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Winterguard Posts Incredible 2006 Season

Spectrum Winterguard's 2006 season ended much the way the 2005 season. The guard made it into the finals competition at the World Championships in Dayton Ohio.

However, it is very different as the guard moved from the Independent A Class to the Independent Open Class. This class is a much higher competitive class and requires greater degrees of skill not only from the performers themselves but also from the instructional staff too.

This year's production of 102 34 & 5 detailed the building of the Empire State building during the Depression. Backdrops of Skyscrapers and period costuming lent an even higher degree of professionalism to the entire production. At one point in the production the members were manipulating a flag while at the same time holding a lunch

bucket.

The season opened in the Syracuse area in January and never let up until their final performance in Dayton in April. Over those 4 months the guard racked up: WGI Boston Regional Gold Medal, WGI Trenton Power Regional Silver Medal, WGI Syracuse Gold Medal, Mid York Colorguard Circuit Gold Medal, Northeast Colorguard Circuit Gold Medal, numerous 1st place trophies at local competitions and lastly the coveted Northeast Colorguard Circuit's Showmanship Award.

In Gym after Gym across New York State and actually all over the East Coast it was the same.....when Spectrum entered the arena the noise level became almost unbearable as the guard's fans screamed and clapped for them and called out their names. What an incredible feeling to be

there with them. It was and rare and wonderful experience to be there with the guard.



BINGO-WHATS HAPPENING

Hello from the Bingo Hall! Things are rapidly changing here at Barons Bingo and hopefully you have been there for some of the new changes.

Starting May 4th the Upstairs becomes non smoking and the downstairs becomes the smoking area. We will build two smoking breaks into the game to accommodate those smokers

that don't want to go downstairs. Smokers downstairs will be asked to adhere to the limited smoking periods on the original schedule. The Fire company (who we rent the hall from) has decided to replace the ceiling tiles upstairs and they don't want them to be discolored from the smoke.

You may have noticed

also that the tables are being replaced a few at a time. And soon we hope to have the camera and monitors hooked up to our machine. Look also for some new promotions coming Bring a friend month, 1/2 price drink day, a computer trying promotion and some new things we haven't thought of yet.

Thanks for Attending our Game

SPECTRUM WINS SHOWMANSHIP AWARD



On April 1st, at the Northeast Colorguard Championships, Spectrum was awarded the Northeast Colorguard Circuit's Showmanship Award! This award is given to the guard in the Northeast Colorguard Circuit that displays the highest degree of entertainment and showmanship.

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Circuit votes annually on this award and it is a rotating trophy that has been awarded to many guards over the history of the Northeast Circuit. We are honored to have been chosen the 2006 Recipient.

Our Fans are saying!

"Hey... just wanted to say I have always been a fan and liked your productions, BUTT (no pun on the rifle), this year was so AMAZING! Very energetic, demanding, fun, just outright.....in your face...this is Spectrum, and we KNOW how to spin! "

SOUNDS ON THE SUSQUEHANNA

Every year for at least the past 15 years a drum corps extravaganza has been taking place in the Binghamton Area. SOUNDS ON THE SUSQUEHANNA a mainstay of the Drum Corps Genre. Starting out as DCI show the show has morphed into a showcase of the Senior Drum and Bugle Corps World.

Dave Baker has been the constant in all of this change over the years. Look at

any local pageantry event and you will see Dave. He also volunteers at the WGI Regionals and Nationals.

This years lineup is the most impressive in several years. The 2006 Sounds will include: Brigadiers, Empire Statesmen, Bushwackers, Buccaneers, Skyliners and the White Sabers.

The Show will be held on Saturday July 29th at

8pm at the Union Endicott High School Stadium.

Spectrum is honored to be a new sponsor of the Sounds on the Susquehanna. We will be the sponsor of the Empire Statesmen's performance .

A note: Spectrum's staff is the guard staff for Empire and several members of the guard are pursuing their summer marching experience there also.



OUR AGE OUTS GOOD BYE TO ASHLEY AND DANA

Name: Ashley Nageotte
Age: 21
Current Educational Pursuits: Undecided-If colorguard were a full time job, that's where I'd be!
Previous Guard Experience: Cortland Winterguard '99-'02 Spectrum Winterguard '03-'06 Empire Statesmen Drum and Bugle Corps '05-? Groton Scarlet Edge Instructor '04-?
Interest things about you: I

have a twin brother. I could watch guard videos 24-7. My dad attended the first Woodstock. My mom attended the second! My show name is Dwayne.



Name: Dana Hemmerich
Age: 22
Current Education Pursuits: Criminal Justice

Previous Guard Experience: Gates-Chili '95-'01
 Patriots '02-'03
 Patriots Drum and Bugle Corps '01-'03
 Empire Statesmen '04-'05

Interesting things about you: I live in Rochester, have 4 Dobermans, and work 2 jobs. I love to travel and have been to Europe and all over the U.S... and I drive to Endicott every weekend. I also have 2 sisters, a nephew and a mom and dad.



A PLEA FOR WORKERS

An organization that travels and practices as much as Spectrum does must raise an incredible amount of money.

Gym Costs are over \$35 per hour, we charter a bus for our longer trips and this year the Dayton trip cost us over \$3500 just for the bus, our local trips are on our own bus but that requires insurance, repairs, and of course **FUEL**.

In order to supply the group with the means to cover these costs we run our bingo game at the Gibson Fire

Dept in Gibson New York.

This is held every Friday night and requires a great deal of work not only at the game but also in the prep for the game. The doors open at 4pm but Mary and Bernard are usually there before 2pm getting the kitchen up and running and the pull tab operation ready for a busy night.

Bingo requires workers for the following tasks: kitchen (3-4), computers (1), sales of games(2), pull tabs (1) and people to walk the floor

and call back bingos(2). So you can see it's a pretty labor intensive job.

We are looking for workers to help us fill the gaps that we are currently experiencing. If you can volunteer once a month, once a quarter, every Friday...whatever. To work the kitchen you must be at least 14 and to work the floor you must be 18.

If you are interested in working contact Benji at 607-527-8138 or by coming to bingo on Friday. See you there



THANK YOU'S

A bi annual newsletter would not be complete without a list of thank you's to the people that have made all of this possible.

Thank you members-you have shown what hard work and dedication can accomplish.

Thank you staff-the countless hours that you have dedicated to the kids is a shining star in this world.

Thank you Bingo workers-

Bernie, Mary, Ruth, Kira, David, Raymond, Michelle and Merle. The success of the game rests squarely on your shoulders and we appreciate all your time.

Thank you Chris Thornton for seven years of directorship. You are the constant in a sea of change.

Thank you Debbie Farthing for your untold hours behind the wheel of the bus. It is nice

to know that you are there.

Thank you Bingo Players for coming week after week and spending your hard earned money helping the kids of the Spectrum Winterguard. We appreciate it more than you can imagine.

Thank you parents fans and boosters.

Thank you competitors-you constantly challenge us to keep growing. We can be friends off

**THANK YOU
TO ALL
FOR THE
INCREDIBLE
SUPPORT OF
THE KIDS!**

2007 LOOMS AND WE PREPARE FOR IT

The 2007 season really has already begun here in Spectrum land.

Each staff member and member was issued a questionnaire to fill out to help the management team define successes and failures. This will be followed up with a detailed analysis of the findings.

Corporate funding sources are being identified and sought.

The bingo game is being analyzed to better service the customers and to maximize our limited worker pool.

Rehearsal and Performance schedules are being analyzed to try to realize the most bang for our buck in both gym time and travel expenses.

Consideration of dates for next year's "Friends and Family", "Spectrum on Stage" and several other possi-

bilities are being considered.

All travel and lodging considerations are being considered to make sure that the cost to the member is kept as low as possible.

Management Team members are being sought to continue the transition begun last year to a more "Staff Friendly" atmosphere.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

We are currently accepting applications for members through our website. Go to our website and click on the link for the **ONLINE APPLICATION. You will receive a packet in the mail and please be sure to include your e-mail address. We will add you to our data base and you will start to receive all the regular information.**

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