

GOULBOURN MALE CHORUS – NEWSLETTER #1/18

Welcome Back!!!

We hope you are settled back after the Festive season and ready for some great singing and fun rehearsals. The weather has confounded our first rehearsals, so we will need to work hard and diligently to get up to standard.

Personnel: At the time of writing Harry is back home recovering from his heart attack. He was most touched by the card we sent.

Our condolences to Bonnie on the loss of her mother on 25th January.

Board Meetings

We have one vacancy on the board. Please consider stepping up to help run this organisation.

Artistic Committee: The members this year are Gary K, Ian G and Paul. Scott has asked for the AC to continue to assist him with music selection and with concert planning. The board has agreed that the AC will also take part in assessing the appropriateness/preparedness of guest artists at our concerts.

Xmas Concert: Feedback. Scott was happy with the concert as were our audience from what we hear. In the end we had about 200 in the audience – with 45 (almost 25%) walk ins. We netted about \$2,250 from the event. This included \$457 from “Gift Card tree” sales.

Chorus Notes - Some folks may be asked to change voice part as we endeavour to get a better balance among the Bass/Barr, and Tenors. We also need to work on our cut offs, and vowel sounds.

Publicity: We have John Curry of Metroland media to thank for a wonderful, almost 2 page spread reporting on the concert in the last edition of the Stittsville News. John has been a big supporter of GMC, and we sent him a note thanking him for his support over the years. Rumour has it that he is working on resurrecting a local paper – stand by!

This Season's plans:

First up is the Night at the Races fund raiser...Feb 18th – This is a wonderful evening of dining and playing the ponies (if you want) – low cost fun – with a substantial portion of the ticket sales going back to the chorus. In addition we have a sponsor who will get some exposure at the races and the sponsorship money will come to us. And on top of that we get a chance to sing to an audience that could be several hundreds!! Scott has chosen some pieces and we will be working them up for Feb. 18th. Please support this fund raiser if you can and get your tickets from Peter as soon as possible.

Spring Concert: The Spring Concert is set for Sunday 29th April @ 2pm, with the Dress rehearsal on Friday 27th @ 6.30pm. As usual we have had to work around other concerts, church bookings and MD availability. The theme is “Swing into Spring”.

It is highly desirable that the dress rehearsal be a full rehearsal with all guests, ensembles, Emcee (if we have one), slide show, etc., present and a full run of the concert and the “choreography”. (In fact the only thing that need not be just like the concert is the dress!!!!) – So PLEASE Mark off Friday 27th evening and avoid making other commitments on that date if at all possible.

Sing outs: two are being worked on by Rory. There is an opportunity to sing out at the Stittsville Food Bank on 24th May and we are discussing running rehearsals on past the concert date in order to prepare for this, and perhaps get our “repertoire” songs tuned up. More to follow on these.

We may also have an opportunity to sing at the Carp Memorial Remembrance Day event on 11th November.

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