

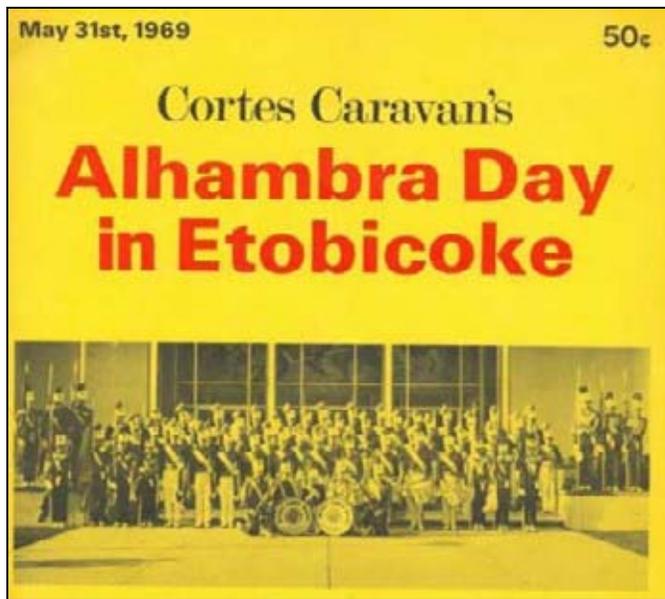
My Drum Corps Scrapbook 1968 - 1969

In the summer of 1967, we moved from downtown Toronto to east Toronto, near East York and close to Scarborough. Toronto had yet to annex the boroughs.

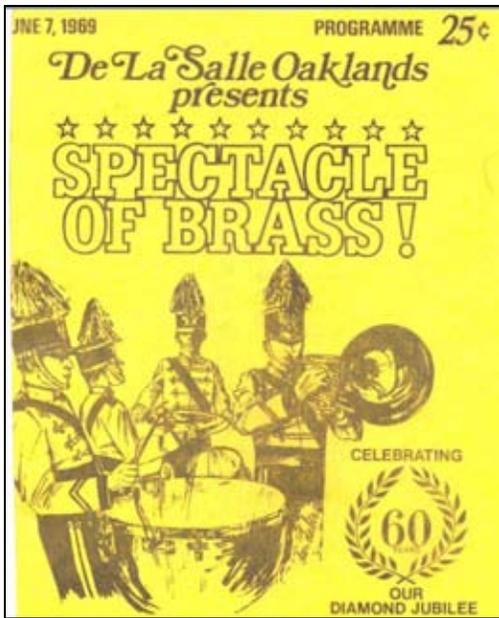
I entered grade 7 not knowing anyone and met Debbie. During the summer of 1968 she insisted I go with her to see a drum corps rehearsal. Her Mom was a friend of one of the staff. We joined drum corps sometime late 1968. We started our drum corps experience with the Scarborough Firefighters, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada.

The following are excerpts of what I wrote in my scrapbook and any programs, newspaper articles or corps contest announcement that I collected. I started drum corps at 13 years old and turned 14 in the summer of 1969. The words were written by a young lady in the early 1970's.

May 31st, 1969 Etobicoke, Ontario. Alhambra Day in Etobicoke hosted by Michael Power Knights. First show of the year. My very first show. We won over Midlanders. Airplanes flew overhead and muffled Midlanders music. I cried when we won, first show you know.



June 7th, 1969 Toronto, Ontario hosted by De La Salle Oaklands. They are in drum corps for 60 years. They're a Jr. A corps, second best in Canada, next to Optimists, champions for 11 years. We are Jr. B corps and came in 6 out of 7 contestants. It was supposedly better than last year '68. We came in last then.



SCORESHEET
Your Assessor: WILFRED BLAZEK - President - Ontario Drum Corps Association

COMPETING CORPS	POSITION DRAWN	YOUR SCORE	JUDGE'S SCORE	OVERALL POINTS
St. Josephs <small>BARCELONA N.Y.</small>				
Cadets Lasalle <small>OTTAWA</small>				
Metropolitans <small>MONTREAL</small>				
Appelknockers <small>GENEVA N.Y.</small>				
Optimists <small>TORONTO</small>				
Firefighters <small>SCARBOROUGH</small>				
DE LA SALLE OAKLANDS <small>(YOUR HOST CORP. IN EXHIBITION)</small>				
BEST COLOUR GUARD _____				
BEST DRUM MAJOR _____				

July 5th, 1969 Brantford, Ontario. Hosted by St. Johns Girls (I think). We won everything, horns, drums, colour guard, drum major and the show.

July 12th, 1969 Sarnia, Ontario hosted by Marching Diplomats. First over Opti-Knights. Beaten by Midlanders earlier in the day in London, Ontario.



July 26th, 1969. Sheffield, PA. What a town. It was small. The town had a sheriff, a deputy, five men in the fire department and a huge main street half a mile long. I was told that in 1968 we came in last place. This year we came in second with Marion Cadets

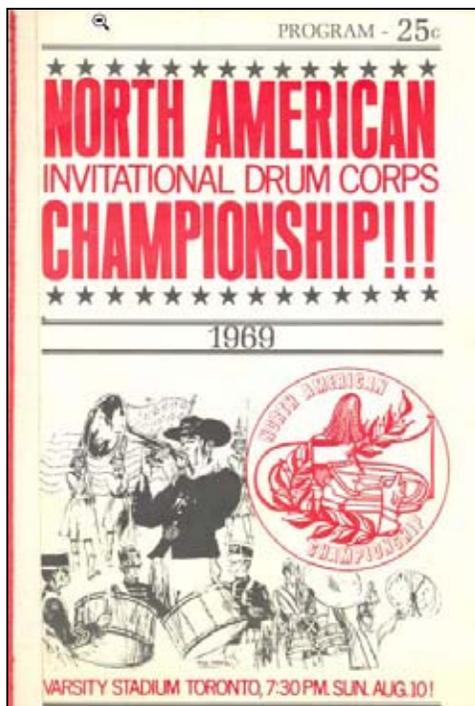
being first. The weather was damp but hot. It rained before. We practiced in a puddle 5 inches deep. We had a good time anyway.

August 2nd, 1969. Wilmerding, PA.

August 3rd, Meaford or Medford?

August 10th, 1969. Varsity Stadium, Toronto, Ontario. North American Invitational Drum Corps Championship.

I had seen Kilties in the Shriner's show earlier this year and I thought they were great. I saw Troopers tonight and the sunburst was fantastic. I've never seen a real drum corps show. I'm so used to being in a show myself. You have to be in drum corps to understand what drum corps was all about.



August 23rd, 1969, Waterloo, Ontario. Ontario Championships.

September 6th, 1969 Ottawa, Ontario. Canadian National Championships.

This was it. Chance to be Jr. B champions. Corps from all over Ontario and Quebec competed. Preliminaries were compulsory. Opti-Knights came in first in prelims, us second and Midlanders third. We stayed in a hotel Friday and Saturday nights.

The weather was really cold. The stadium was large and high. It cast a huge shadow over us. We did the best we could and lost to Midlanders. We didn't cry, we didn't show our

emotions on retreat. Everyone went back to the hotel. I went with some girls to De La Salle's party for a little while. They won Nationals Jr. A for the first time.

Sunday morning we left early. Just like when we came to Ottawa, rookies on one bus, oldies on the other. We left as we came, unprepared and unsure.

 C.D.C.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS 1969						
Class	Corps	Inspection Time	Field Time	Your Score	Judges Score	Placing
JR. NOVICE FINAL	LES BALADINS	8:45 a.m.	9:00 a.m.			
	OTTAWA OPTIMISTS	9:00 a.m.	9:15 a.m.			
	CENTENNIALS	9:15 a.m.	9:30 a.m.			
JR. STANDSTILL FINAL	CADETS CHAMPLAIN	9:30 a.m.	9:45 a.m.			
	REVELLIERS	9:45 a.m.	10:00 a.m.			
	R.C.S.C. AJAX	10:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.			
TRUMPET FINAL	FANTAISISTES LAURENTIENS	10:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.			
	MAJORETTES OPTIMISTES	10:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.			
GIRLS "B" FINAL	COLLEGETTES	10:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.			
	KINSMEN GIRLS	11:00 a.m.	11:15 a.m.			
GIRLS "A" PRELIM.	LAURENTIENNES	11:15 a.m.	11:30 a.m.			
	CHATELAINES	11:30 a.m.	11:45 a.m.			
	MARQUISES	11:45 a.m.	12:00 p.m.			
	RIVERAINES	12:00 p.m.	12:15 p.m.			
	SENTINELLES	12:15 p.m.	12:30 p.m.			
	K. OF C. ST. JOHNS MARCHING ANGELS	12:30 p.m. 12:45 p.m.	12:45 p.m. 1:00 p.m.			
JUNIOR "B" PRELIM.	DYNAMIQUES	1:00 p.m.	1:15 p.m.			
	COMPAGNONS	1:15 p.m.	1:30 p.m.			
	MARCHING SAINTS	1:30 p.m.	1:45 p.m.			
	SCARBOROUGH FIREFIGHTERS	1:45 p.m.	2:00 p.m.			
	FLYING DUTCHMEN	2:00 p.m.	2:15 p.m.			
	OPTI-KNIGHTS	2:15 p.m.	2:30 p.m.			
	MIDLANDERS BLUE SAINTS	2:30 p.m. 2:45 p.m.	2:45 p.m. 3:00 p.m.			
JUNIOR "A" PRELIM'	CADETS LASALLE	3:00 p.m.	3:15 p.m.			
	METROPOLITAINS	3:15 p.m.	3:30 p.m.			
	VICOMTES	3:30 p.m.	3:45 p.m.			
	DE LASALLE "OAKLANDS"	3:45 p.m.	4:00 p.m.			
	TORONTO OPTIMISTS	4:00 p.m.	4:15 p.m.			
SENIOR "B" FINAL	R.H.L.I.	4:15 p.m.	4:30 p.m.			

September 28th, 1969. Contest in St. Catharines, Ontario.