

Chord Rustlers

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **May 27, 2012**
Sing-out, Soldier's Chapel
- ◆ **May 28, 2012**
Memorial Day Parade
- ◆ **July, 2012**
[Portland]
International Convention
- ◆ **August 3-5, 2012**
Sweet Pea Festival
- ◆ **September 27-29, 2012**
District Contest,
Spokane, WA

We Rustled Some Really Good Chords at Divisional!!

The Chord Rustlers showed we can sing with the best of them coming in 2nd in the chorus contest with 849 points [70.8%] and only 23 points behind Boise [872, 72.7%]. We earned the "Most Improved Chorus" for the 2nd contest in a row [District, 2011].

With 33 singers on stage, we were able to WOW the judges greatly improving our presentation scores and moving up in our music and singing scores. The venue in Kennewick was outstanding with good acoustics and seating capacity.

Now that we are officially an "A" chorus, the sky's the limit as to where we can go from here. Thank you to our Helena and Missoula dual members for taking the time to drive to Bozeman and Helena for the extra rehearsals. And also thank you to the Chord Rustlers and Natalie for your devotion to learning the songs well. We make a good team. *DH*



Who is this Chord Rustler?



Periodically, "The Old Chorale" will have an article describing a member's life and experiences.

Our featured Chord Rustler, Shane Strasser, grew up in Freeman, South Dakota, a small town close to Sioux Falls. "I loved growing up in a small town. You knew everyone in the school and could be involved in literally, every extracurricular activity that the school had. I have two older siblings, a brother and a sister. They're a huge part of my life and have always encouraged and supported in everything I do."

Getting involved in music "sorta happened naturally." "Everyone in my family had been involved in music. I originally first started singing in our kid's church choir and have been singing ever since. Plus I've always really liked listening to music for as long as I can remember." Shane has very fond memories of blaring his "Back to the Future" cassette tape and dancing all over the living room. "I was fortunate enough to have a great music teacher in middle school who really encouraged me to take pride in my voice, and she really pushed me to become a better singer. Ever since then, I've been involved in music in all shapes and forms, from musicals to rock bands."

As a young boy in South Dakota, Shane's time was split between swimming and playing with Lego's. "I also did my fair share of video games. As I got older I got into sports, especially running. I was also involved in the arts, especially singing and acting. I was able to perform in several plays and musicals in high school."

Shane first found out about Bozeman during a ski trip in high school and through that trip, discovered MSU. During his senior year of undergrad, Shane looked at MSU as a possibility for graduate school in computer science and then decided it would be a great place to study. This August will mark Shane's third year in Bozeman.

Shane says about the future, "I sorta have two plans... One is that I'd like to go work in some research and development lab; the other is to teach at the university level in Computer Science."

What "sage advice" does Shane have for younger members of our chorus or others considering joining? "I'd have to say just get involved in music in any way shape or form. Singing is such a powerful and timeless art, so take pride in your voice and always keep working at making yourself a better singer." One of Shane's favorite activities "is taking long walks on the beach." [Sorry Shane, no beaches in Bozeman.]

Shane sings Tenor in **The Quaternions Quartet** made up of students and faculty from Montana State University. Shane joins John Sheppard (Lead), Jesse Sheppard (Bass), and Liessman Sturlaugson (Baritone). Since forming in 2010, the quartet has had the pleasure of performing in competition and entertaining groups around the Gallatin Valley at birthday parties, Christmas parties, and other special events. Shane is also an "at large" member of the Chord Rustler Board and a member of the Bozeman Symphony Choir. *DH*



"It's election season again..."
Dwight Adams

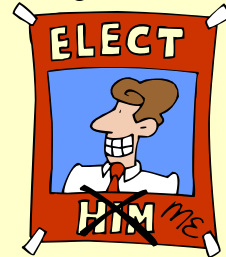


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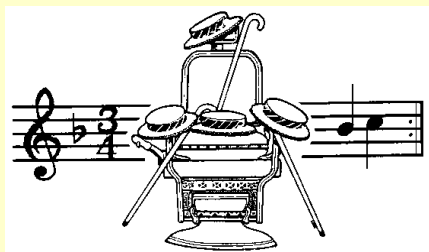
It's election season again, a process that only seems to go on forever. The remarkable thing about our democracy is that the elections don't bring on gunfights or riots in the streets. But it seems to me that as Barbershoppers we should remind ourselves of an item in the Society's Code of Ethics, to wit: "We shall not permit the introduction of political, religious, or other controversial issues into the affairs of the Society." Some of us remember an unfortunate incident when an opinion seemed to come from the Chord Rustlers. This prompted the need to clarify our non-political status. We need to make sure we avoid even the appearance of partisanship. I think that even means that we charge a fee, if we contract to sing for any kind of political gathering. I can hold as many goofy opinions as I want to, but not as a Chord Rustler.

Dewey



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May, June Birthdays

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| May 8 | Jim Osen |
| May 10 | Steve Adams |
| May 13 | Satch Freswick |
| May 13 | Charles McGuire |
| May 13 | Jack Lehman |
| June 7 | John Robinson |
| June 14 | Jesse Lee |
| June 19 | Jerry Hovland |
| June 27 | Frank Smith |
| June 28 | Ray Stinnett |

Donald Leroy Brelsford (1933–2012)



Donald Leroy Brelsford passed away Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at the Marcus Daly Hospice in Hamilton, Mont. He was born Aug. 10, 1933, the son of Hazel and Robert Brelsford in Bozeman.

Don grew up in Bozeman, attended high school, class of 1952. He went to Montana State College, graduated in 1956, doing doctoral work until 1962.

Don worked as a chemical engineer for Anaconda Aluminum, Thiokol, Martin Marietta and ADM before returning with his family to Bozeman. In 1968, Don started a consulting firm researching solar energy and ethanol fuel.

Don loved skiing, was a Bridger Bowl ski patrolman, sat on the boards of Bridger Bowl, the Bridger Canyon Zoning Commission and the Bridger Ski Education Foundation. Memorials can be made in his name to BSEF. In recent years, he enjoyed the Sons of Norway and singing with the **Chord Rustlers**.

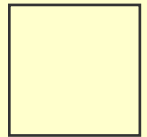
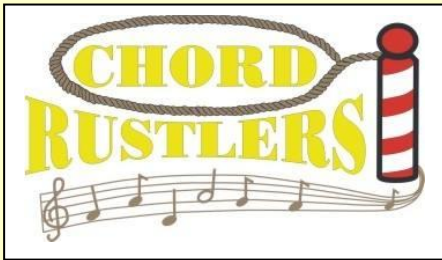
He married Leola Vaughn in 1954 and had five children; they divorced in 1982. Don is survived by two ex-wives, Leola and Joann; daughters, Pam Morris and Holly Faris; sons, Dan Brelsford and Richard (Skip) Brelsford; their husbands, wives and 10 grandchildren, Jessi Faris, Kate Morris, Jackson Morris, Jaimi Faris, Branden Brelsford, Sam Brelsford, Tanner Brelsford, Silver Brelsford, Heidi Brelsford and Mariah Brelsford; as well as a nephew, Robert Jackson and niece, Kim Jackson. Don was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Shirley Jackson; ex-wife, Linda; and a daughter, Rebecca.

Don requested cremation. His family and friends will scatter his ashes up School Gulch in the Bridger Mountains he loved so much. His family wishes to thank the amazing nurses at Marcus Daly Hospice in Hamilton for their tender care and support in his last week. **Published in Bozeman Daily Chronicle on May 20, 2012**

Chord Rustlers meet Tuesdays at Grace Bible Church, 3625 South 19th, Bozeman. Rehearsals are from 7:00–9:30 p.m. Guests are always welcome.

Mission Statement — Bozeman Chord Rustlers

“The mission of the Chord Rustlers is to sing *a cappella*, four-part harmony, in the barbershop style, to support vocal music education of youth, and to provide audiences with wholesome entertainment for all occasions by men who enjoy musical and social camaraderie, desiring to share their love of music within the community, and who aspire to grow in musical excellence and preserve the tradition of four-part harmony singing.”



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