

CHIKOPI CHANT

2009 WINTER EDITION

CAMP CHIKOPI'S INFORMATIONAL E-NEWSLETTER

BEEF-O-BOB

Seems like the last five months have gone by so fast since you departed camp, there has not been time to look back at last summer's Chikopi experience. Following the close of camp in mid August, Zack, J.P. and Joe stayed for the next Two Week Camp that began only three days later. The Two Week consists mostly of competitive swimmers from Ontario but also from other provinces and near-by states in the USA. Believe it or not, the weather changed and the very wet summer we all experienced changed to a very hot and dry two-week period. Like many of you, Teagan had to return home for school only three days after most of you did. Vickie continued creating wonderful meals in the kitchen.

Next we saw the arrival of the University of Western Ontario Department of Kinesiology's Sailing Camp, a group of 23 university students who come to Chikopi for instruction in sailing. After borrowing a few Ak-o-Mak boats, each student sailed their own boat. The course is taught by Professor Bob Barney (for whom our sailing pavilion is named), Dave Barney (our visiting swimming coach last summer), and sailing guru Peter Brown (for whom our weather-vane, instructional sailboat is named). Vickie became the lone chef of the kitchen and the students marveled over her cooking while Bob did the dishes.

Then everyone was gone leaving only Bob and Joe to close up camp and do some preparations for next summer. They worked day and night and here is what they did:

- Dismantled the 50m swimming pool by removing all the underwater logs and rocks that make up the pool bulkheads. Next summer a new swimming pool will be built before you arrive back at camp. Coach Phil is donating a Colorado Timing System which will be installed and will serve as the turning boards on the wall. You're going to like what you see.
- Put new roofs on Cabins 6 and Tool Shed as well as Cabin 5 porch.
- Dug 16 holes, four feet deep to be used as the foundation footings for the new Cabin 9 to be built for next summer.
- Winterized and cleaned up camp to get things ready for next summer.

Joe returned to Grand Island, New York, for teaching duties and Bob finished up at camp. In early October, the leaves began to change from green to bright orange, red and purple colors. It was a beautiful view looking across the lake towards Rocky Reef and Ak-o-Mak. Then as the leaves began to fall from the trees covering the roads and forest, they looked like little butterflies trailing behind the car after driving over them. By late October, the Chikopi wilderness was all closed up and ready for the harsh Canadian winter which by now has covered it with snow and cold. The chipmunks and squirrels are safely in their underground homes waiting out the winter and anticipating running around camp next summer, just like us.

We hope you are studying hard in school and doing well in all your activities. Always remember that a healthy mind needs a healthy body. Stay well. The ole Chikopi saying is a good one to keep with you, "Nothing Easy Is Worth Doing". Always strive to do your best.

Enjoy catching up on last summer's results in this edition of the Chikopi Chant.

All the best to you - Bob

THE “WHERE ARE YOU CHIKOPI?” CAMPAIGN

As we all know, Chikopi boasts a wide variety of campers, staff members and alumni from all over the world and Chikopi is very proud of the diverse representation of the Chikopi Brothers. We are in some ways the “United Nations” of summer sports camps.

To celebrate this distinctive Chikopi trait, and at the suggestion of Dave MacNeil, we have started the “*Where Are You Chikopi?*” Campaign. To participate, you need to just take a picture of yourself in a notable location around the world, wearing any form of Chikopi clothing (a hat, T-shirt, sweatshirt, bathing cap, etc) on which you can read the Chikopi name. You may simply want to take a picture of yourself in your own home town, state, province, region, country or from a place that you have visited. In any case, send us your pictures (a hard copy and/or by email) and note when and where the picture was taken. We will add you to the “*Where Are You Chikopi?*” board located in the Mainhouse at camp and on the website. Dave has started the ball rolling with his trips to Egypt and Slovenia. Show us where you have been.

NATIONAL PADDLING CHAMPION BRIAN BLISS RETURNS TO CHIKOPI

Multi national canoe champion and long-time coach, Brian Bliss, will return to Chikopi during the summer of 2009 as Chikopi’s competitive paddling coach and senior staff leader. Brian was coach to Chikopi’s teams in the 1980’s and early 1990’s and was responsible for helping to set up the WOD (Western Ontario Division) Training Camps that were held at Chikopi. You will be impressed with his style and mannerisms and his ability to teach both the basics and fine points of competitive paddling. In addition to the C-1, C-2, C-4 (number of boys in the canoe) boats and the War Canoe (C-14), Brian has talked about initiating Dragon Boat training and competition at Chikopi. Dragon boat racing is a relatively new sport over the last decade, very competitive and the boat is less apt to “tip over” in initial training as the war canoe. Malcolm will assist Brian on occasion but will remain Chikopi’s canoe tripping and canoeing instructor as well as senior staff leader.

RETURN 2009 CHIKOPI APPLICATIONS NOW

Be sure to reserve your bunk at Chikopi for this summer by returning your application form. The application is attached to this newsletter. It seems early now, but summer approaches before we know it.

Do you remember some of the reasons you enjoy Chikopi?

- Fun
- Competitive
- Over 20 sports (can you name them?)
- Great canoe trips
- Friendships
- Cabin-style living
- Knoepfli Mile Swim
- War Canoe
- Campfires
- Professional staff
- Early bird
- Team competition
- Ahmic Harbour Swim
- Chikopi Field Day
- Rest period
- Chikopi Soccer Team
- Elective time
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- Mountain biking
- 5 & Dime
- Wonderful swimming
- Great sailing
- Saturday night at the movies
- Kempenfest/Barrie Swim
- Library and Game Room
- Tasty, plentiful meals
- Vesper
- Kayaks
- High spirit
- Sportsmanship
- Lake baths
- Finnish sauna
- Algonquin Park
- Bocce Ball
- Bedtime stories
- Campers from all over world
- 400 acres of forest
- Home-made soups and salads
- Inspection
- 12 k Run
- Ak-o-Mak Regatta
- Swimming at the beach
- Chikopi Swim Team
- Home-made bread
- Cross country running
- Vickie’s cooking

CHIKOPI MILE SWIM RESULTS

Wes	Greig	21.16	Alejandro	Salazar	36.13	Telmo	Sistiaga	52.01
Evan	Carey	21.49	Blair	Dolman	36.18	Alex	McMillen	52.21
Geoff	Cloud	22.47	Jordon	Piershalski	36.42	Marcelo	Alcocer	52.35
Evan	Skwara	24.01	Alonso	Gonzalez	37.01	Diego	Gonzalez	52.50
Lukasz	Kosiorek	25.06	Victor	Vales	37.10	Christopher	Xavier	52.55
Mauricio	Rovira	25.19	Nicholas	Dmytrenko	37.27	Devin	Macaulay	52.59
Eddie	Bolton	25.30	Carlos	Segura	37.36	Juan Pablo	Alcocer	53.03
Brett	Saunders	26.35	Cameron	Stefanov	37.42	Diego	Gunter	56.21
Philip	Demarzo	26.58	Santiago	Castilla	39.31	Marc	Maschietto	58.49
Patrik	Putala	27.11	Rodrigo	Gonzalez	40.57	Pablo	Berry	1.00.50
Daniel	Stroe	28.32	Colin	Dolman	41.23	Rodrigo	Gunter	1.01.02
Spokey	Ciraolo	29.04	Zach	Haughn	42.50	Ethan Tora	Kimura	1.01.16
Juan Carlos	Molina	29.36	Joel	Tanguay	43.28	Niall	Currah	1.05.10
Jimmy	Doheny	30.03	Michel	Caraco	43.38	Juan Carlos	Viveros	1.05.10
JP	Montant	30.49	Rodolfo Andres	Wallis	43.54	Armando	Viveros	1.05.36
Matthew	Bavington	30.56	Derek	Bint	44.33	Santiago	Navarro	1.05.47
Peter	Van Fossan	30.58	Nathan	MacAulay	45.19	Patrick	Anderson	1.06.12
Lucas	Currah	31.07	Patrick	Eagan	45.28	Diego	Espinosa	1.06.21
Bernardo	Castilla	31.13	Daniel	Alvarez	45.30	Mikhail	Sidyakov	1.09.34
Eric	Stears	31.15	Christopher	Boryk	45.57	Federico	Alcocer	1.10.01
Jose Ramon	Jardon	33.10	Julian	Ruiz	45.57	Colette	Duenkel	
Arturo	Torres Arpi	34.37	Graham	Walsh	47.48	Teagan	Duenkel	DNF
Abi	Light	34.46	Alejandro	Caraco	48.06	Bronte	Dover-Terrettaz	37.34
Rodrigo	Castilla	35.00	Noah	Schiff	48.28	Olivier	Dover-Terrettaz	DNF

AHMIC HARBOUR SWIM

Wes	Greig	22.49	1st Age Group	Colin	Dolman	45.20	4th Age Group
Geoff	Cloud	24.33	1st Age Group	Carlos	Segura	45.52	2nd Age Group
Mauricio	Rovira	27.24	1st Age Group	Michel	Caraco	46.23	5th Age Group
Zach	Haughn	27.48	2nd Age Group	Paddy	Eagan	48.06	6th Age Group
Matt	Bavington	31.27	3rd Age Group	Rodrigo	Castilla	48.34	6th Age Group
Patrik	Putala	31.41	1st Age Group	Daniel	Alcocer	48.39	3rd Age Group
Derek	Ciraolo	31.47	1st Age Group	Santiago	Castilla	49.39	2nd Age Group
Peter	Van Fossan	31.48	4th Age Group	Mikhail	Sidyakov	57.51	4th Age Group
Eric	Stears	35.34	2nd Age Group	Diego	Gunter	1.00.50	7th Age Group
Arturo	Torres	37.22	3rd Age Group	Graham	Walsh	1.17.14	7th Age Group
Bernardo	Castilla	38.04	5th Age Group	Naill	Currah	1.18.35	3rd Age Group

12k RUN

Lucas	Currah	JC	1	48.12	Spokey	Ciraolo	11	12	1.02.32
Patrick	Eagan	CIT	2	51.24	Santiago	Navarro	12	13	1.02.34
Eric	Stears	CIT	3	52.25	Carlos	Segura	11	16	1.04.55
Zack	Hurd	Counselor	4	52.33	Niall	Currah	10	17	1.06.05
JP	Montant	Counselor	5	52.50	Matthew	Bavington	13	19	1.07.12
Evan	Carey	CIT	7	57.50	Geoff	Cloud	13	20	1.07.25
Jimmy	Doheny	JC	8	58.09	Daniel	Alvarez	12	21	1.08.31
Juan Carlos	Molina	JC	9	59.05	Arturo	Torres Arpi	16	23	1.08.49
Patrik	Putala	10	11	1.00.44	Diego	Gonzalez	11	26	1.09.32
					Rodrigo	Gonzalez	13	28	1.10.03

Zach	Haughn	15	29	1.10.37	Rodrigo	Castilla	13	60	1.26.21
Michel	Caraco	15	32	1.12.11	Bernardo	Castilla	13	61	1.26.22
Graham	Walsh	CIT	40	1.15.34	Peter	Van Fossan	13	62	1.27.40
Ethan Tora	Kimura	10	41	1.15.46	Pete	Michienzi	Staff	67	1.35.49
Jed	Hurd	9	43	1.16.10	Colin	Dolman	15	68	1.36.27
Marcelo	Alcocer	13	47	1.18.33	Teagan	Duenkel	6	69	1.36.52
Malcolm	Macaulay	Staff	49	1.20.02	Colette	Duenkel	Staff	70	1.36.54
Juan Pablo	Alcocer	11	51	1.22.58	Rodrigo	Gunter	10	72	1.38.25
Juan Carlos	Viveros	10	52	1.23.00	Alejandro	Caraco	13	73	1.38.38
Blair	Dolman	JC	53	1.23.06	Marc	Maschietto	9	74	1.42.35
Diego	Gunter	13	54	1.23.10	Pablo	Berry	12	81	1.59.09
Eduardo	Vega	10	55	1.24.36	Mikhail	Sidyakov	12	82	1.59.30
Mauricio	Rovira	CIT	57	1.25.04	Armando	Viveros	13	83	1.59.33

CHIKOPI TRIATHLON

Wes	Greig	C	45.23	Cameron	Stefanov	9	1.02.36
Evan	Carey	CIT	49.15	Victor	Vales	14	1.05.45
Lucas	Currah	JC	50.39	Rodrigo	Castilla	13	1.05.55
Geoff	Cloud	13	52.29	Blair	Dolman	JC	1.06.38
Lukasz	Kosioriek	11	54.19	Nicholas	Dmytrenko	14	1.08.25
Spooney	Ciraolo	11	54.45	Derek	Bint	14	1.08.38
JP	Whyte	C	54.48	Abi	Light	10	1.09.20
Jimmy	Doheny	JC	55.29	Rodolfo Andres	Wallis	13	1.10.07
Blair	Saunders	10	55.41	Alex	McMillen	12	1.12.31
Zach	Haughn	15	56.21	Niall	Currah	10	1.17.13
Mauricio	Rovira	JC	57.27	Colin	Dolman	15	1.18.12
Peter	Van Fossan	13	57.37	Ethan Tora	Kimura	10	1.21.51
Dr Jeff	Eisen		57.47	Julian	Ruiz	13	1.22.08
Jose Ramon	Jardon	15	57.56	Mikhail	Sidyakov	12	1.25.12
Braydon	Macaulay	C	59.48	Telmo	Sistiaga	13	1.26.14
Alejandro	Salazar	16	1.00.49	Diego	Espinosa	13	1.33.00
Alonso	Gonzalez	17	1.01.31	Marc	Maschietto	9	1.33.33
Philip	Dimarzo	14	1.01.37				

KEMPENFEST LAKE SWIM

Zack	Hurd	23.58	Daniel	Stroe	33.05
Evan	Carey	24.41	Peter	Van Fossan	34.29
Wes	Greig	25.53	Derek	Ciraolo	35.13
Geoff	Cloud	26.45	Blair	Saunders	42.38
Brett	Saunders	27.43	Nicholas	Dmytrenko	44.28
Eddie	Bolton	28.22	Chris	Boryk	44.44
Lukas	Kosioriek	28.56	Brian	Wiles	48.45
Richard	Beacroft	28.56			

AHMIC HARBOUR SWIM

Wes	Greig	18	50.11	Jose Ramon	Jardon	15
Zack	Hurd		50.31	Ethan Tora	Kimura	10
Evan	Carey		51.44	Lukasz	Kosiorek	11
Geoff	Cloud	13	55.15	Alex	McMillen	12
Peter	Van Fossan	13	1.13.33	Mauricio	Rovira	
Spooskey	Ciraolo	11	1.25.47	Julian	Ruiz	13
Nicholas	Dmytrenko	14	1.26.51	Alejandro	Salazar	16
Santiago	Castilla	10	1.36.00	Brett	Saunders	10
Christopher	Boryk	12		Jesse	Schaffer	13
Rodrigo	Castilla	13		Mikhail	Sidyakov	12
Niall	Currah	10		Cameron	Stefanov	9
Philip	Demarzo	14		Victor	Vales	14
Colin	Dolman	15		Rodolfo Andres	Wallis	13
Diego	Espinosa	13		Christopher	Xavier	11
Alonso	Gonzalez	17				

2008 CHIKOPI END OF SUMMER BANQUET

The final evening of camp was the time for the annual End-of-the-Summer Banquet. Vickie and her cooking staff made a delicious meal of turkey, roast beef, many different vegetables, salad, condiments, great desserts, chocolate milk and much more. Because the banquet can last up to five hours, she also baked homemade pizza served during the awards-ceremony part of the banquet.

The awards ceremony went something like this: Joe Menter gave the opening **Toast – a time in which he reflected back on the summer and reminded all of us to take home the things which we learned from the Chikopi experience.** Then we had the: **Mainhouse hanging of the camp photo, by the youngest and oldest of the campers – Marc Maschietto, Cameron Stefanov, Nino Dover-Terrettaz and Alonzo Gonzales.** This is the time when the 2008 camp photo is hung on the wall along side all the past years of campers at Chikopi.

We then awarded the **Sports Awards – presented to the top athlete of each age group in most of the sports at Chikopi.** Age groups are Junior (10-under), Midley (11-13) and Senior (14-over). Results are:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Midley</u>	<u>Senior</u>
Swimming	Patric Putala	Geoff Cloud	Nicholas Dmytrenko
Running	Patric Putala	Santiago Navarro	Derek Bint
Canoeing	Cameron Stefanov	Rodrigo Castilla	Colin Dolman
Mt. Biking	Ethan Tora Kimura	Jesse Schaffer	Joel Tanguay
Sailing	Marc Maschietto	Marcelo Alcocer	Colin Dolman
Archery	Niall Currah	Alex McMillen	Jose Ramon Jardon
Kayak	Patric Putala	Peter VonFossen	Devin Macaulay
Tennis	Niall Currah	Peter VanFossen	Arturo Torres Arpi
Baseball	Ethan Tora Kimura	Alex McMillen	Zach Haughn
Volleyball	Niall Currah	Geoff Cloud	Derek Bint
Ultimate	Patric Putala	Chris Boryk	BronteDoverTerrettaz
Golf	Santiago Castilla	Geoff Cloud	
Lacrosse	Niall Currah	Geoff Cloud	Zach Haughn
Wrestling	Patric Putala	Santiago Navarro	Michel Caraco

Next on the program, **Dave MacNeil** talked about the summer of 2009's **Chikopi Football Jerseys**, which he will distribute, to those who earn them from the Pass, Punt and Kick football sessions he will be teaching. **Joe** then introduced the **Chikopi Swimming Team**, telling us about their improvements in the water followed by **Zack Hurd** presenting the **Chikopi Early Bird Patch** given to those boys who participated in **Early Bird swim, run or paddle** every morning before breakfast while at camp. **Bob** presented the **Star Certificates**, a written account showing a camper's ability in any given sport, and **Zack** presented the **Team Competition Patch** to the winning team captained by **Lucas Currah**. It was close, but Lucas' team won in the end. **Cabin Seven** won the summer **Cabin Inspection Award** – congratulations to Wes and all of his boys in the cabin. Then **Marcelo Alcocer** was certified as **Fisherman of the Year** – the largest fish caught in Ahmic Lake. Marcelo gets the Golden Hook.

The Chikopi Man Award was presented to five outstanding campers who completed these six, strenuous events during the course of the Seven Weeks:

Chikopi Mile Swim, Three Mile Ahmic Harbour Swim Race, Knoepfli Mile Swim Race,
Chikopi Triathlon Race – swim, run, paddle, 12K Running Race

Congratulations go to:

Peter Van Fossen, Spooky Ciraolo, Geoff Cloud, Niall Currah, Colin Dolman

Ever since the 1920's, the **Chikopi Belt Buckle** has been presented to the top three campers in each of the three age groups as a rating culmination of the many sports we do at camp. This year's recipients were:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Junior	Niall Currah	Ethan Tora Kimura	Patric Putala
Midley	Geoff Cloud	Peter Von Fossen	Chris Xavier
Senior	Zach Haughn	Jose Ramon Jardon	Colin Dolman/Derek Bint

Other award recipients were:

Hollard Award	Canoe Tripping Expertise	Nathan Macaulay
Sisu Award	Outstanding Persistence Under Pressure	Niall Currah
Sportsmanship Award	Outstanding Display of Sound Character	Arturo Torres Arpi
Buck Dawson Cup	Most Running Mileage at Camp	Derek Bint
Charlie Award	Greatest Personal Development	Alex McMillen
Matt Mann Cup	Most Swimming Mileage at Camp	Geoff Cloud
Camper of the Year	Overall Greatness in Citizenship, Athletics Respect for Others, Heart, etc. – nominated by counselors, elected by campers	Geoff Cloud

Chikopi's Five Year Gold Rings were presented to **Zack Hurd** and **Joe Menter**, both of whom have been at Chikopi for a total of 35 weeks or 245 days. Over the years, they have developed into Chikopi's leading leaders and good friends to all at camp.