

# Newsletter of the Jussi Björling Society

and J.B. Appreciation Society-UK

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## **Radical Reform in 2003:** Membership Renewals System Revamped – Cielo!

***Your undivided attention, for a moment, please!*** JBS-USA has a major procedural change to announce, about the way we renew our annual membership contributions. Because we have more members than ever before, and because there are just a few of us volunteers who keep JBS's programs running, we want to minimize the work involved in notifying you when your membership renewal time is due.

Here is our new system: We ask you to renew each year by February 5, Jussi's birthday. When that day arrives, then we hope you will remind yourself to give Jussi your birthday gift of a contribution for another year's membership in JBS.

OK, how does that work in this transition year of 2003? We can suggest two ways:

- (i) Make it real simple and just renew your membership by February 5 with a contribution of \$35 or more [\$50 for Family membership, \$100 for Founder membership]. For all those folks whose memberships expire after February 5, this method involves giving an extra contribution for the unexpired months. We will be very grateful to accept this one-time extra support for our activities!
- (ii) Alternatively, you could start by recalling that month during 2003 that you would have expected to renew in, and count the number  $x$  of months between February 2003 and that month; then compute the difference  $y = 12 - x$ ; then multiply the number  $y$  by \$3 if your usual annual membership contribution is \$35 [multiply by \$4 if your usual contribution is \$50, or by \$8 if your usual contribution is \$100], to arrive at the amount for your actual membership contribution for this year.

Whichever method you use, please send your renewal contribution by February 5 to Mickey Dove, 109 Melrose Rd., Broad Brook, CT 06016. You may send a check or cash, or international money order. You also can renew via credit card payment to [mdove9@cox.net](mailto:m dove9@cox.net), but only if you use the Paypal system: for information, go to [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com).

Please include your name and current address, telephone number and email address with your contribution.

For USA citizens, recall that your annual membership renewal contribution to JBS, as a tax-exempt organization, is fully deductible according to IRS law.

And, if you need help understanding this system, call/write Prof. Dr. Dan Shea as our resident math-advisor (608-239-1593 or [dshea@chorus.net](mailto:dshea@chorus.net)).

*Note to members of our JBAS brother-organisation: This system now puts JBAS and JBS-USA renewals on essentially the same basis. JBAS renewals are due each year on January 1, but if somehow you neglect this date, be sure to remind yourself by Feb. 5!*