

CHIKOPI CHANT

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Beef-O-Bob

Colette, Teagan, Lee and I are in the car coming back from Algonquin Park. What a great trip it was. The leaves are a lustrous orange and yellow. Every once in a while you see fiery red leaves in the distance. It is mid October and we have just spent the day driving through the Highway 60 Corridor.

We visited the Log Museum and Welcome Centre and came back with a great idea to build a log "Hut" in the bush behind Chikopi.

This could be a project for the older cabins next summer. Just think a building designed to sleep and feed 20 men who worked in the pine forests of Ontario during the sub-zero temperature winters over 100 years ago. We took photos to show how the cabins look. It would be a great thing to try next summer.

Lee and I have been working outside at camp for the last 3 weeks dodging the raindrops. It has been so wet that your feet sink into the ground on every footstep. It has hampered our work progress but we are still getting a lot done. We have 20 canoes lined up ready for fixing for next summer. No more leaky canoes. We have raised the two A Frame Cabins to a higher level - new walkways, better air and a new HOP. Once again, a great place to have your cabin next summer.

Two weeks ago, we had an unusually early snowstorm. The leaves were still green and limber. During the night a huge maple tree fell through the roof of Cabin 9. The weight of the wet snow was

too much and the tree fell over. The cabin may be a total loss. We have contacted two contractors to see about either replacement or repair. More likely the cabin will have to be replaced. We are working on a new cabin style if replacement is the answer.

Other jobs we have done include cleaning up all the woodpiles around camp, preparing a new area to build a new sports shed, doing repair work on the cabins, and rewiring for ceiling fans in the Buck and RoseMary Dawson Main House for those hot blistering days next summer. We cleaned up various buildings around camp, and we will have another two weeks of work after this Newsletter goes out.

By this time some of you have been gone from Chikopi for two months some of you for longer. It is very lonely around here, only Teagan's screams and Oreo's barks break the silence. We had a flock of Canadian Geese land on the Wally Weber Field and stay for 10 days. They are beautiful birds but very noisy and messy. The grass is well fertilized for next year. Oreo would run out barking and they would fly away into the lake. As soon as Oreo left, back they came.

Hans, Craig and Chad stayed on at camp to help with some of the jobs, one of which was to bury all the sailboat moorings on the bottom of the lake. Next year they will "pop up" for use.

University of Western Ontario Sailing Camp finished up the Chikopi schedule in early September. 18 sailors received Instructions

and Course Credits in proper sailing techniques. We purchased two new sunfish for next year. We are going to Christen them the "Buck Dawson" and "RoseMary Dawson".

Peter Brown, one of the visiting sailing coaches, has taken the Jack Hollard back to New Hampshire for refurbishing. Next year that will give us 15 sail boats, what a fleet. Watch out Ak-o-Mak!! We can't wait for the sailing regatta.

The Two Week Camp at the end of August was also a great success. We tried to cram all of the 4 & 7 weeks into 2, but of course it was impossible to do everything. Max Anderson and Stephen Pariser remained at camp for the extra two weeks. That put Max at Chikopi for

9 1/2 weeks. This was Max's 4th year. Next year he could be one of the youngest to receive his Chikopi Gold Ring for 5 years (35 Weeks) at Chikopi.

Enjoy reading through this Newsletter. It contains the results of Chikopi's final Banquet on August 12th, as well as other odds and ends. Be sure to email us your news so we can "write you up" in the next News Letter to come out in December. Study hard, compete strong, and live the Chikopi Sprit.

A Review Of Chikopi 2003's Banquet

August 12th, Chikopi Banquet Day - our last day of the season. We missed you first 4 weekers! David Boersma returned and joined us all for Neil and Sherri's home cooked roast turkey, roast beef, potatoes and gravy, salad, soup, mixed vegetables, rolls, chocolate milk, Sherri's famous puddin pie, various condiments, etc. - all you could eat. Former camper/counselor Chad Cradock gave the Chikopi Toast - take what you have learned here and apply it to every day life. David Dubrovsky, our youngest camper, and Toni DiRaimondo, our oldest camper, hung the 2003 camp photo on the wall. Kyle Kerner, now a teacher in the Baltimore Inner-city school system, who started at Chikopi as an 11 year old camper, lead the Charge to the camp. Kyle talked about how he continues to use all his Chikopi stories packed away in his treasure box of experiences. His theme - Chikopi

Experiences are with you for a lifetime. Songs were sung; National Anthems resonated around the room, Canada, U.S., Mexico, Germany, Scotland, Australia, United Kingdom, Ecuador) and our spirited cheers could be heard around the lake, (Spezerincktum style as Chad Thompson would say.) Everyone anxiously waited for Team Competition result which came down to the final competition and was a surprise for all. Cabin Inspection was won by the cabin that had won only two individual weeks, but scored consistently high throughout the summer. Consistency was the winner here. Five Year rings went to Ryan Smith and Bill Jackson. The rings are an 82 year tradition that symbolize five years of commitment to Chikopi sport, heart and spirit. Congratulations to Smitty and Bill. You are a committed and valued part of the Chikopi tradition.

Chikopi Camper Of The Year 2003

(Overall greatness in citizenship, athletics, respect for others and heart. Chosen by counselors, elected by campers)

- Toni DiRaimondo -

Buck Dawson Cup 2003

(Most miles run during summer)

- Lucas Currah -

Matt Mann Cup 2003

(Most miles swam during summer)

- Rob Rumsey -

Holland Family Award 2003

(Canoe Tripping Expertise)

- Cameron Gaskill -

Charlie Award 2003

(Greatest Personal Development)

- Jimmy Doheny -

Sisu Award 2003

(Greatest Persistence Under Pressure)

- Lucas Currah -

Sportsmanship Award 2003

(Greatest Display Of Sound Character)

- Adam Molnar -

Chikopi Rings 2003

(Gold ring presented for 5 years or 35 weeks at Chikopi)

- Ryan Smith -
- Bill Jackson -

Chikopi Belt Buckles 2003

(A rating culmination of many of the sports we do at Chikopi)

Junior (10 - under)

Gold - AJ Buckingham

Silver - John Marback

Bronze - Zane Randell

Midley (11-13 years)

Gold - Lucas Currah

Silver - Wes Greig

Bronze - Steven Faraday

Senior (14-17 years)

Gold - Toni DiRaimondo

Silver - Adrian Bridges

Bronze - Alex Mercier

Fisherman Of The Year 2003

(Largest fish caught during the 7 weeks of camp)

- Colin Dolman -

Star Certificates

(A written account showing a campers ability in any given sport)

- Presented to every camper -

Team Comp 2003

(Overall winner of Team Comp for the 7 weeks)

Ryan Smith & The Psychedelic Snails

Inspection Award 2003

Cabin 6

JP Whyte	David Boersma	Simon Huot	Jaime Okhuysen
Rob Rumsey	Yann Bourlon	David Kinsey	Stephen Pariser
Jaime Vazquez	Steven Faraday	Braydon Macaulay	J-P Pichette
Omar Alducin	Wes Greig	Adam Molnar	Robert Schrettl

Chikopi Sports Awards 2003

(Presented to the most competent athlete for each sport activity in each age group)

	Junior	Midley	Senior
Archery	John Marback	Francisco Hernandez	James Spence
Baseball	AJ Buckingham	Lucas Currah	James Spence
Basketball	AJ Buckingham	Wesley Greig	Tony DiRaimondo
Canoeing	Devin Macaulay	Wes Greig	Adrian Bridges
Golf	David Dubrovsky	Luis Palma	Tony DiRaimondo
Mountain Bike	Devin Macaulay	Diego Suarez	Arturo Suarez
Running	AJ Buckingham	Lucas Currah	Emil Byrne
Sailing	Zack Haughn	Robert Schrettl	Alvaro Ponce
Soccer	AJ Buckingham	Omar Alducin	Alejandro Sansores
Swimming	AJ Buckingham	Wesley Greig	Alex Mercier
Tennis	John Marback	Lucas Currah	James Spence
Ultimate	AJ Buckingham	Wesley Greig	Emil Byrne
Volleyball	AJ Buckingham	Steven Faraday	Tony DiRaimondo
Wrestling	Nathan Macaulay	Lucas Currah	Tony DiRaimondo

RoseMary Dawson Memorial Service

26th July 2003

Over 250 Alumni and friends of RoseMary Dawson gathered at Camp Ak-o-Mak for a Memorial Service to this matriarch of Ak-o-Mak and Chikopi and Ak-o-Mak's director for over 50 years. RoseMary died on May 3rd after a lengthy battle with diabetes. RoseMary had spent 81 years in competitive swimming, coaching and guiding her girls to local, national, and international fame. She spent every one of her summers at camp, the first 8 at Chikopi when her dad, the late great Olympic coach Matt Mann, founded Camp Chikopi in 1920.

RoseMary was a special person who was a strict disciplinarian and demanded 100% effort from her girls, but returned 100% effort toward helping them towards their success. She coached girls at the university and club levels way before Title IX. The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, the University of Western Ontario and Ak-o-Mak all benefited from RoseMary's expertise. Together with husband Buck, her first love was always camp and she strove to keep the legacy of Ak-o-Mak and Chikopi alive over the years. Now it is our turn to keep the legacy of RoseMary alive.

The Ak-o-Mak Mainhouse was filled to capacity, the rafters overflowing with people to honor RoseMary. Longtime friend and Ak-o-Mak sailing coach Jan Moldenhauer conducted the service inside as it was pouring rain outside. Many people had an opportunity to tell a short story about RoseMary. The Chikopi Boys Choir sang a tribute to her and the Ak-o-Mak kitchen staff served a delicious lunch. Many people were able to stay for the weekend and visited Chikopi, too.

We will miss RoseMary, but we will use her common sense—no non-sense approach to our every day life at Chikopi. She will remain just as much a part of Chikopi as her dad and the whole Mann family.

Building Dedications

On July 27, the new Chikopi sail area was dedicated and named the Bob Barney Sailing Pavilion. It was through Bob's 22 years at Chikopi (the first few years at Ak-o-Mak) that our sailing program grew by leaps and bounds. As instructor and coordinator of the University of Western Ontario Sailing Camp at Chikopi each September, Bob helped to create an environment to use the steady winds of Ahmic Lake for sailing. Next summer, Chikopi will have 15 sunfish sailboats, the largest fleet on the lake. With excellent teaching facilities, Chikopi can now provide certified skippers, Chikopi style.

Also on July 27, Chikopi dedicated our three, full-sized tennis courts to Harvey Muller, long-time Chikopi coach and camp man. The late Harvey Muller was an assistant to Matt Mann at the University of Michigan as well as tennis coach at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. On court to represent their father were sons, Bobby, Chic and Kurt, all of whom spent many summers at Chikopi as part of the Muller Family and helping in every phase of camp life. The tennis courts were completed a few years ago using a crushed limestone over clay surface. A new fence was erected along with new nets and poles. The courts have seen and will continue to see live action throughout the summer days. Harvey always set a high standard of tennis play.

Knoefpli Mile Times 2003

Swim From Chikopi To Knoefpli Dam

Smith	Ryan	22.40	Molnar	Adam	28.19	Doheny	James	40.21	Parkhurst	William	51.40
Gregory	Mike	23.04	Simpson	Lee	29.31	Jackson	Bill	41.26	Currah	Lucas	52.36
Rumsey	Robert	24.35	Buckingham	Aaron	29.50	Pariser	Stephen	42.23	Bourlon	Yann	52.40
Greig	Wesley	25.56	Menter	Joe	32.24	Palma	Luis	43.30	Dubrovsky	David	54.33
Mercier	Alexandre	26.28	Okhuysen	Enrique	32.40	Huot	Louis	48.59	Sansores	Alejandro	1.04.03
Wales	Craig	26.40	Boersma	David	33.52	Pichette	J P	49.32	Dolman	Blair	1.21.55
Whyte	J.P	27.08	Reid	Mark	35.56	Alducin	Omar	50.17	Anderson	Max	1.46.08
Jameson	Joe	27.22	Faraday	Steven	38.38	Okhuysen	Jamie	51.34			
Vasquez	Jaime	27.24									

12Km Run 2003

Run, Jog or Walk From Chikopi To Ak-o-Mak

Vazquez	Jaime	49.41	Buckingham	Aaron	1.03.22	Alducin	Diego	1.16.15	Molnar	Adam	1.34.06
Smith	Ryan	50.01	Okhuysen	Enrique	1.04.03	Faraday	Steven	1.19.18	Scanlon	Brett	1.35.39
Currah	Lucas	50.19	Walsh	Pancho	1.04.08	Duenkel	Teagan	1.19.20	Haughn	Zack	1.40.03
Gaskill	Cameron	50.42	Jackson	Bill	1.04.39	Duenkel	Colette	1.19.21	Alligood	Korey	1.45.13
Makela	Kai	52.00	Doheny	Jimmy	1.04.44	Huot	Simon	1.19.48	Huot	Louis	1.46.19
Griffin	Bill	53.18	Sansores	Alejandro	1.06.53	Anderson	Max	1.20.20	Patino	Jose	1.46.31
Mercier	Alexandre	53.43	Boersma	David	1.09.28	Alducin	Omar	1.22.03	Dolman	Blair	1.49.25
Simpson	Lee	56.02	Rumsey	Rob	1.13.22	Okhuysen	Jaime	1.22.05	Dubrovsky	David	?
Whyte	J P	56.37	Reid	Mark	1.13.23	Pichette	J P	1.28.30			
Greig	Wes	57.08	Marback	John	1.14.31	Parkhurst	William	1.28.45			
Jameson	Joe	1.00.13	Palma	Luis	1.15.19	Bourlon	Yann	1.33.15			

Ahmic Harbour Swim 2003

Swim From Camp Ak-o-Mak To Ahmic Harbour

5Km

Smith	Ryan	51.10	Byrne	Emil	1.12.30	Reid	Mark	1.36.05	DiRaimondo	Tony	2.09.16
Rumsey	Rob	54.21	Okhuysen	Enrique	1.26.14	Paul	Wyatt	1.36.24			
Whyte	J P	57.41	Schrettl	Robert	1.35.42	Faraday	Steven	1.40.58			
Davies	Joe	1.01.05	Randell	Zane	1.35.44	Dubrovsky	David	1.43.41			
Vazquez	Jaime	1.02.24	Menter	Joe	1.35.56	Rumsey	Rob	54.21			
Hartz	Simon	1.03.58	Jackson	Bill	1.35.57	Ponce	Alvaro	2.00.10			

Chikopi Mile Times 2003

(Only Those Who Complete The Mile Have Their Time Recorded For Historical Purposes)

Alducin	Diego	48.55	Greig	Wesley	24.11	Parkhurst	William	46.04
Alligood-Vargas	Korey	52.52	Hartz	Simon	28.54	Patino	Jose	1.04.30
Anderson	Max	1.22.50	Haughn	Zack	50.23	Paul	Wyatt	38.15
Barba- Luna	Francisco Daniel	1.09.32	Hernandez	Francisco Jose	54.18	Pichette	Jean-Phillipe	47.59
Boersma	David	33.39	Huot	Louis-Phillipe	47.40	Ponce	Alvaro	53.49
Bourlon	Yann	46.15	Huot	Simon	49.15	Randall	Zane	36.20
Bridges	Adrian	47.05	Jackson	Bill	33.55	Reid	Mark	31.52
Byrne	Emil	29.06	Jameson	Joe	26.09	Rumsey	Robert	23.59
Buckingham	Aaron	33.23	Lloyd	Tosh	1.19.07	Sansores	Alejandro	1.02.29
Cannon	Will	1.11.01	Macaulay	Braydon	47.55	Scanlon	Brett	34.34
Colliard	Peter	53.17	Macaulay	Nathan	1.06.10	Schrettl	Robert	33.50
Currah	Lucas	42.47	MacNeil	Dave	34.24	Simpson	Lee	29.30
Davies	Joe	25.11	Marback	John	56.44	Smith	Ryan	22.05
DiRaimondo	Anthony	57.13	Menter	Joe	20.00	Spence	Jamie	1.03.18
Doheny	James	41.22	Mercier- Linteau	Alexandre	26.23	Suarez	Arturo	53.00
Dolman	Blair	57.54	Mesker	Hans	33.57	Suarez	Diego	52.15
Dolman	Colin	1.14.09	Molnar	Adam	28.47	Thompson	Chad	24.55
Dubrovsky	David	45.02	Okhuysen	Enrique	32.32	Vasquez	Jaime	26.15
Duenkel	Bob	28.45	Okhuysen	Jamie	47.59	Wales	Craig	23.02
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Faraday	Steven	36.07	Pariser	Stephen	39.59	Whyte	J.P	26.03
Gaskill	Cameron	28.58						

Skippers 2003

Diego Alducin
 Joe Davies
 David Boersma
 Yann Bourlon
 Cameron Gaskill
 Adam Molnar
 Enrique Okhuysen
 Jaime Okhuysen
 Jean Phillipe Pichette
 Alvaro Ponce
 Robert Schrettl
 Jaime Vazquez

Chikopi Regatta Results 2003

	Skipper	Crew	Boat
1	Robert Schrettl	Zane Randell	Cliff Keen
2	Cameron Gaskill	Peter Colliard	Old Man Barlow
3	Joe Davies	Braydon Macaulay	Pat Hayhurst
4	Brett Scanlon	Jimmy Doheny	Tom Hussy
5	Jaime Vazquez	David Dubrovsky	Rhoukomacki
6	Kyle Kerner	Blair Dolman	Ray Fisher
7	Hans Mesker	John Marback	The Dr Lyman
8	Enrique Okhuysen	Lucas Currah	Hurry Up Yost
9	Alvaro Ponce	Steven Faraday	The Oreo
10	Adam Molnar	Will Cannon	Bob Foxcroft

News From Alumni

Chad Thompson has landed himself a role in a new weekly serial called, "Dead End Days", due to be on the air in December 2003. Check it out on the web: deadenddays.com

Joe Davies just returned from a Surfing competition in the South of France where he placed joint 13th in the adult men's division. His booty included a trophy said to be, "bigger than the world cup" trophy, and 150 euros. How much is that in \$'s Joe?

Coach Bill Griffin will be able to come across the pond earlier in 2004 and stay longer, due to the late start date of camp next year.

Canoe tripping Guru, Malcolm Macaulay, will be immigrating to Australia for one year starting in December. Malcolm is a teacher in Waterdown, Ontario, he has switched, for a year with a teacher from Melbourne, Australia. They swap homes and jobs for the year. Malcolms wife, Deborah, and the three boys, Braydon, Nathan and Devin, will also be going, good luck down there boys and watch out for the Croc's and Kangaroos. Lee tells us they can be vicious.

Lucas Currah invited Counselor, JP Whyte to watch his hockey game last week. Lucas performed on the ice just as he does in his running - no stopping. Way to go, Lucas. JP has decided to stay in unfrozen water and has taken up Water Polo in his first year at the University of Toronto. He scored 3 goals in his first game.

Coach, Hans Mesker, will be moving over to Switzerland for a year to work at a snowboard camp. Watch out for the avalanches Hans!

Camp Visitors in Early Fall

After the campers and Western Ontario students all left we had some visitors come by, some stayed a few days others just an hour or so.

Don Chapman 1960's

Jordan Crandall 1990's & 2000's

Dave MacNeil, 1980's & 90's

Jonathan Marler, 1990's

Chikopi 85th Summer

Chikopi will be celebrating its 85th Birthday in the summer of 2004. Come join in the fun!

Be A Part Of The Tradition Send In Your 2004 Chikopi Camp Application Now

Be sure to reserve your bunk for the 2004 summer. The registration form was previously sent out in August, if you need another copy contact the office and we will email you one. Remember if you get your application in before January 31st you will receive a nice discount, remind your parents of the cut off date so as not to be disappointed.

Donations

Joey Breedon, 1992-2001 has donated two line marking machines, flags and marking cones for the soccer field.

The Dolman Family, 1982 - 2003 donated an upright freezer to the 5 & Dime to store the summers Ice Lollies.

Emails

We have email address changes:

Joe Menter - JM5221@aol.com

Craig Wales - jcwales@yahoo.com

Address Change

Chad Thompson has moved house, his new address and phone number are:

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The Paul Hauch Swim Meet

The Paul Hauch Swim Meet held in London, Ontario will be on the weekend of July 16th - 18th. The swim meet is open to all members of the Chikopi Competitive Swim Program.

WOD'S

The Western Ontario Division Championships, (War Canoe, C2, C4), will be held in Welland on August 7th & 8th. This date is subject to change in the coming month or two as the CCA finalizes its calendar.

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