

The Seattle Thunderbirds

1960 Pacific Northwest Championships

1st Snare solo – Lorin Grinolds, Thunderbirds

1st Bass Drum solo – Pete Coleen, Columbians

1st French Horn solo – Tom Grinolds, Thunderbirds

1st Baritone solo – Jeffery Jumper, Columbians

Soprano solos:

1st Mike Duffy, Columbians

2nd “Doyle”, Columbians

3rd “Dean”, Columbians

Anybody else have any placements?? Please contact the webmaster. Thank you!



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This photo was taken in March of 1960 at the Greenwood Boys Club in Seattle Washington.

Horns with 2-point (garrison) hats in the back row are the Thunderbirds.

The four horns in the front row, the two snares and the bass drummer are Columbians.

The 4th District VFW bass drum belongs to the Grenadiers who won the Washington State VFW Sr title in 1959 & 1960. This would be their 1959 drum.

The Columbians uniforms and equipment burned in a Legion Hall fire two weeks earlier on February 29th, that is why they are not wearing their uniforms and are using the Grenadier's bass drum. [See the Columbians page for more information on the fire]

The gentleman in the suit directing the horns is Eldon Sargent, one of three Columbians' corps directors, we believe.

The man on the right (in the crowd) with the baritone to his lips is Jack Avery, founder of the Thunderbirds.

The man next to Jack Avery with the cigarette is a Portland Leatherneck Sr, the three fellows in white behind him wearing the garrison hats could also be Leathernecks (uncertain).

The flag on the center-right is the Greenwood Boys Club flag. Either late 1959 or January / February of 1960, the corps changed their name from the Greenwood Boys Club D&BC to the Thunderbirds D&BC of the Greenwood Boys Club. By July of 1960, they were known as the Seattle Thunderbirds and were now sponsored by American Legion Post #11 of Seattle; AKA: University Post #11, home of the Seattle Hurricanes Sr D&BC.