



Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!

# THE SCORE

February 11, 2004

Blacksburg Community Band Newsletter

## Meet the Band

**M**et Fred Hodges who has been playing tenor sax with us since January 2003 and was recently elected Band President (he's astonished, yet grateful). His real job is dad to 2 dogs, a hamster and fish, and 3 sons - ages 12 (Nathaniel - sax), 8, and 7. He has been married for 17 years and graduated from VT in 1987. He is glad to be back home. He also is pastor at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Christiansburg. He likes to read



Fred Hodges

and do minor home repair and is a long-suffering Redskins fan.

Meet Terry Nichol森. He has been playing in the band for 2 years. He has 2 grown daughters and a 4-year-old granddaughter. He is



Terry Nichol森

director of Smithfield Plantation and likes to restore old homes (like the home he and Terri (clarinet) are restoring in Narrows.)

## Happy New Year

**W**elcome to a new year with the Blacksburg Community Band. While this is only the second time I've been through this wintry cycle preparing for the Spring Concert, I realize others have done it for many seasons. I look forward to clear Wednesdays (and I'm always disappointed when the weather knocks out our rehearsals) so we can play together and share our friendships through music. Please support your officers as we work to support Ed and the Band. Let's work hard and practice hard to make this 15th Anniversary year the best. See you in Band.

- *Fred*

## Tax Form

**I**f you itemize your deductions and would like to take advantage of your charitable contributions to the band through your mileage, uniform, and other expenses, watch for an email from Ed in the new few weeks. The form will also be posted under Member Info on the website:

<http://arts.bev.net/blacksburgcommunityband>

## Band Activity Day

**M**ark your calendar for **Sunday February 15** from 1:00 – 5:00pm for the first band activity day! It will be held at the Blacksburg Recreation Center (Patrick Henry Drive.) **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** All are welcome (friends, family, or someone off the street). If you haven't come before, make this your first time to come, share some food and laughs, and help us sort music and prepare for upcoming band events. Please bring a Cajun dish (or just drop by to eat what others have brought!) to share with 10-12 others. Thank You!

## Officer Elections

**E**lections were held in November. Congratulations to the new officers for 2004.

**President:** Fred Hodges (Tenor Sax.)

**Vice President:** Kendra Kohl (Clarinet)

**Secretary:** Kellie Keeling (Oboe)

**Treasurer:** Bill Murphy (Trumpet)

### Members At-Large:

Amy Hall (Trombone)

Alane Homer (Clarinet)

Mary Walters (Flute)

## Announcements

**O**ur **15th Annual Spring Concert** will take place on **Saturday, March 27 at 7:00 pm** in the Blacksburg High School Auditorium. Dress for the concert is black pants and a white top. A reception will follow in the cafeteria. Please bring finger foods for the

reception. Here is a **very tentative program** so you can focus your practice on these tunes:

The Library of Congress March  
Poet and Peasant Overture  
Suite of Old American Dances  
Napoli  
Finale, Symphony No. 2

### INTERMISSION

Tritch Tratch Polka  
Kellie's Song  
Overture in Bb  
My Fair Lady

There are **sectionals scheduled from 7:00-7:30** before band rehearsal in preparation for the spring concert. Please watch for email information or listen for announcements in band about the instruments needed for sectionals each week. Sectionals give Ed a chance to work with sections individually on problem areas in our music and can really help the entire band to sound better, so please try to make your sectionals!

There are **CDs for sale** – only \$5!! And – it is us playing! You can't beat that deal. We have CDs from spring concert 2003, the joint concert with the Watagua County Community Band in August and in November. See Bill Murphy (trumpet) to get your copies today!!

If you are interested in **helping the officers with getting ready for the spring concert (or other upcoming concerts)** please see one of the officers. We welcome any and all offers of time!

## Music Library

**D**o you know **how much it would cost to replace your band folder?** Besides the time involved having to do figure out what was lost, each piece of music costs \$1-\$3 to replace. So if a folder disappears, it will cost the band about \$100!! Please take good care of your folder, sign it out if you take it home, and bring it back each week!

## Band Website

**I**f you haven't yet visited the band website, today is the day you should! There is lots of information about the history of the band, pictures from past

performances, and current member information. The schedule of performances is posted as well as driving directions to concerts. So – check it out! <http://arts.bev.net/blacksburgcommunityband>

## Upcoming Events

**T**he Virginia Tech **Early Music Ensemble** directed by our own John Howell (tuba) will be presenting the **Play of Herod** on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church at 3:00. Come and see the choir of angels and the slaughter of the innocents. If you haven't yet seen a crumhorn, rebec, vielle, or psaltery this year – now is your chance!

### SCHEDULE

The Blacksburg Community Band holds rehearsals every Wednesday evening, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. (except for the months of July and August) in the Blacksburg High School band room on Patrick Henry Drive. Note in preparation for the spring concert, there are sectionals from 7:00-7:30. If Montgomery County schools are closed due to weather, then we will not be able to rehearse.

### Upcoming Concerts:

Saturday, March 27, 7:00 pm - 15th Annual Spring Concert – BHS Auditorium  
Sunday, May 16, 2:30 pm - Mt. Lake Wine Tasting - Mountain Lake  
Saturday, May 23, time TBA - Band Community Day Picnic - Nellie's Cave Park  
Monday, May 31, time TBA - Memorial Day Ceremony – Blacksburg  
Saturday, July 3, 8:00-9:30pm - Radford Independence Day Celebration  
Sunday, July 4, 4:00pm (step-off) - Blacksburg Independence Day Parade  
Sunday, July 4, 8:00-9:30pm - Blacksburg Independence Day Celebration  
Saturday, August 7, Noon - Steppin' Out - Blacksburg

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The Blacksburg Community Band is an all-volunteer community organization formed in 1989 under the auspices of the Town of Blacksburg, Department of Parks and Recreation.

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