

VALLEY BATON CLUB

MARCH 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

Campbell Easter Eggstravagaza

April 19th, Saturday

Report 9am at the Campbell Community Center for show at 9:30am

Easter Egg Hunt (bring your basket) 10am

Report 11:30am at the railroad tracks in Downtown Campbell for Bunnies and Bonnets Parade at Noon

(more information in April Newsletter)

PHMC

April 26th, Saturday

The CA Baton Council has confirmed Folsom as the location...is your family willing to travel to Folsom to still attend the team competition? Arrival time is 8am. Please check-in with Julia.

2014 PHMC ESSAY CONTEST TOPIC

“California will host the 2014 National Championships. This is a great opportunity for California twirlers to shine and show their leadership skills. How has twirling helped you be a leader, and how do these skills transfer to other parts of life?”

Entry Deadline: Received by April 11, 2014

See the cabatoncouncil.com website for more details.

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SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Thanks for all of your support at the start of 2014 and the 2014 Twirling Season. We had a successful first competition with all teams performing their best. Jump Start bringing home first place honors and Delight coming in a close second place. Freestyles were well received by the audience. VBC dominated the foundation events and CAS events, including Maya coming home with the SC “Souper” Twirler of the Day. We will continue working hard towards new goals. Enjoy the weather along with all of the blooming flowers (like your athletes) ahead.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Who was Patsy Hamilton?

A: Patsy Hamilton supported the sport of baton twirling for over 50 years before her passing. She not only loved baton twirling, she enjoyed dancing, poetry, reading and writing. She was an accomplished coach and adored judge. With her unexpected passing in 1994, her loss was felt by many people in the baton twirling community.

Q: Why is the competition called the PHMC?

A: The end of the competition season culminates with a CA Baton Council sponsored competition. This competition is named in her honor.

Q: What is special about this competition?

A: The memorial event includes an essay contest, where young athletes submit one page essays on a given topic, such as sportsmanship, competitiveness, or inspirational mentors. Over the years it's been wonderful to share the thoughts of competitors with the Hamilton family. The family judges these essays, ranging in age from about 7 to 17, on what life lessons the sport of baton twirling teaches. The essay award is presented at the competition and the essay is read aloud.

Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world. –**Harriett Tubman**

DON'T FORGET BUDGET ITEMS MARCH & APRIL

Two Local Contests & State Team Entry Fee \$30 per athlete due 3/5

National Team Entry Fee \$25 per athlete due 4/2

CALENDAR DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

2014

March 8 th , Saturday	Revolution Contest	Mather Rec, Rancho Cordova
March 22 nd , Saturday	K&K and D D Contest	Fresno area
April 12 th , Saturday	Buckeye Cuties Contest	Redding area
April 19th, Saturday	Campbell Eggstravanza & Parade	9am & 11:30am
April 26th, Saturday	PHMC Council Contest	Folsom
May 17 th & 18 th Sat/Sun	CA State Championships	Freedom HS Brentwood
June 22/23	Western Regional	TBD
July 1, 2, 3 rd	Kids To Nationals Training Sessions	3pm to 6pm
July 4 th	4 th of July Parade	The Villages SJ
July 7 th to 12 th (11 th /12 th)	US Twirling Association Nationals	Stockton



Athletes may enter individually at any local competition listed. The **BOLDED** events are for VBC group numbers that will represent the club.

TWIRL MANIA RESULTS

Twirl Mania was held from February 14th to February 16th in Orlando, Florida. The ESPN Wide World of Sports was host of this fantastic competition. Courtney and Jenny travelled independently with Coach Paige for the five-day competition/mini-vacation. The first day started with the Gold Invitational. It consisted of their solo, coordination (2 and 3 batons), and freestyle routines. Each performed well and learned from the tough division of over 25 athletes. On Saturday, they competed in the open competition including strut and dance twirl. Each athlete scored the top 5 in their divisions. When they were not competing in the arena, Courtney and Jenny were able to go to the Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, Epcot, Downtown Disney, and a bit of shopping at the outlet mall nearby. Paige was able to squeeze in a little time for herself too!

NATIONAL HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND CLUB DINNER



National Hotel Reservations

Reservations have been made for the families of Jump Start and Delight twirlers.

Marriott Courtyard in Stockton: 3252 West March Lane Stockton, California 95219

The cost is \$133.28 (includes tax) for a total of \$266.56.

Please check-in with Julia for dates and to confirm your reservation. If you'd like to share with another family, that's fine as well. This will be paid at the hotel by your own credit card.

Club Dinner

Our team dinner will be held at the **Old Spaghetti Factory** (2702 W March Ln, Stockton) on Friday, July 11th after the competition. The restaurant is about .5 miles away from the Marriott Courtyard. All meals will include an entrée, salad, bread, non-alcoholic drink and spumoni ice cream. Kid's meal (12 and under) is \$10 each. Kids 13 and over and adults are \$20.

Payment is prepaid to VBC on or before July 1.



As a reminder, the National Competition begins at 8am, so athletes are expected to report to the arena at 7am each morning.

MESSAGE FROM THE CA COUNCIL PRESIDENT (Email copied directly from Kristine Rodriques)

Coaches, please take a moment before competitions and educate your students/parents on the proper protocols of our competitions. For the safety of our athletes and your own safety, we are asking that parents do not enter the competition floor and that there must not be any walking on the floor when the music is playing. It is the responsibility of the Competition Directors and the Board Members to monitor to ensure that the floor maintains clearance for the safety of our athletes. Contest Directors, please ensure that you have sufficient oversight to address these safety protocols. The CBC Board also requests that Contest Directors designate the team/freestyle judges' area. Having to explain why interested parents, students, or bystanders that they cannot sit or stand in this area is distracting to our judges, and prevents them from adequately evaluating the performances. Thank you!