

Notes from NEW HAMPSHIRE



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Happy New Year to All!

We hope that you all had successful Holiday Performances and still were able to get in some down time to celebrate with family and friends. For those of you who love winter and lots of snow, so far your wishes have not come true. However, we still have lots of time for the white stuff to fall before we hit Spring. We also know that soon everyone will be back at it to prepare for Spring Concert and Easter performances! (Anyone else missing their bell families and itching to get back to the tables? We are, for sure!)

Spring Ring Registration for NH is now open. NH's Spring Ring is Saturday, April 4, 2020, at the Abbott-Downing School in Concord, NH. Early-bird registration of \$25 runs through March 1, 2020; after that registration increases to \$30.

Our clinician this year will be Dan Moore. We could not be more excited about the music! Our massed ringing pieces will include "Fiesta con Campanillas," "Carillon of Praise," and "Contemplation." Dan has graciously provided study notes that we will provide to registrants. For those of you who want to do some sight-reading at Spring Ring, we are once again offering a Coppers+ track (dual session; you must sign up for both the morning and afternoon sessions) to learn a piece to perform at the closing concert. (Please be aware that Dan chose this piece, and that it is at least a level 3+/4-.) Ringers in the Coppers+ sight-reading track will receive their music the morning of the event.

If your group is interested in performing a solo piece during the closing concert, you can find instructions for that with the registration forms. We'd love for you to share your music with us all!

Register on the Area 1 website at the following link:

<http://area1.hanbellmusicians.org/spring-rings/>.

Also, we are always seeking for information regarding churches and other organizations that have "Bells in the Closet" (bells going unused at a church or school)! We'd love to help bells find good new temporary or permanent homes, and of course we'd love to help interested groups re-build bell programs.

Until next time, ring on!

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