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Singin' Swingers

Dr. Richards would be proud.



It was a beautiful early Minnesota Monday at the Elk River Golf Club when 104 golfers checked in for the tenth-annual Barbershop Harmony Open on Monday, August 7. It was a special occasion marking the first BH Open since the idea of the Jim Richards Challenge was hatched in the aftermath of last year's Open by Harmony Foundation's Regional Director (and lead of *Storm Front*) Jim Clark.

Icing on the 2017-Open cake was Jim's commitment to bring *Storm Front* to the Twin Cities for this year's tournament.

An added bonus in this year's Open was the first appearance of *HarmonyWorks*, the 1985 LOL District quartet champions. In 1991 the foursome decided that they wanted to do something in an altruistic way and elected to sponsor a golf tournament that they would call the *HarmonyWorks Open*. The *Open* caught on

and by 2008, 16 tournaments later, they had raised tens of thousands of dollars for the *Make-A-Wish* foundation.

That year, hearing that *HarmonyWorks* was dropping their open, Gary Jacobson approached Dean Haagenson (the HW lead) about continuing the tournament as the *Barbershop Harmony Open* to be sponsored by *The Friday Lunch Bunch That Meets On Thursday (TFLBTMOT)*. Dean gave Gary the nod, wished him luck, and here we are nine years later having raised nearly \$12,000 at this Open for the Jim Richards Challenge and the Harmony Foundation.

A quantum leap was made this time when *Storm Front* joined us on the golf course and afterwards for a little show (ably supported by *HarmonyWorks* and *Happiness Emporium*). Hopefully this bodes greater things for the future plans of the BH Open.



Storm Front from left: Darrin Drown, Syd Libsack, Jim Clark, and Jeff Selano



HarmonyWorks from left: Bill Wigg, Dean Haagenson, Mel Eliason, and Dave Nyberg

10th Annual Barbershop Harmony Open



Andy Richards



Happiness Emporium from left: Bob Dowma, Rod Johnson, Jim Foy, and Rick Anderson

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Kim Burt, Guy St. Martin, Phil Winn, Kevin Usher



Bill Shaw offers vintage Commodore records by the box. Buy one box, get one free!



Bryan Langren, Ink-stained Wretch, Mark Ortenburger

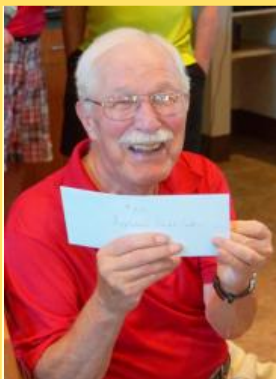


Fewest putts: Gary Jacobson, Mark Grieger, Eric Jacobson, Paul Welsh

Elk River Golf Club
Elk River, Minnesota



Duane Rygg accepts the big prize from artist, Marilyn Jacobson.



Bob Dykstra is going to be patronizing Applebees!



Longest drives: Becky Wigley and Jack Bostrom



Steve Grady begins his study of the classic rules of golf thanks to the talent of graphic artist Don Keller (photo not available).

**SEE YOU ALL
NEXT YEAR
AUGUST 13, 2018**



First Place from left: Nan DeMars, Marilyn Jacobson, Sheila Cole, and Becky Wigley

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Closest to pin from left: #2 Dick Staedt, #4 Syd Lipsack



Jim Hall (aka Payne Stewart for the day), Jeff Knight, Carl Quist, and Tyler Smith
Wayne Rasmussen Photo



Lou DeMars, Dan Williams, Dick Riemenschneider, and Russ Born
Wayne Rasmussen Photo



Duane Rygg will be golfing at no charge at the 2018 Open.

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And in other news ...



UN4GETTABLE from Lakeville North High School with their teacher, Jamye Casperson, (center) from left: Payton Camilli, Anne Larson, Kate Fox, Kelli Sander. The ladies were preparing for the International Sweet Adelines *Rising Star* quartet competition where they were 10th out of 15 contestants, most of whom were active Sweet Adelines.



From left: Coach Kevin Keller, Ass't directors Dave Bechard and David Speidel with Director Paul Wigley at the August 12 pre-contest retreat.

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Paul believes ...

By Paul Wigley, Director



Paul Wigley

I truly believe the Minneapolis Commodores are entering a new phase of musical artistry. Every one of you has positively embraced the idea of extra coaching, more individual responsibility, and focus toward a goal of better musician-ship! I've been energized by the positive reaction you've all shown toward the concept of *quartet qualifying* for the fall contest. The quartets I listened to last week were fine! It is AMAZING how good four voices can sound together... knowing the correct words and notes. I've already heard voices that were exemplary in knowing their individual parts (the editor of the Chord-Inator is a prime example!) [Editor's note: *[I DIDN'T SUCK!]*]

The focus you all gave during the

coaching session with Kevin Keller was wonderful! I am not being too bombastic when I say again that Kevin is indeed one of the best of the best among BHS coaches. Kevin's ability to be succinct, understandable, well-paced, and always striving for the highest artistry possible, made the day go too fast...we all wanted more! I also want to thank everyone for the part you all played in helping with the day, booking the church, providing the food, setting up risers, etc. If you contributed, pat yourself on the back; it was a great day!

Although our summer performances are not finished, I look back with tremendous pride at every show the Minneapolis Commodores performed this summer. It was a very busy time, but every show was incredibly successful, and the joy that you all instilled in our audiences is a gift that EVERYONE needs! I am certain that you all were able to share that joy in your own hearts, too. It is a terrific, exciting time to be a Commodore. *Thanks again to every one of you for your heartfelt contributions!*

Barbershop Art

By Denny Maas, President

I doubt that I can find the words to express how impressed I was with Kevin Keller's coaching session this last weekend. I was also impressed with how effortlessly our chorus and directors responded to the coaching. It was difficult to sit on the sidelines and participate as best I could after being diagnosed with having pneumonia that same morning. However, the sidelines were the best place to hear the changes taking place in the performance.

The thing that struck me most was the idea that the director is the artist and the chorus is his pallet for creating an artwork. Monet used different

painting strokes and colors to create shadows, reflections, and color shadows in his *Water Lilly* paintings; our directors use the strokes of their hands to color the music we create.



Kevin in action with the Commodores

When this happens, and I heard it happening on Saturday, we are not just singing, our directors are fashioning *Barbershop Art*.

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



Chapter members are always welcome to attend the Board meetings.

From the July 13 meeting

By Bill Warp, Secretary

- **Show-video update:** No grant this year. A video/DVD is relatively easy to produce, the major expenses being VMI and ASCAP fees. Search continues for sponsors. A motion was carried to allow **Mark Ortenburger** to continue to further research the making of an Annual Show DVD.
- **Marketing:** 2017-season performance schedules have been passed



Bill Warp

out at our Hopkins and St. Louis Park performances and will be offered at *Music in the Park* in Minnetonka on August 22.

- **Membership:** Last month's Visitors Night was non-productive. **Harvey Weiss** is trying to recruit a replacement for his VP job.
- **Music & Performance:** Fifty-five members have elected to sing at the District contest in October. Our 2017 Christmas Show will be held at Bloomington Jefferson High School on Sunday, December 3.
- **Old Business:** **Denny Maas** will try to find a way to dispose of the truck. A motion was passed to get the trailer decorated. **Don Keller** has some ideas. [Truck is now GONE!]
- **New Business:** **Blake Wanger** is looking into arranging a family event for the Commodores. The chapter sponsored a hole at the August 7 *Barbershop Harmony Open*.

SUPPORT HARMONY FOUNDATION

Art from Page

For me, this was an exciting discovery. Although our directors have talked about this concept, this is the first time I really have understood it. It also strikes me that this concept is nothing new to them and how frustrated they may sometimes be when their palettes fall short of making artistic music happen.

Monet depended on all of the different brushes and paints to be on hand to create his art. Similarly our directors depend on all of us to be ready. We must know our music so we can sing it as they direct. This also means we must closely watch and follow their direction. If we do, we will make beautiful music together.

Thank you Kevin Keller!



August reenlistments

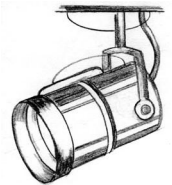
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Editor's Note: The Society, apparently in its wisdom, has stopped annotating the years of membership to the names of the renewing members.

Happy Birthday

- 08/10 Pete Jarnberg
- 08/13 Rob Hartert
- 08/15 Kirk Douglas
- 08/17 Denny Rolloff
- 08/18 Mike Hojan
- 08/20 Chuck Guthrie
- 08/21 Kathy Williams
- 08/23 Lynnay Wanggaard
- 08/24 Dave Speidel
- 08/26 John Lloyd
- 08/28 Allison Richards
- 08/29 Dave Wall
- 09/02 Jane Rolloff
- 09/03 Fred Von Fischer
- 09/05 Catherine Wall
- 09/08 Dick Hartmann

Commodore Spotlight



Guy St. Martin

is the quiet, unassuming, behind-the-scenes Commodore (and 2001 Minneapolis Chapter Barbershopper of the year) who in his other life owns and manages Broadway Rental. Guy can always be counted on to supply the Commodores with various equipment and other accouterments as their needs arise.

However, on this past August 7, his largesse was overwhelming. Answering the Barbershop Harmony Open's need, he loaded up his truck(s) and delivered a huge open-sided canopy-tent (you wouldn't believe the size of the tent stakes), a porta-stage, and 200 folding chairs to the Elk River Golf Club for the 19th-hole entertainment ... all at no charge to the Open.

TFLBTMOT owes a well-earned thanks to Guy and his crew for their generosity and hard work. It couldn't have been done without them!

And, aren't Barbershoppers a special breed?

SUNSHINE HOTLINE



By Mark Bloomquist, Sunshine
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Mark Ortenburger left his steel-toed work shoes at home Saturday, August 12, and sorely missed them when at the special rehearsal, the riser cart ran over the small toes on his right foot. Thankfully, Mark reports that all his toes are intact and unbro-



Mark Bloomquist

Vocality ... From the Porch ... for the Jim Richards Challenge

Saturday, July 22, was another beautiful day in Minnesota when an appreciative crowd gathered to hear *Vocality*, and their special guests *Spice*, perform for the free-will benefit of the *Jim Richards Memorial Challenge*. (This is the promotion by *The Friday Lunch Bunch That Meets On Thursday (TFLBTMOT)* for the benefit the *Youth In Harmony* program, part of the Barbershop Harmony Society's *Harmony Foundation*.)

Jay, David, Tony, and Tom again thrilled their audience with their usual seemingly effortless performance and were ably complemented by the guest appearance of Sweet Adelines 2017 Region 6 champions, *Spice*.

When the echoes of the final chords had wafted away nearly \$900 had been collected. *Vocality* topped it off to an even \$1000 and later forwarded a check to TFLBTMOT, another example of *Vocality paying it forward*.

Vocality's \$GRAND\$ effort when combined with the proceeds of TFLBTMOT's 2017 Barbershop Harmony Open became part of the \$12,000 raised for the Foundation.

ken, but badly bruised, after the accident on Saturday. He sits with his foot elevated but otherwise life is OK as hopefully he returns to the risers on August 15. He will be conducting a seminar for the riser crew on how to avoid similar mishaps in the future.

Jim Erickson continues to rehab at home following his low-back fusion surgery. He soon will have a consultation with his orthopedic surgeon to discuss his progress and to determine when to proceed with a hip replacement.

Remember: Please keep me updated about all who are ill. Our challenge is to brighten the days of our ailing members. A brief phone call or short note of encouragement can be wonderful medicine for those ailing.

Happy Anniversary

08/10 Guy & Terry Jean St. Martin
08/11 Bob & Pat Griffith
08/12 Lance & Janet Johnson
08/14 Bob & Brenda Duncan
08/14 Rod & Doris Hall
08/16 Dave & Linda Speidel
08/20 Doug & Connie Miller
08/20 Dan & Karen True
08/22 Glenn & Shirley Retter
08/24 Bob & Nancy Dillon
08/26 Gary & Marilyn Jacobson
09/05 LeRoy & DiAnn Zimmerman
09/07 Andy & Nancy Cook
09/09 Richard & Marge Riemenschneider

PLEASE NOTE: If your birthday or anniversary dates are missing from these lists, please notify the Editor.



From the Porch was fortuitously inaugurated last year to help a GNU Barbershopper with the expense of his pending immigration into the United States. When the boys heard of the Jim Richards Challenge it was a no-brainer to get in touch with TFLBTMOT. The rest is now history.



Spice is shown here on stage with *Vocality*. From the left they are, Baritone Liz Miller, Bass Jan Rick, Tenor Angela Blackwood, and Lead Heidi Dick. Angela's husband, Tony is, of course, the *Vocality* lead, and Jan Rick is from a Barbershop family, her deceased sister having been a well-known Presentation coach.

Georgia Grind

By Jim Erickson, *Backatcha Baritone*

You know how in the last article I said I had really, really hesitated about talking about my upcoming (early July) back surgery. Well, so much for good intentions. But I will keep this short. I'll reiterate one demand and a desire I had that I wrote about last time. Remember how I learned that I might actually come out of the spine straightening a bit taller. That one person, wife of a Commodore, had actually become a bit taller after her similar surgery? Well, so much for wishing upon a star.

My height stayed frustratingly much the same. Hair's difference the same, except I may have even become a whisper shorter. People used to see through me with some ease. Now, they can even see over me without much more difficulty. Probably less, in fact.

Possibly an even more desired result was that if the surgery made me a couple of inches taller (I had demanded "three" of the surgeon), the additional height would stretch me up, and my love handles would disappear so that I would have straight sides erupting up into ever-broadening shoulders, kinda like the male models in the Target swimsuit ads. No muffin tops for me!

Well, that didn't happen either. I'm pretty much the same old, lovable person who now has two new scars to show for no tangible results. Oh yeah, the pain is on the mend and is better already, but that taller, sculpted baritone will have to wait for another day. Lipo, anyone?

I had one last hope on the wish list, that through the surgery and recovery, I would lose several pounds. I could stand that and maybe, just maybe,

there was a last chance for trimness. I didn't eat much at first—maybe gelatin desserts—and had little appetite for burgers and malts. So when I left the hospital and headed for the rehab center for several days, the first thing they did was weigh me. Great hope was dashed in an instant as the nurse guided me onto the electronic scale. I had summer pajamas and nothing else. So I couldn't deduct for five pound shoes, etc. Nonetheless, with an air of arrogant confidence, I stepped on the scale.

Horror upon horrors! I had gained eight pounds. I had been existing like one of those green "air" plants just absorbing nutrition from the at-



mosphere, and yet, there it was. Eight more pounds. Now, not in defense, but there may have been some difference between my home scale, and the rehab scale, but not eight pounds. The nurse, sensing my urge to find a sharp object with which to slash my wrists—especially since all my other dreams had not come true—said, "Oh, it happens all the time and patients commonly gain 10 to 15 lbs. right after surgery."

From what? Instruments, scissors, an old hubcap that the surgeons inadvertently left in during the surgery? And it wasn't even the weight of the staples, because nowadays, the surgeons just reach for a squirter of "Gorilla Glue" and put a bead of it along the incisions.

There is at least, a bit of happy end -

ing to the weight-gain, a few days later while still in rehab, I was weighed again, and my weight was not only back to what it had been, but was a couple of pounds lighter. Big deal! With the little I had been eating, I should have lost ten pounds in just two weeks. Like the magazine advertising says. And that's without surgery!

Aren't you glad I promised this surgery description would be short. If doctors can fib, so can I. Now I don't know if weight corresponds to energy, but every pound of weight I dreamed of losing instead became converted right over to energy, or the loss thereof. I just had lost any "oomph" I had ever had. The rehab people, bless them, were always extremely encouraging. "Oh, look how far we walked today. At least 10.2 feet. And you stood up all by yourself. Maybe next time, we can try it without the walker!"

In a nutshell, I am mending, I can slowly walk even without a cane, I feel better and someday my energy will return. Rehab is behind me with future physical exercises in store, so I'm told. And if you would like to see my scars, ah, they are just two small incisions on either side of my lower spine, just at about the same level as my still existing love handles.

There. That's as short as it gets. Other than all that material on my operation, I have not had much come to mind about my more usual subjects. I found absolutely nothing about the origins of the Georgia Grind for the past couple months from nurses, doctors, pharmacists, or any other medical personnel. They are smart folks, those medical people, but so, so dull. For your sake, I hope to have loads of mind-bending reading next time.

Thanks for all the kind thoughts and messages that came my way. They really do mean a lot. And thanks to **Mark Bloomquist** in keeping after me for the Sunshine news. Remember to hold fast to that which is good and *Go to Grind, Page 8, Column 1*

Flying with the Roadrunners

By Ron Thomley, Roadrunners original Tenor

The saga continues: Recall that last month lead, **Ron Stong**, was no longer allowed to pilot the plane on quartet trips.



Ron Thomley

Bruce Odell, from Winona, lead of the *Mistersistippis* quartet, joined the Roadrunners in February of 1977 following Ron Stong's retirement. Bruce had a Winona friend who was a licensed pilot. **Dave "Crash" Pye** owned an auto-frame repair business and in addition, had all of the stereotypical characteristics of a "barn-stormer."

On one occasion we did a show in Canada. We were there for two days. The guys in the chapter that hired us arranged for a walleye-fishing outing for "Crash." The walleyes were really biting and it didn't take him long to catch his limit. He then bought a second license in Bruce's name and proceeded to fill out the quota on that one. He then bought another, then another, and another, and filled out to the limit(s). He then packed the fish in ice and loaded the plane. How he got through customs is another story. We were a bit over the weight limit and barely got off the ground, but the Lord was looking out for us and we made it home, fresh fish and all.

On another Canadian trip we got lost in western Ontario. "Crash" spotted an airfield and put the plane down. Problem was, it was a *Canadian military* airfield and we were unauthorized foreign visitors. The armed vehicle with guards gave us strict instructions, "Leave! Don't return!"

Grind from Page

I am not asking for gifts, but if you happen to have a case or two of high energy drinks sitting around unused, I will gladly take them off your hands. Healing high-protein bars, too.

It's Time to Golf!

What: The **First Annual Glenn Aronson Open** This tournament has a long and memorable history but it was this past March that our dear Barbershop friend, **Glenn**, a prime mover of these events, passed away from a very aggressive colon cancer, hence the new name.

When: Saturday October 7, 2017, Tee Time 12:30 p.m.

Where: Kenyon Golf & Country Club, Kenyon, Minnesota

Format: Foursomes, men's, women's, mixed foursomes, playing the 9-hole course twice in a scramble format.

Who: All past, present, and future Barbershoppers, wives, relatives, and friends are welcome for a day of golf, socializing, song, food, and fun.

Prizes: Low men's, women's, and mixed foursomes, also 6-hole prizes and best-singing foursome.

Gather your foursomes and try to register as such. The club needs a head-count to ensure no one will depart hungry.

Register ASAP with **Chuck Guthrie** at ccgut@charter.net

Cost: \$40 paid at the clubhouse as you sign in. Spots will be found for singles.

In September of 1977, the *Roadrunners* were booked on the Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, show. We didn't have plans to stay over so when the afterglow finally wound up, "Crash" announced, "If we are going home, we better go right now because there is a huge storm front coming in from the west covering all of Minnesota." Without another word we quickly loaded up and headed south.

Three of us had left our cars at the Anoka County Airport. "Crash" and Bruce had flown up from Winona to pick us up, so that's where we headed. As we got near the Twin Cities, so did the storm. Airport authorities would not let us land at Anoka County, so we contacted Minneapolis International. We could not land there either. They suggested we try Eau Claire, if we thought we had enough gasoline.

When we contacted Eau Claire, they said to keep in touch, but to look for other options. It wasn't long before Eau Claire called back to say they were closed for all landings. We turned south and headed for the nearest airport which was either Lacrosse or Winona. Nerves were stretched as it seemed like we had been in the air a long, long time.

At least Wile E thought enough to bring a six pack along so we didn't

get thirsty. It became more and more important to get on the ground as soon as possible as there was no potty on board.

As we approached the Mississippi river, the sky opened a tiny bit over Winona. We were getting low on fuel, but safely landed about 7:00 A.M., a happy bunch of "campers." Karen, Bruce's wife, came to the airport and Bruce drove us all the way back to Anoka, but not before a badly needed restroom relief. Again, someone was watching over us.

Editor's Note; Don't miss next month's thrilling episode (Move over, Wrong-way Corrigan).

Doc's Bag



By Dr. Hardin Olson, Editor

Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Brighton on Friday morning, August 11, was the site of a quite remarkable service. Uncounted numbers of Sweet Adelines, Barbershoppers, and friends from all over



Hardin Olson

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Minnesota and even western Wisconsin, assembled to celebrate the life of Bob Dykstra's wife of 61 years, **Lou Ann**, who had passed quite suddenly two weeks before.

As you would expect with all of the singers in the congregation, the hymns rang harmoniously. Daughter **Kim**, accompanied on the guitar by her husband **Steve DeVoss**, offered a moving Gospel message with a heartfelt rendition of *Precious Lord* evoking no small number of tears among the listeners.

After words of remembrance filled with love and pathos, sprinkled with welcomed humor, and spoken by Kim, her brother, **Paul**, and his wife, **Karen**, **Mary Dick** sang, as only she can, the popular hymn, *In the Garden*.

Prior to the benediction the assembly was treated to a recording of *Amazing Grace* by the 1982 Sweet Adeline *Queens of Harmony* in which **Lou Ann** was the baritone. If you have the good fortune to hear it in the future, I'll wager you won't forget it.

Following the service, a delicious turkey dinner was served and strangely enough some four-part

singing was even heard.

I am sure that Bob Dykstra had never really thought about the total number of wonderful people he has befriended throughout his Barbershop years but no doubt he was virtually overwhelmed by the love shown that bittersweet day by so many caring friends. God bless you, Bob!

But in a lighter, yet still poignant vein, it was a pleasure to see **Gary Rogness** and **Bruce Odell** at the service. These two are members of the 1982 LOL District Champion, and the 2004 International Seniors Champion quartet, *Downstate Express*. To this day both continue to proclaim that it was my wife, **Judy** (then **Ode**), that, in their quartet's early formative days, prepared them for the rigors of serious competition, the fruits of which have been so appreciated by audiences far and wide.

Gary has been stricken with an aggressive colon cancer and has embarked on a brutal chemotherapy regimen which allows him a "good" week or two between the rugged treatments. This was one of the good weeks for Gary and he seemed his old self with off-stage smiles (inside

joke for non-Barbershoppers), radiating an aura of joy for being with us that day and a glow of subtle demeanor that he is not about to give in to his affliction. All who know and love Gary have him in their thoughts and prayers.

As you are aware, **Mark Bloomquist** has taken over the *Sunshine Hotline* column from its progenitor, **Rich Ongna**. Mark's dad has been a clergyman providing Mark the opportunity to observe how to comfort bereaving souls, a work that Mark takes quite seriously. Thank you, Mark, for taking on the job.

FREE CONCERT TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

This Offer is to Encourage Inter-Chapter Activity

Have you ever wanted to go and see other chapter shows but didn't want to go alone or dish out your own money? Well, now you can, and go with people you know.

In an effort to support and reach out to other chapter performances, the Commodores Board has agreed to pay for four tickets, for up to six chapter concerts by our neighboring Barbershop performers in a given calendar year.

Some up-coming concerts which Commodores can chose from are listed in the last two issues of the Pitch Piper.

They are:

- September 16, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
- September 30, Greater St. Paul, with Chord Smash
- October 7, Stevens Point or Polk County, Wisconsin
- October 14, Ripon, Wisconsin, with Midnight Croon

Driving distances might determine your choices, but there are some close to the metropolitan area.

Next issue, we will try to publish the various Christmas shows around the area which you can choose from. I am also looking for Sweet Adelines shows both between now and Christmas and also for Christmas. We will get them into the next issue.

TFLBTMOT
continues
The Jim Richards
Matching Funds
Challenge
at the
11th Annual
BHS Open
Monday,
August 13, 2018
Elk River Country Club
Scramble Format
to benefit
Harmony Foundation's
Youth Festival
For further information
log on to
bhsopen.com

If interested in tickets, I need to know at least a week before the show that you want to attend. We will order them and have them placed for you in will-call at the front desk.

Enjoy!

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- August 20, Sunday, **St. Andrew Church, Eden Prairie, 8:45 & 10:00 a.m. services, Call Time 8:15 a.m.**
- August 20, Sunday, **Twins Singout, noon**
- August 22, Tuesday, **Minnetonka, Music In the Park, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd. Call Time 5:30 p.m.**
- September 23, Saturday, **Fall Contest Retreat, HOP, Call Time 9:30 a.m.**
- November 14, Tuesday, **Christmas Concert rehearsal with TC Show Chorus**
- November 28, Tuesday, **Christmas Concert rehearsal with TC Show Chorus**
- December 3, Sunday, **Christmas Concert**
- March 24, 2018, Saturday, **10,000 Lakes Division Contest, Stillwater**
- April 14, 2018, **Annual Show, Bethel University**

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- October 27-28, **LOL District Convention, Rochester, MN**

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- January 16-21, 2018, **Midwinter Convention, Orange County, California**

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