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NSC June '25 News

Membership Stats a/o 6/2/2025: NSC Active Membership: 479
NSC Registered Active Quartets: 43 / NSC Registered Active Choruses: 30

June Content is Here!! Kick up Your Heals...

- **Squeak Tilton**-Our Local Hero!
- **LHW**-All you need to know-Register NOW at Earlybird Discount!
- **HX**-There's Still Time to Register!
- **NEW! HU Scholarships** for returning attendees!
- **Denver!** Assist our **District's competitors** if you can!
- **Denver! Volunteers** Needed
- **In the District**-A Memorial Day Bash!
- **Denver!** Don't Miss and some easy links
- A reminder about our **Coaching** offerings!
- Where to...plan your next opportunity to **find us Singing!**
- And last but not least, our trusty **Calendar** of upcoming events

LOCAL RECOGNITION AWARD!

Local Barbershop Singer Achieves Extraordinary Milestone!

Bob "Squeak" Tilton recently celebrated 77 years of membership in The Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS). He is now the longest serving member of BHS who is still actively singing in both a chapter chorus and registered quartet. BHS is an International organization with approximately 14,000 members. Barbershop singing is non accompanied, four-part harmony style singing. Squeak was recognized in early April in front of an auditorium full of his peers at the Carolinas District Convention held at the BPAC at Sandhills Community College. The convention was hosted by the Pinehurst Chapter of BHS – The Golf Capital Chorus – of which Squeak is a former President and current Board Member. The recognition at the convention was fitting as Squeak was one of the creators of the Carolinas District. He also served as its first President in 2010. He was later inducted into the District Hall of Fame.

Honoring his unique position in the society, Squeak was presented with a framed letter from Steve Denino, the Executive Director and Acting CEO of BHS. In his message Steve noted the achievement as "nothing short of remarkable and we are deeply grateful for your steadfast commitment to

barbershop harmony “and that “you have embodied the very best of what it means to be a barbershopper”. Reference was also made to Squeak witnessing the evolution of the society and his playing an active role in shaping its legacy.

Speaking of evolution, it all started for Squeak when he and some friends were singing in a men’s chorus in the late 1940’s. At the suggestion of the father of one of Squeak’s friends, a few of the guys in the chorus visited a local barbershop chorus meeting. They loved it, being especially intrigued by the way the harmony, when sung correctly, “rings”, something that doesn’t happen in traditional choruses or quartets. They joined the BHS that night. Their original quartet name was “The Six Foot Four”, a reference to each member being at least 6 foot tall. When their lead moved away, the legendary Buzz Haeger joined the quartet. As Buzz was only 5’11” tall they changed their quartet name and became “The Four Tissimos”! The Squeak nickname started when he had sung the tenor (high) part but shortly after Buzz joined the quartet, he took the tenor role and Squeak moved over to be the Lead. But the nickname lives on till this day.

Three notable events happened for Squeak in the 1950’s. The first being when he and a group of fellow barbershoppers were singing in the International Convention headquarters hotel in Washington DC in 1954 and in walked President Eisenhower and his entourage. Ike asked them to keep singing and he and his group stayed and listened. Wow, how many of us have ever gotten to perform in front of a President of the United States! Later that year The Four Tissimos won their first ever Illinois District Quartet contest and in 1955 they would go on to win Third Place Medalist honors in the International Quartet contest!

Later on, Squeak was a member of a different quartet that would win the Illinois District contest in 1961 and a chorus that won the Dixie District contest in 2006. The two wins being over 40 years apart!

When asked what he enjoys about singing barbershop and why men in the Pinehurst area should consider joining The Golf Capital Chorus, Squeak cited the joy of singing four- part harmony, the camaraderie of a great group of guys and the charitable efforts the chorus is involved in.

Men interested in learning more about barbershop style singing and the Golf Capital Chorus (GCC) specifically, can email GCC at golf.capital.chorus.nc@gmail.com or come and join us any Monday night at 7pm at the Community Presbyterian Church, 125 Everette Road in Pinehurst.



Squeak Tilton



[LHW 2025](#)

Lakeside Harmony: Earlybird Extended to June 22 - Don't Miss this Opportunity!



[Click here for all the details at LakesideHarmony.org.](#)

OR

[Click to go directly to the registration link.](#)

[HU 2025](#)

Lakeside Harmony Explosion at Furman: Last Day to Register June 26

Harmony Explosion (HX25) is a fun & exciting 3-day immersion in a cappella singing & barbershop harmony for youth!

This is a can't miss event-just ask Mike! Registration includes 3 days/nights housing at Furman University in the dorms, all meals, music, learning tracks, and instruction. Plus a Saturday night public show and camp t-shirt.

Attendance is free for middle and high school music educators and for chaperones whose students attend.

[YOUTH: CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

[EDUCATORS/CHAPERONES: CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

[HU 2025](#)

Is There a Harmony U Scholarship for You?

- Previous HU students can receive a \$400 scholarship.
- [Complete this form](#) to receive your scholarship, then register for HU

Expand your skills as you meet new people and immerse yourself in the

environment that only HU can provide. And...the ice cream!

See what HU means for music educators

See what HU means for Next Gen singers

Reserve Your Spot Today!

Register before July 1!

[LOCAL ASSIST FOR QUALIFIERS](#)

WE'RE GOING TO DENVER...CAN YOU HELP?

Congratulations to our two (2!) Quartets, [Knock Knock! and Extra Credit](#), competing in our International Contest! Also participating, the [Land of the Sky Chorus](#).

If you'd like to add your financial support, click on the links above, and *Thank You!* We can't wait!

[INTERNATIONAL 2025](#)

DENVER - More Volunteers Needed!

Hello Fellow Singers (and your friends and family members)

We are so looking forward to our upcoming BHS International Contest the week of **June 30-July 5th**, where over 5,000 people will descend into Denver to SING! We've had a wonderful response from our volunteers but need a few more in the shifts mentioned below.

All volunteers will receive training/info before their duty begins AND a **free** beautiful purple golf shirt to be picked up in room #701 at the convention center. *Volunteers do NOT need to purchase a registration ticket. Taking light rail downtown is VERY convenient.

Here's some places we still need help:

- **Registration Table:** Greet People and give them their name tag and direct them anywhere using the map!
- **Barbertots Room:** Greet parents and welcome them and their kiddos into the room where the kids can play and grown-ups can watch the live stream contest! *Parents must stay with their own children the whole time (legally).
- **Riser Set up team:** Help set-up or take-down risers in the auditorium, ballroom, ready-room (3 diff areas, you choose where you'd like).
- **Chorus Host:** Guide a select chorus from their hotel (or the ready-room), through the lobby, and to backstage.
- **Harmony Marketplace:** Help set-up or take-down booths at the market place located in the upper D level at the Convention Center.
- **House Team door monitors and badge checkers** Check people's badges as they come in and close the doors before performers begin. *most will get to watch the contest during these shifts!
- **Volunteer Table:** Hand out volunteer T-shirts to all Volunteers or sign people up for more shifts (lap-top provided)

[Please click on this link to check all the shifts that are available.](#)

<https://barbershop-harmony-society.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=96114>

Thank you so much for helping to fill these important volunteer positions!

DISTRICT OUT-AND-ABOUT

Memorial Day Barbershop Bash

Memorial Day Weekend has historically been the time for family get togethers and cookouts as well as the unofficial kickoff for summer. So what could be more fitting than to bring together two barbershop families for an afternoon of camaraderie and barbershop singing?

Twenty-seven chorus members from Heart of Carolina and Oak City Sound gathered at the home of Paul and Tim for a Memorial Day Barbershop Bash. After an initial meet and greet, the hotdogs and hamburgers were brought from the grill to join the cornucopia of sides, drinks, and desserts. Hats off to JoAnne Coutlee for an awesome ravioli casserole and to everyone who brought food for the feast.

Formal entertainment kicked off right on time with Cosmic Harmony performing their recent contest set. Impromptu lived up to their name with a seemingly endless search for the pitch, but once found did a fine job.

Perhaps most fun was had with the Mix and Match quartets. Volunteers were randomly placed in quartets where they had 10 minutes to go off and find a song they could sing to entertain the party. As Santino Panzica remarked, “it was surprisingly good”. Kudos to all the quartets—they were not only mixed by gender, but by Chapter as well. Special shout out to Andy Fuson’s quartet who won the audience favorite, and an honorable mention to Quartet No. 2 who had the most relevant selection with the national anthem.

Closing out the party was tag time where everyone got a chance to sing some of our favorite tags. The overtime tag team, Jason Patrick, Santino Panzica, Andie Piddington, Joe Simpson and Tim Kinsey sang until the threat of doing dishes got them to go home.

A good time was had by all and we’re all looking forward to the next get together. Hot Dog Night anyone?

~Paul Martin



And for even more...[click here for a bit of the VoCaL FuN!](#)

Whether you'll be there, or watching it in pieces or in total via links, here's a few things we don't think you should miss:

- **Link to General Event**

Listings: <https://www.barbershop.org/events/denver/schedule>

- **Link to Event Program with Details:** Download Pdf

at <https://www.barbershop.org/events/denver/schedule>

- **Link for Itemized schedule of performers**(with times!), and ability to take notes: <https://whosup.live/bhs25>

- **Knock Knock: Tues, 2:05 pm**
- **Extra Credit: Tues, 8:38 pm**
- **Land of the Sky Chorus: Sat, 4:42 pm**

We all have our Favorites, so please check the program (pdf) to see the order of performances, members and affiliation.

And, if you're there, there is SO MUCH MORE, including classes!

MUSIC

Coaching Available!

Our District Coaching Program is here for you! We're organizing more visits now. Contact Tom now and schedule some stellar coaching so you can wow your audiences even more! **Please also ask us what you need to know about this program...**

Contact [Tom Parker](#) if you have any questions.

BHS NEWS

Endless Opportunities to Experience our Best!

1. Join us for an incredible mountaintop experience: our [2025 International in Denver](#), **June 29-July 6!** It's a "don't miss" event, with an enhanced chorus contest draw to make it even better in 2025.

3 Our very own [Lakeside Harmony Weekend \(LHW\)](#) and [Harmony Explosion Camp](#), in partnership with the Southeastern Harmony District, will occur at Furman Univ, SC: **July 18-20 for Adults, July 17-20 for Students**. Register NOW!

4. As it's often called 'The best week in singing', [Harmony University](#) will be held again **July 27 - Aug 3 in Denver**. Classes, coaching, choruses...you name it, you can experience it! And returning scholarships available...above.

Our Calendar

Your Link to Upcoming **District** and **BHS** Events

Click the link for the official [District Calendar](#), that includes time and place. Here's a recap of what's scheduled to date. Contact District Secretary **Richard Harris** at

secretary@carolinasdistrict.org to get your **chapter show** cleared for posting to the District calendar, etc.



[June 29 - July 6 -BHS International Convention](#) - Denver, CO
July 16-20 - Harmony Explosion Camp- Furman U, SC
July 17-20 - Lakeside Harmony Weekend- Furman U, SC
July 27-Aug 3 - BHS Harmony University- Denver, CO
Oct 4-Charlotte Chapter Show
Oct 18- Winston-Salem Chapter Show

Important Links

[> Carolinas Barbershop Harmony](#)

[> Barbershop Harmony Society
\(BHS\)](#)

[> BHS Free Classes and Tutorials!](#)

[> Previous Carolina Crooners](#)

Please send in letters, photos and comments with your opinions, ideas and experiences to share, and ideas to ponder. **We're always interested in celebrating what it is you are doing** out and about and at your rehearsals!

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