

# The Burlington



The Voice of the Green Mountain Chorus of the Barbershop Harmony Society since 1947  
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## International Contest Reaches New Highs! *Men in Black* Take Gold

If you attended or had the opportunity to listen to the Chorus and Quartet contest at International this year in Salt Lake City, you witnessed the most competitive contest ever in the Society. And if the College Quartet contest is any indication, it will continue to be more and more competitive in the future. Outstanding performances by choruses and quartets left the audience in awe of the musicality and performance aspects of each entrant.

*Masters of Harmony* took the gold in the Chorus finals, with a mind boggling display of choreography and singing. Even more impressive is that their solid sound was accomplished with 134 men on (or off) the risers, scoring an average of 93.6; *Northern Lights* again took silver with an inspiring performance and an average of 92.1.(46 men) Our own Northeastern District candidate, the **Granite Statesmen**, finished a respectable 18<sup>th</sup> among the 24 finalists, with a scoring average of 80.7.

In the college category, the big news is that *Men In Black* from the NED led the way and took down the **GOLD** medal (See **International**, p.2)

## UCANSING2 Is Coming

When you listen to Jim Henry, the director of 2004 Champs, Ambassadors of Harmony, tell you that they have an everyman's chorus, no different from anyone else, it inspires you to seek some way to keep adding members and improving as a chorus. After all, it is increased membership that will preserve our future, and make us a better performing chorus. Another commentator on the Webcast talked about a "Build It and They Will Come" attitude in attracting new members. What can we do to make the Tuesday rehearsal a place that people want to come to? This newsletter is open to comments and contributions from all members of the Chorus—the more ideas we can generate on how to bring in new members, the more successful we can become in the UCANSING2 campaign. Who knows?, we may even win this thing if we can sign on 15-20 new members.--Editor



(International, Cont'd.)

amid a plethora of excellent quartets. The story behind these guys is that they finished LAST in 2002 in Portland, Oregon, and worked to gain first place 3 years later—quite an accomplishment! In the Quartet finals, *Real Time* from the Evergreen District surprised everyone by taking FIRST, beating out *Max Q* who finished second for the second year in a row. *Metropolis* finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, up from 4<sup>th</sup> last year, and *Riptide* finished 4<sup>th</sup> down from 3<sup>rd</sup> last year, and *OC Times* finished in the medals in 5<sup>th</sup>, up from 18<sup>th</sup> last year. *Vocal Spectrum*, last year's Collegiate Champion, finished 6<sup>th</sup>, in their first International competition! Our personal, and I think a crowd favorite, *Saturday Evening Post*, finished 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Plattsburgh Picnic— Have You Signed On?

What are you doing this summer? Before it passes you by, take a trip over to Plattsburgh at Pointe Au Roche park and join in a picnic and some singing with the Plattsburgh chorus—plenty of games and comraderie and a chance to enjoy a sunny Sunday afternoon on the shores of Lake Champlain. It is this Sunday, July 17—call Reid Allen for details, 862-8987, or refer to the May 23<sup>rd</sup> *Burlingtone*.

**BARBERSHOP**  
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## Webcast “*Super Bowl*” Party at Huetzes Well Attended-

Several members and their spouses attended the Webcast of the International Convention at the home of Jerry and Judy Huetz on Saturday to view the Chorus and Quartet finals. Reid and Betty Allen, Dick and Jackie Labrecque, Bill and Mona Roberts, Dan and Sandy Venditti, Al and Nadine Carpenter, Mike Hermann, Steve Raymond, Hershel Pesner, Catherine Connolly and Margaret from the Echoes all were glued to the TV while watching the fascinating performances that day. It was the best of both worlds: watching the Convention LIVE, and sitting in the comfort of your home with easy access to food and drink. This is truly the Super Bowl of our hobby, and if you can't get your self to Convention, here is a way to experience it first hand. The Webcast included the Quartet quarterfinals on Wed.; the Chorus Wild Card contest on Thursday; the AIC show on Thursday; the Collegiate Quartet Contest on Friday; the Quartet Semifinals on Friday; the Chorus Finals and the Quartet Finals on Saturday, as well as commentary during these events by Phil DeBar in the studio—what a bargain!!



# CALENDAR

July 12- Regular rehearsal

**July 17**

**(Sunday)-Plattsburgh/GMC picnic**

July 18-Rutland Chorus Rehearsal (Mon.)

July 19-**No** Rehearsal at St. Francis

July 20-(Wed.)-Vermont Expos-(**Cancelled**)

July 29-Boy Scout Camp Singout-Eden, Vt.

July 27- **Package Show in Essex Jct.**

Aug. 2-Tues.-Vermont Expos Game

Aug. 6-**Package Show Montgomery, Vt.**

Aug. 12-13- Harmony College Northeast

Aug. 13-**Ethan Allen Tower Sing-Out**

August 20-**Karen Rourke Retreat(TBD)**

Aug. 24-(Wed.) Vermont Expos Game-Raffle & Anthem!!

**Sept. 13-Guest Night!!-National Campaign-UCANSING2**

Sept. 29-Oct. 2- Fall Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia —PLAN AHEAD !

**N.B.:**--Bob Grevatt has officially retired and his e-mail address is no longer valid—Bob is in the process of getting a new e-mail address. Please erase the old address immediately.