

Capital City Chorus 2007 High School and Novice Invitational a huge success

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On May 7, 2007, the *Ottawa Capital City Chorus* (CCC) held a quartet invitational at its rehearsal hall. In all, seven high school (including a mixed quartet) and 11 novice quartets registered for the event.

The high school quartets were given access to five different barbershop arrangements and learning tracks on the CCC web site www.capitalcitychorus.org and had to choose two for the contest.

This event had been masterfully promoted by **Ken Lantier**, the V.P. Marketing for CCC. He contacted over 40 schools (most of them in person) and received a remarkable welcome from all.

Canterbury High School, whose primary focus is arts, sent three quartets.

With the help of *Play it Again!* and *Common Interest* they visited the schools and sang for music classes. Ken developed relationships with the music teachers and he hopes to facilitate the promotion of barbershop in the nations capital.


The winners of the high school contest, *Gibbe and the Supertotics* from Canterbury, took home a cheque for \$600 and a donation of \$500 to their school's music program. In addition they had the privilege of being the first to have their name on the Wellington Street High School Trophy donated by the quartet of the same name.

Second and third-place took respectively \$400 and \$200. Each

competing quartet will also receive a DVD of their performance for prosperity. All prizes were donated by CCC.

This project was developed with the intent to give the bug to kids before they get too busy to find out about this wonderful hobby.

The enthusiasm and sheer courage with which some quartets performed created an electrifying mood for all chorus members and parents in the audience. To see an 82-year-old Barbershopper jump up and cheer after four 15-year-old students rang the tag is something to be seen. One member said "They gave us way more joy then we ever wanted to share with them!"

Pictures and video recordings of the event are available at www.capitalcityshorus.org 

Ontario District Bulletin Editor of The Year results

By Waldo Redekop, Ontario PROBE contests co-ordinator

Congratulations to the five editors that submitted their bulletins for the 2006 Bulletin Editor of The Year contest. Three were in the actual contest and two that were not eligible for the contest entered for critique only to allow them to receive suggestions on how they could improve their bulletins. The results are as follows.



<u>Editor</u>	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Wayne Whittaker	Off The Risers	Barrie
Clayton Cober	Quotes & Notes	Mount Forest
Ted Byers	Sound Bytes	Hamilton
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Hugh Timmerman	Encore Notes	Owen Sound
Bill Ainsworth	The Clipper	London 



Photo — Donna Redekop
Waldo Redekop (L), Ontario District PROBE contests co-ordinator, presenting the 2006 **Jim Smith Bulletin Editor of The Year trophy** to **Wayne Whittaker**, editor of the *Barrie Chapter's Off The Risers*, for his first-place finish in the contest. 

Lost your last issue?

By Waldo Redekop, editor

Ever want to check something that you read in The Trillium but couldn't find your copy? Now you have the chance. I am in the process of placing the articles and some of the pictures on the web.

Alex Beamish, our web master, has given me a page. I have placed a front page which links to a page for

specific issues with an index of articles and other things. I started with the last issue.

If you want to see what I am writing about, check it out at <http://www.ontariodistrict.com/Trillium>.

I plan to add this one shortly and work my way back over the summer and see how many more I can add. Any suggestions, drop me a line. 