

# SPECTRUM'S ORG.

BREAKING NEWS THIS JUST IN SPECTRUM 2009 MIDYORK INDEPENDENT OPEN CHAMPS 87.6

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## THE 2009 SPECTRUM WINTERGUARD SEASON TO DATE

Even before the competitive winterguard season had started there was a buzz. A buzz that after a successful rebuilding year that Spectrum Winterguard was about to surpass its former glory and reach a new spot in its history. A new staff and a host of new members coupled with a 75% return of veterans and even some former veterans were returning made for a very rosy future indeed. The decision to compete in Independent A was chosen because the guard was untried as yet and it remained to be seen where the guard would actually stack up....but things looked very good indeed.

So on January 24 the guard debuted its production "Turning the World Magenta". The judges were very impressed and even commented that they had actually scored the guard lower because they were afraid of giving a score that would promote the guard too early in the season. The guard scored a 74.2 and that turns out to be the highest debut score in the history of the guard. After only its second show of the season and scoring an 82.8 Mid York promoted the guard to Independent Open. At the following two shows in Open the guard scored a 74.6 and 76.7. But now

it was the time of testing...where would WGI place us.

Trumbull Connecticut WGI Power Regional February 28 and 29 saw the guard still competing in Independent A Class in WGI, win the prelims with a score of 80.2 besting Salem Blue by only .3 and then the next day winning the finals with a score of 83 and besting Salem Blue by

1.2. Now we were informed by WGI that we were up for review to be promoted by WGI into Independent Open. Finally the long wait was over and we received notice that yes we were promoted to Independent Open in WGI competition. March 7th saw the guard in Central Square NY scoring an 82.9....were we ready for WGI Independent Open competition? We thought so but only time would tell.

New Brunswick NJ WGI Power Regional March 20 & 21 revealed



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that yes indeed the guard was ready for Independent Open....Third in prelims 84.9 and Third in Finals 85.5. Now it was evident that Spectrum could compete in the Independent Open Class. Only Mid York Championships and then it was on to Dayton for World Championships. The season is almost over but it has been a great one. It is the guard's 10 Anniversary season! What a way to celebrate.

**Special points of interest:**

- SEASON TO DATE
- SUMMER VACATION
- BRUCE NEEDS US
- A HISTORICAL LOOK
- JOIN US FOR 2010
- A CRYSTAL BALL LOOK

## ITS COMING...ITS COMING "BINGO'S SUMMER VACATION"

Its Coming!!!! Bingo will close for the summer months at the end of June. Because we have no air conditioning in the bingo hall and our building's owner's unwillingness to install it we find that its

just to doggone hot in there in July and August. But most importantly our bingo staff needs some time off. We have limited help and so our staff needs the time off to rejuvenate. We will be back

for your bingo excitement the very first Friday of September! Enjoy your summer off! We look forward to serving you!

## IN SUPPORT OF A GREAT MAN



A dear Friend and supporter of Spectrum has become ill and needs our support. Bruce McCready was the very first drill instructor for the corps and went on to become

Corps Director for a time. He is a true man of the "kids". His concern for the membership of the corps was always the thing that was uppermost in his agenda for Spectrum.

Bruce entered the hospital for a simple gall bladder removal only to find that he had a tumor blocking a duct in his gall bladder. Since that time he has had a stint placed in his gall bladder and is undergoing tests to determine the extent of the tumor.

Sometime during the month of May Spectrum will be hosting a fund raising bingo game to help Bruce defray his medi-

cal expenses. We would like to have as many alumni as possible come and work the game or play. Remember, the more people that plays the bigger the amount we can contribute. Contact Benjy at [tradition@juno.com](mailto:tradition@juno.com) to sign up to work or let him know you are coming to play. If you cant come perhaps you could send a donation to add to the amount.

## BINGO ITS COOL AND ITS OUR SPONSOR



Bingo.....it is a age old game and has been played since the Middle Ages. Barons bingo has been a sponsor of Spectrum since 1992 and this year is no exception. We have always been an innovator here in the Southerntier New York. We strive to keep our game fresh and new and have sought to bring new and exciting game formats into our game. Perhaps that is why we are currently the only bingo game left in the greater Corning area.

We brought electronic bingo into the area being the first game to try it. We offer 5 different level packages for customers to try. We have new computers this year and the customers seem to really like them. Another new addition to our game is the Bonus Ball. At the beginning of the game a ball is pulled and that becomes the bonus ball. Customers pay an extra dollar and if they

bingo on that number on specially designated games they win the prize for that game, the kitty carried over from the week before and 75% of what we have taken in on the bonus ball that evening. We have given away over \$1900 on our first awarding. This little addition has raised our attendance immensely.

We offer the largest selection of pull and seal tabs in the entire Southerntier and of course our progressive \$1000 jackpot and our progressive Late Bird. Attendance has grown by leaps and bounds and we welcome and thank all players who have given us their patronage. Without our players we would not be able to support our Nationally known Winterguard.

## OUR HISTORY

In the fall of 1999 Spectrum Winterguard was formed as an offshoot of the Spectrum Drum and Bugle Corps to help stimulate interest in the colorguard program of the corps and to help draw attention to the corps during the winter season to help attract members. The corps would soon close up shop because of lack of membership after a 9 year history of performing highly entertaining and challenging shows.

The guard has performed many different types of shows over its ten year history. From Smoke, to a human sacrifice show, a Farm show Dos a Dos, A Corner of the World, Piano music, Leyenda, The building of the Empire State Building, Edar Allen Poe, a New Day and this year's production of "Turning the World Magenta"

Spectrum has been Bronze, Silver and Gold Medalists in Mid York and Northeast Colorguard Circuits. On a national level

Spectrum has been Gold medalist at several WGI regionals and has been a WGI finalist 3 times in its history. The guard is a traveling guard that has logged 1000's of miles all over the country.

All both guard and corps Spectrum Alumni are invited to join the Spectrum Alumni Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/groups.php?ref=sb> Without our Alumni there would be no Spectrum today!



*2010 IS JUST  
AROUND THE  
CORNER*

## JOIN SPECTRUM FOR 2010

Even though next season seems like it's a long time away.....it is actual not. We are currently accepting applications for the 2010 season. As a member you can expect low fees and the chance to work with and be taught by the best staff available in

the Southerntier. Last year's staff is on board for next year and three will be a number of staff added. We are a WGI competitive guard and as such you can expect that we will be attending several WGI events as well as numerous Mid York Colorguard circuit

events. If you are interested in being a part of the elite winterguard go to our website and click on the link that says that we are accepting members for 2010. You can also contact our director David Bowen at [davidbowen23@yahoo.com](mailto:davidbowen23@yahoo.com)

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## WHAT'S AHEAD FOR US?

With the economy spinning out of control and everyone trying to just stay alive we are asking ourselves whats ahead for us?

Well, we believe that we are in the best financial shape the organization has been in since its inception. This should allow us to keep fees for the members as low as possible. Our staff is coming back for next year and more are being added. This in its self is a very good sign for the group! Instructional continuity is something that many groups dream of but somehow never manage to attain.

Our bingo game seems very healthy right now. We are drawing steady crowds and our advertising campaign is bringing in new faces every week. We were worried that with death of some of our old time supporters that our

bingo game might be in trouble. But new faces show up every week. We are going to do our best to encourage this kind of attendance but we also intend to continue to reward our regular customers with certain perks.

We may need to buy a couple of vans to transport our guard around in. Renting vans is something that we are going to look at and see if it continues to be cost effective to continue renting or do we buy or perhaps charter.

Our intention this off season is to do some structuring of our management team to better take advantage of the talents of the folks we have and to see where we need to add team members. If you find yourself interested in putting your talents to good use please contact Benjy at

tradition@juno.com to volunteer.

All in all it all comes down to the members themselves. Did they enjoy their time with the guard this year and are they interested in coming back for another and maybe bringing some friends with them.

I am told that this group just loves to be together and perform.

We want more involvement from our alumni also. Join the alumni group, volunteer at a bingo, come help be roadies for a show, stop by a rehearsal. Remember its you that have provided the foundation for the 2009 Spectrum, we need you for 2010.