



Support the Annual Notre Dame Trivia Night!

- **Saturday, April 4, 2020**
- **Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner served at 6:15 p.m.**
- **No host bar open at 6:00 p.m. Games start at 7:00 p.m.**

Since so few Alumni send in the Annual Alumni Membership Fee of \$20, Trivia Night is the Association's main source of revenue.

Through the funds that it has raised, the Association has supported Notre Dame in a number of ways, including helping to furnish and decorate the Chapel; providing annual scholarships to two children of alumni who are graduating; funding gifts to mark the retirement of long-serving teachers; making donations to the school building, etc.

It is hoped that this year's event will be the most successful so far. To this end, in response to suggestions from patrons, the Executive has moved the event to a Saturday evening as many found it difficult to attend on Friday after work. We've made every effort to make the questions easier so that players will feel more fairly challenged.

Past attendees have stated that they have enjoyed Trivia nights, both for the fun of the game and as social occasion.

Please plan to attend the Notre Dame Trivia Night by forming a team of up to eight, or simply by coming and joining others to form a team!

The cost is ONLY \$25.00 which covers a pasta dinner; entry to games, prizes for the most successful team, and a chance to win one of several door prizes.

You won't regret it as you will have the satisfaction of supporting the Notre Dame Alumni



Association while having a lot of fun at the same time!

Trivia Night 2020

The ND Alumni Association presents its ever-popular Annual Trivia Night SATURDAY April 4, 2020!

- **Price:** \$25.00
- **Date:** Saturday, April 4th
- **Location:** Notre Dame (of course!) 2880 Venables St.
- **Registration:** 6:00 pm
- **Dinner:** 6:15
- **Games:** 7pm sharp!

Many, many door prizes as well as prizes for the most successful teams. Teams size: 8 players, but smaller groups can be merged. Contact Lana Tesan: Itesan@gmail.com or Alan Charlton: alancharlton@telus.net

Senior Boys Soccer

This year's version of the Senior Boys Soccer team was a great mix of new and returning athletes. After a heart breaking knock out while competing for the Provincial final last year, the boys returned with a desire and commitment to return and show what they were made of. With over thirty-five boys trying out for the team making the final squad of twenty-one was extremely difficult. The team struggled through the first couple of games trying to find the best way to play with one another but they quickly found their groove.

The BC Catholic Soccer Championship started with a bang with three straight victories. A tough loss to St. Thomas Aquinas in the semi finals left the boys disappointed and looking to regroup for the remainder of the season. The boys dusted themselves off, put on their work boots, and prepared themselves for zone playoffs. For the first time this year the zone playoffs were between Vancouver and the North shore (Vancouver Sea to Sky Zone). As fate would have it, it was another battle against STA in the final, but this time ND came out on top with the victory.

Fast forward to Provincials, where five games in three days can take a toll on any team. The squad

struggled through their first game but from then on were a dominant force, advancing their way to the final. For the third time they were matched up against STA and the boys were ready for the challenge. When the final whistle blew our Notre Dame Jugglers were well deserving Provincial Champions!

Special congratulations to Brandon Torresan for being named MVP of the tournament and a special shout out to the parents for all the support of the program and to the students of Notre Dame who came out in numbers to cheer the team on.

Coach Pavan & Tempesta



SENIOR BOYS PROVINCIAL SOCCER CHAMPIONS

“Strike up the Band”

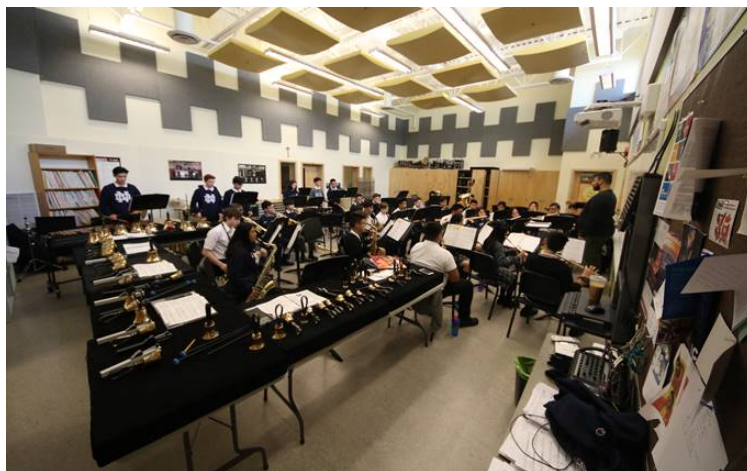
Several times I have had the pleasure of taking alumni on a tour of the “new” Notre Dame School building. While the alumni have invariably been very impressed with what they have seen, they are often most impressed with the Band room – not least of all because they themselves did not have the opportunity to take Band as a subject when attending ND. In fact, the Band programme has been part of the school’s curriculum since 2003. In that year, Mike Cooke, who had long dreamed of there being a Band element in school life, was fortunate to hire Marizza Mislant to launch the program. Since then, directors Ethan Shoemaker, Dr. Dean Markel and Quentin Paras have continued Ethan’s lead and enthusiastically developed the programme. Today, Imran Amarshi, a graduate of UBC’s School of Music, proudly continues the traditions so well established by his predecessors, with truly impressive results.

When signing up for Band for the first time, each student is introduced to a variety of instruments, and with the aid of the teacher, selects the one he/she would like to learn. Currently 140 students, almost one fifth of the student body, are taking Concert Band as one of their classes, requiring at least one after school session per week. In



addition, some 40 of them are members of the Junior and Senior Jazz Bands, practicing one lunch hour and one after school session each week. Many who have attended school functions, such as the recent “Uncorked” have had the pleasure of hearing the Jazz Band perform. All the Notre Dame Bands perform at school concerts at various times of the year; many were delighted and impressed with their playing at last year’s Graduation ceremony. In addition, the Band students have been on several trips to places such as Whistler and Victoria, and have also had the honour of playing in Hawaii at the Pearl Harbor site, as well as performing with distinction at the Kiwanis and Cantando festivals.

It is a further testimony to the success of the Band programme, that graduating students are applying to programs in Band Direction, Composition, and Music Technology at UBC.



Meanwhile, the Notre Dame Band programme continues to grow. As each of the Band Directors at Notre Dame has done, Mr. Amarshi has also brought to the school his own unique contribution. Noteworthy, in his case, he has introduced Hand Bell Ringing as a new strand of musical performance. Thanks to financial support from the Administration, the Parent Support Group, and the Notre Dame Alumni Foundation, the school was able to purchase at considerable

cost, a set of Hand Bells. Audiences at school concerts have taken great pleasure in listening to the lovely music the student bell ringers have created.

Of course, though the Band programme has grown steadily, it is still facing challenges. Impressive though it is, and surprising to many, the Band Room is actually proving to be too small. A victim of its own success, the Concert Band has grown so much that Mr. Amarshi now has 40 instrumentalists. When they bring their instruments and their music stands to sessions, the situation is decidedly challenging. Then, too, there is always the need for instruments. Mr.



Amarshi dreams of purchasing, among other things, a marimba (cost \$20,000), a second bassoon (\$8,000) and a gong (\$3,000). Obviously, a Band programme is expensive, but it is equally obvious that the students at Notre Dame have embraced the programme, and in doing so have not only learned about music, but have also developed a passion for and understanding of it which will serve them well throughout their lives. If anyone would like to make a donation to the musical life of Notre Dame, please send a contribution to the Alumni, clearly marked “Band Instruments”. It will help make the school and the world a happier place.

Meanwhile, Mr. Amarshi and the dedicated students continue to produce beautiful music as they work in harmony together. It is an impressive

part of school life of which Notre Dame can be justly proud. May the Notre Dame Concert Band long play on!

by Alan Charlton

Balsa Bridge Contest 40th Anniversary

What began as a one-time event with a budget of ten dollars will this month celebrate its 40th anniversary.

The Physics Balsa Bridge Building Contest began as an event designed to encourage hands-on work with simple tools and materials. After the first contest was held, the students voted overwhelmingly to have it continue.

Continue it has, with the rules exactly as they were for that first event, with only minor clarifications to the testing, adding the requirement of visual evidence to the “audible cracking” rule, and adding the word “approximately” to the requirement for a level roadway, to accommodate innovative contestants who wanted to experiment with strength from curved roadways.

In its own way the Bridge Building Contest has become part of the fabric of Notre Dame life. How wonderful it is to see contestants today with their name going on the master trophy that already bears a parent’s name!

Over the past two decades the Contest has gained the extra dimension of extensive corporate and institutional sponsorship, producing scholarships that encourage our physics students to pursue careers in engineering, physics, and technology in general.

In the early years the contest was held in the physics lab but it quickly outgrew that space and has been staged mostly in the auditorium ever



since. It has even been held “on the road”, once at the PNE Forum, and once at Science World.

After 1500 or so bridges you might think every design and innovation has been tried by now. Of course it’s not so and every year brings something never seen before. As for breaking the all-time strength record, it seems that these breakthrough records tend to last around ten years. Last year’s winning bridge was about 50 kilograms below the 273.6 kilogram record. If you must, and because some readers of this newsletter were schooled in pre-metric times, that’s 603 pounds!

Peter Vogel/Sonia Prasad

1990 Reunion in June

Attention Grads of 1990! Plans are now set for our upcoming 30th reunion.

- When: Saturday, June 6th, 2020 @7pm
- Where: Croatian Cultural center
- Address: 3250 Commercial Dr, Vancouver, BC

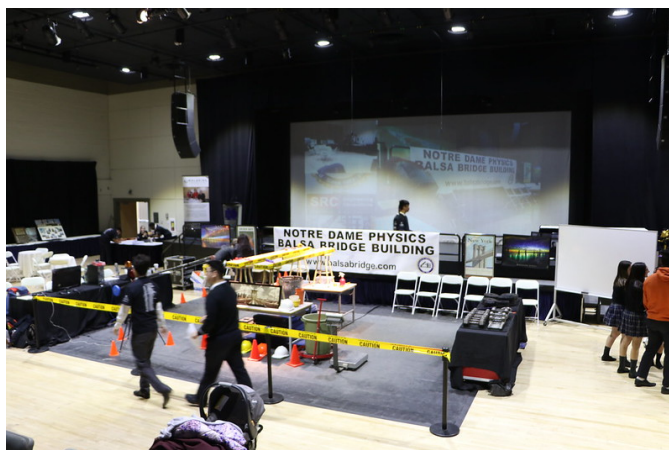
GRADS ONLY PLEASE. Details can be found at www.notredamegrad90.com

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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Looking forward to hearing from you!



Marconato Scholarship

Laurie Marconato's (1982) family has kindly set up a scholarship in her name. It will be \$500 a year for 5 years and awarded to a student who, among other things, has an interest in pursuing education as a career.

Events for Young Alumni

Recent grads have made a number of suggestions to attract more interest from younger alumni.

One suggestion is to set up a social media site for communications. Younger grads may not be inclined to attend beer tastings, wine tastings, trivia nights. They want more social events, like opening up the gym for a chance to play badminton or volleyball, etc. While these events may not be big fundraisers, the Association recognizes that building the ND community is also vitally important.

What do you think? Do you have any other ideas for engaging with more Alumni? Would you like to help out and get involved with social media, or organizing an event? Send us an email at ndalumni@ndalumni.org with your ideas, suggestions and get involved! Join us in building the ND community and supporting the school.

Athletic Field Update

The city had set 10 conditions which have been met to move forward. We are now waiting to hear from the city. Look for more information in our next newsletter and on the web site at ndalumni.org and subscribe to our mailing list for more information.

Subscribe and Donate!

The Alumni has set up an electronic payment using PayPal on the website. Click on the yellow "Donate" button on the home page at <http://ndalumni.org>. This will take you to PayPal where you can pay your registration or donate to the Association. Thanks in advance!

We need to reach more people! Please persuade your alumni friends to send in their email addresses if they're not already receiving the online newsletter. And please support us by paying the annual fee. It only takes a few minutes - and you'll be helping keep the communication flowing.

Notre Dame Alumni Association Membership Form

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Please provide the following information
with your \$20.00 cheque:

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