2 **122 Maddock** Lisa 19 Warren Road Enfield NH  
03748 Baker  
4 **193 Heise** Pat 109 Colonial Dr Colchester VT 05446  
879-1981 Church  
5 **211 Socinski** Adam 200 Ever Breeze Colchester VT  
05446 655-1795 Blouin  
6 **191 Dubie** Karyn 54 Logwood St South Burlington VT  
05403 658-6339 Church  
8 **074 Cauley** Rebecca 2766 O'Dell Drive Erie CO  
80516 Cauley  
9 **038 Kolinich** Michelle 2004 VT Rt# 128 Westford VT  
05494 878-2939 Venditti  
10 **130 Luisi** Maryann 5 Hagan Drive Essex Junction  
VT 05452 878-5516 Walter  
11 **240 Nichols** Anne P.O.Box 5633 Burlington VT  
05402 879-3087 Morrill  
12 **246 Michaud** Raymond 10 Debra Dr South  
Burlington VT 05403 862-5603 Labrecque  
13 **176 Sylvia** Jon 12 Spruce Lane Essex Junction VT  
05452 Church  
14 **212 Beams** Carol 148 LaPlatte Circle Shelburne VT  
05482 985-2443 Beams  
15 **111 Laufer** Sharon 110 Felicity 1st Avenue  
Williamstown VT 05679 433-1433 Laufer  
16 **011 Allen** Lynn 276 Rhodeside Acres Georgia VT  
05468 527-2192 Grevatt  
17 **108 Grevatt** Elizabeth P.O. Box 166 Phillipsburg PQ  
J0J 1N0 Grevatt  
18 **223 Hathaway** Don 1 Elm Street Essex Junction VT  
05452 878-8980 Bechtel  
19 **196 Grise** Kathy 1306 Clay Point Rd Colchester VT  
05446 893-1355 Mallabar  
20 **075 Walter** Donna 66 Bacon Drive Shelburne VT  
05482 985-8714 Walter

## **More Show**

## **Miscellaneous News**

- o Show costume for chorus/quartets will mostly likely be the new black shirts, white straight tie, black tux trousers, paisley vests (vests cover a multitude of sins :-), black shoes and socks. A possible option will be the addition of the white tux jackets in the second half.
- o Ticket sales continue. Now is the time to make up for lost Ad sales. Can you plan on selling two tickets per day between now and the show?
- o Dickie Labrecque is coordinating door prizes, each of us should try to help him out.
- o Afterglow tickets are on sale for \$6.00 per. See Reid for yours.

- o We're looking for a sound system operator for the two South Burlington shows. This could be a new member/guest, spouse, sig other - see Technical Director Ed Hutchinson if you can help.
- o We're looking for someone to set-up some of the sound system at the Elks club between shows. See Ed Hutchinson if you can help.

## **Young Men In Harmony (YMIH)**

The Young Men In Harmony program is the implementation of the latter portion of the Society's vision statement:

*"The Society is to be an ever-growing fraternity of barbershop-style singers, leading the cause of encouraging vocal music in our schools and communities."*

## **CALENDAR**

- May 27-28- **GMC Annual Show**
  - June 14-**EBS-Cathedral Sq.**, Burl.
  - July 3-10- International Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah
  - July 20-(Wed.)-**Vermont Expos**-Anthem only
  - July 27- **Package Show in Essex Jct.**
  - Aug. 12-13- **Harmony College Northeast**
  - Aug. 13-**Ethan Allen Tower Sing-Out(??)**
  - Aug. 24(Wed.) **Vermont Expos Game-Raffle & Anthem!!**
  - Sept. 13-**Guest Night!!**-National Campaign
  - Sept. 30-Oct. 2- Fall Convention** in Halifax, Nova Scotia—PLAN AHEAD!!
- Please note the potential conflicts with the August 13 date. The Ethan Allen Tower Sing can be combined with a picnic at North Beach for the Chorus and families. The HCNE school on the same date requires registration in advance. Please fill out the sign up sheets for these activities so that appropriate plans can be made.