

# EVERGREEN DISTRICT CONTEST & JUDGING NEWS

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## ATTENTION SENIORS QUARTETS

***ALL district SENIORS quartets may enter the International Seniors Quartet Prelims***

Any seniors quartet meeting the guidelines as a seniors quartet (age and quartet registered with the BHS) may compete in the International Seniors Quartet Prelims. This is whether or not they competed in the spring. The quartets go through the same contest entry procedures as regular quartets, but the deadline for the deadline will be September 11, 14-days prior to the quartet semi-finals contest on September 24. Entering quartets will need to include on their CJ20 a minimum of two (2) legal songs to be sung in the competition, which will be held along with the quartet semi-finals. Since this a Prelims competition, the BHS rules will only allow the members of seniors quartets to compete in only one quartet also in this Prelim Contest.

The winning seniors quartet will represent Evergreen District at the BHS International Seniors Quartet Contest held in Tucson, AZ at the 2011 Midwinter convention. The remaining quartets will vie for wild card placement at that contest.

## APPLICATIONS FOR JUDGE TRAINING NOW OPEN

### I Think I'd Make A Fantastic Judge!

**THE SEARCH IS ON FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONTEST JUDGES**

- Deadline for submitting an application is December 31, 2010
- Contact the DRCJ for the required application

Many barbershoppers have asked me about the steps in becoming a judge for our BHS contests. Each certified judge has gone through a minimum of three years training to meet the rigid and high standards expected by the Society for our judges. Judges may be in the Music, Presentation and Singing categories or as Contest Administrators.

The search for the next generation of judges begins TODAY. In August 2010, after Certification Category School next summer, interested barbershoppers may apply through the District Representative of Contest and Judging (DRCJ) to be considered for entry in the next three-year judge training cycle. If you are interested in finding out more about being a judge contact Mike Lanctot, DRCJ, or any of the current Evergreen certified or candidate judges. They'll be happy to answer your questions and fill you in as to what to expect in the training. The DRCJ may be contacted at [mjlanctot@comcast.net](mailto:mjlanctot@comcast.net) or 1-425-349-1749.

Potential applicants are reminded that their application must include, at least, two letters of recommendation from current judges in the judging category they plan to be trained and certified in.

## DRAW FOR ORDER OF APPEARANCE AT FALL CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON

The draw for order of appearance for the Evergreen District Fall Contest will be announced via the Evernet and individual notification to all competitors through their contacts by August 15.

# **Improved Quartet Evaluations Planned for Fall District Contest Unveiled**

Beginning this fall, there will be changes in the procedures for **QUARTET** evaluations to make them more effective for quartets wishing evaluations and those who do not want evaluations following all competitions. In the past, a number of quartets indicated that they wanted an evaluation, but failed to show-up for their scheduled evaluation. This decision placed a burden on the judges, contest administrators, and those quartets who are at the tail end of the schedule.

We have made a decision that all quartets wishing an evaluation **MUST** reserve their time by paying a \$20 reservation fee upon entering the contest, which will be returned to them when they actually show-up at their scheduled evaluation time. Those paying the \$20 and failing to attend their evaluations will have their \$20 contributed to the Bud Leabo Memorial Fund. A similar procedure has been used in other districts with great success.

The hope is that all quartets wanting an evaluation will do the right thing when they say they wish an evaluation and that we can tighten-up the schedule enough that the judges, fellow quartets will benefit from an improved evaluation schedule after competition and those attending the evaluations will get in earlier since non-attending quartets will not clutter the schedule. Further details will be shared with the quartets when they are invited to the Fall District Contest in late June.

## **Judges certified at Category School Evergreen has two Judging Category Specialists**

Congratulations to Evergreen's judges who recently completed Category School for certification through July 2013. A total of 14 judges in Contest Administration, Music, Presentation, and Singing went through a challenging five-day category school in St. Joe, MO to complete the certification process. They are:

### **CONTEST ADMINISTRATOR**

Brian Ayers  
Ken Galloway  
Barry Knott  
Mike Lanctot  
Bob Thomas

### **MUSIC**

Bob Brock  
John Burri  
Jim Kahlke  
Jay Krumbholz  
Jeremiah Pope

### **PRESENTATION**

Marty Lovick  
Roger Mills  
John Sherburn

### **SINGING**

Tim Marron

Members of our district judging team have been elevated to higher positions in the BHS judging community for 2011 and possibly beyond. They are: Marty Lovick, the current Presentation Category Specialist, and Jim Kahlke, the Music Category Specialist, who begins service on January 1, 2011.

Be sure to thank these members of Evergreen District who are not only great judges, but dedicated barbershoppers to the improvement of singing and performance at all levels of our hobby.

## **Straight answers you can take to the bank...**

If you ever have a particular question about contest rules, eligibility, or anything regarding contest and judging contact the District Representative of Contest and Judging at [mjlanctot@comcast.net](mailto:mjlanctot@comcast.net) or 1-425-349-1749.