



WHIRLED PEAS

ACOUSTICAL MUSICIANS

Whirled Peas is a group of musicians that come together on a regular basis to share our love of blues, bluegrass and folk music.

Our musical journey includes rock, oldies and show tunes based on the audience's support and enthusiasm.

The core of our group focuses on guitar, harmonica, banjo and more. We often are complemented by an array of talented **guest** musicians.

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TWO, FOUR, SIX EIGHT WHO DO WE APPRECIATE...JOHNNY CAMPBELL

Besides the ball and ref/ump, what do football, rugby, baseball, and basketball have in common? **Cheerleaders**. Because today, November 2nd, is the 111th anniversary of this sport's birth, Cheerleading is our **HONORARY PEA**.

In 1884, Princeton grad, Thomas Peebles, accepted a position at the University of Minnesota and brought with him the concept of the yell. But, it was John E. (Johnny) Campbell who, in 1898, is credited with kicking off



cheerleading as we know it today.

On November 2nd, Minnesota and Wisconsin were engaged in a tight football battle. Dressed in a sable suit, head covered with a black bowler,

brandishing a gold-headed cane covered with ribbons in the University's colors of maroon and

gold, Johnny roused the crowd and inspired the team with these words:

Rah! Rah! Rah!

Ski-U-Mah!

Hoo Rah! Hoo Rah!

'Varsity! 'Varsity!

Minnesota!

Minnesota's win (6-5) was credited to Johnny's antics in front of the grandstand.

The fact that Minnesota was on a losing streak and this win was perceived as a new trend evolving – victory – thanks to the crowd's inspiration, a concerted effort was initiated on campus to organize "yelling forces" for future games.

The school's newspaper, *Ariel*, led this mission by nominating 6 men whose chief responsibility at the game was "to see that everybody leaves the park breathless and voiceless." Each man was assigned a section with the command to lead his group "with spirit...never-say-die encouragement and support." In the last game of the season, Minnesota defeated Northwestern (17-6). The *Ariel* reported that the efforts of the vim of these cheers made every street in Minnesota echo with the 'Ski-U-Mahs" and led the team to victory.

The following season "yell captains", and Johnny was one of them, were selected to rally the crowd. They added megaphones "to add to their lung power"; the Megaphone Brigade was established. Minnesota won their first game against Ames College, now known as Iowa State University, 6-0. As the season progressed, victory after victory occurred.

In the 1900 season, Minnesota's football team was nicknamed the "Northern Giants." They won the school's first conference championship. It was also during this season that the school endorsed a permanent "yell

team” on the belief that “concerted cheering was the only way to ensure a better result.”

The spirit squad’s work “extended through the whole year and comprehend football, basketball, debate and oratory, and baseball.”



The membership, which eventually would include women, was never to deviate from its duty “Root to the last ditch and never say die...”

**Female Cheerleader
Cornell, circa 1906**

WERE THEY OR WEREN'T THEY?

The following list of individuals were or were not cheerleaders. Please circle those who **DID NOT** participate in this sport and return to Shirley. First person to have the correct answers wins a FREE beer or wine.

Kirstie Alley, Whoopie Goldberg, Sandra Bullock, Merle Streep, Oprah Winfrey, Raquel Welch, Lindsey Lohan, Samuel L. Jackson, Aaron Spelling, Jerry Lewis, Dean Martin, Kevin Bacon, Joe Biden, Modonna, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Hillary Clinton, Trent Lott.

SOME CHEER TRIVIA

About 98% of all female cheerleaders were former gymnasts.

83% of cheerleaders have a “B” grade point average or better.

The cheerleading capital of the US is Texas.

Lila McCann, country music star, performed cheerleading routines for the Queen of England.

Some of the most common cheerleading injuries are broken arms and busted lips.

In the 1900’s megaphones came into play and the pompoms were invented in the 1930’s.

There are at least 4 million cheerleaders in 31 countries.

62% of cheerleaders are involved in a second sport.

THE WHOLE POD PERFORMS...

The Delaware Historic Society will hold its Fall Festival at Willingtown Square, 600 block of Market Street in Wilmington, November 7th. The **PEAS** will be playing 1 until 3.

AND THE PEA STANDS ALONE

Solo gigs... so you can mark your calendar:

Charlie McCloskey will perform the role of Ben in *Death of a Salesman*. To be held at the Wilmington Drama League Theatre, the play starts October 23rd and runs through November 7th.

John Frink’s new CD, *Cabin Fever*, has been released. (see: www.crocodiletunes.com)

Fritz Horisk can be heard online at www.realcountrywsig.com. weekdays from 10 til 1 and Saturdays from 10-3. He hosts *Real Country Classic Café* from noon til 1. Requests taken 540-432-1128.

WHEN AND WHERE

The *Whirled Peas* perform at the (BSG) Bourbon Street Grille....**Thursday, November 5th and the following Wednesdays...11th, 18th and 25th**. They start about 7:30 and play until 10.

BSG, formerly the Coachhouse, is located at 2605 Philadelphia Pike in Claymont. If you go **north** on Philadelphia Pike, it’s on the left just before the Wawa at Harvey Road. If you are coming **east** on Harvey Road, turn right when you get to Philadelphia Pike. Go past the Wawa and BSG is on the right. There is no problem with parking.

Visit www.whirledpeasband.com

PEAS PONDERINGS...from cheerleaders

The refs have always been blind, it’s our job to make them deaf. Flying is the second best thrill to cheerleaders; being caught is the first.

Danielle, Kentucky

Wimps lift weights, cheerleaders lift people.

Stephanie, Pennsylvania

We cheerleaders are peppy and happy and get front row seats to the game. Casey, California