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KEVIN WAY: A FOND FAREWELL

Kevin moves on from Kilcoo after 22 years

After 22 years at Kilcoo Camp, and the past eight as the assistant director, Kevin Way, aka K-Way, has decided to move on from Kilcoo. K-Way's first year as a staff member was the summer of 1991, before most of our current campers were even born. K-Way was first a Nor' Wester counsellor joining the waterfront staff as a water ski instructor. He ruled the waters of Gull Lake and pulled hundreds of skiers around the Kilcoo Harbour loop. After one more year as a counsellor in the Voyageur section, K-Way took the role of waterfront director and a few summers later, in 1999, became assistant director. Whatever his role at camp, K-Way was professional, courteous, supportive, and dedicated. K-Way has been a teacher for 7 years and he gladly used his summer vacation to work with the staff and LITs to ensure the campers at Kilcoo had a safe and rewarding month at camp.

K-Way received the Ron Johnstone award in 2004 from the Ontario Camping Association for his work with young people, an award well respected



Lub and K-way, summer 2007

in the camping community. K-Way will now look to new challenges in the summer months, including leading a trip to Africa with Greenwood College, the school where he has been teaching the past 5 years since the school opened. The entire Kilcoo community wishes Kevin and Julie the best of luck, and to Kevin, many thanks for the years of dedicated service.

PAT "TINGLES" TINGLEY

NEW AT KILCOO CAMP - 2007

David Latimer shares what is new for this next summer

We are all excited about the upcoming summer and as far as the plans go... it looks great. Brian and Bob have just finished building the new cabin 5 and that continues the trend of one new cabin per year (along with 8.5, the Kremlin & the Swamp). The walls of cabin 5, along with the other cabins mentioned, have had the names salvaged and will be displayed. Our other big purchase this year was something we hope we never have to use - a huge generator in case of a power outage. (See the Q&A)

Every activity has been updated for 2007 and is ready to go. Once again, after a one year hiatus, we will be sending a trip to the Nahanni River. Nine campers, Kilcoo trippers Drew Eaton & Rob MacKay, and "the Nahanni Guy" will be on the river in July, and they will be having an amazing wilderness experience.

Most importantly I am very happy to introduce Pat "Tingles" Tingley as the 4th Assistant Director in my 23 years as Director at Kilcoo. Tingles is taking over for Kevin Way. K-Way retired after 22 years at camp and 8 as Assistant Director. K-Way



Lub & Tingles will make a great team!

has recently been engaged to Julie Marquardt. We will all miss K-Way and the tremendous influence he has made on me and so many of the Kilcoo family. Like Elmo before him, and Murray Wickwire before that, K-Way will leave a very special legacy to camp that Tingles will embrace and in his own way continue. Tingles is entering his 21st year at Kilcoo and has been a counsellor, a Section Director, an LIT Director and spent the past 4 years as Kilcoo's Program Director. He works in the office in the off-season with Kim and is a huge part of Kilcoo's spring and fall school group programs.

DAVID "LUB" LATIMER

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I hope that you all had a great winter and that you enjoy your spring, summer and this edition of the Gull Rock Gazette.

Despite a slow start to the winter, we still had plenty of great days to enjoy the outdoors. Mother Nature made up for a balmy, rain filled Christmas holiday with plenty of snow in February. The abundance of snow north of Toronto meant conditions were perfect for skiing, snowshoeing, and pond hockey. I even got out dog sledding this winter for the first time and would suggest it to anyone who enjoys being active during our long winter months.

While some of us are thankful that the snow came, I think that we will all be happy when April snow flurries bring May flowers. May also marks the beginning of a busy schedule of AMICI events. The AMICI ball hockey tournament will have just wrapped up when this issue hits the presses. The winning team will have earned bragging rights for another year and helped send kids to camp. The Peter Taylor art show is up next with subjects from Newfoundland to Ontario. The summer brings us the JRL golf tournament and the Highland Yard, both great events sure to bring out alumni from all generations. If you miss the summer events you are not out of luck, as once again AMICI will be at Woodbine in the fall for a great night of thoroughbred racing. See the AMICI Speaks section for details on the upcoming events.

At Kilcoo the 76th year of camp does not come with as much fanfare, but Lub and his staff are ready to make it the best summer yet. Pre-camp is underway and camp will be looking great for the first July camper when he arrives. Our congratulations go out to K-Way on his recent engagement and we all wish him the best of luck in his "retirement" from Kilcoo.

As always it takes a team effort to put the Gazette together. This edition would not have come together without hard work from Michael "Huggy" Adamson '97 and Pat "Tingles" Tingley among others. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

GEOFF NELLES '01



FIRESIDE CHAT

Reflections and news from Lub

As I write this it is only a week away from the start of Kilcoo's 76th advance camp; and as it always does this time of year... the excitement is building for the summer ahead. Our 1st school group, The Eastdale Eagles, who have been coming for over a decade, arrives on Friday, May 4th and from that point forward we are "packed" with groups until the summer begins on June 24th with the start of Pre-Camp.

As we go into our 76th year, it is nice to be able to look ahead while also reflecting on a wonderful 75th year, which was highlighted by our celebration in November which was attended by over 720 people (See Tim Currie's re-cap). There has been so much positive feedback from the night and it is nice to see so many people reconnect with their friends and their memories from Kilcoo. As a family, it was wonderful to see that the little spot on Gull Lake has had a lasting



David Latimer, Bob Slingerland and Murray Wickwire lead a sing-song at the reunion

positive effect on so many people. It was equally great to see that we are committed to be as good or better as we begin the next 75 years. The committee that was in charge of this event was remarkable and I would like to acknowledge them now: It was wonderful to work with my brothers Jeff and Mike on this; and as our "chair" Mike really kept it all together, assisted by Mike Sherwood and myself. Jay Haddad, Doug Caldwell and John Bell spent countless hours on the amazing 75th DVD (Copies still available at the office). Paul Chamberlain, Ken Jones, Tim Currie, Peter Holman (The man behind all of the room "decorations" including the amazing tower and the lodge backdrop reproduction), Pat Tingley and of course, Kim in the office, who as she always does, worked effortlessly. All of these people and our speakers Betty Anne Plewman, Clive Chamberlain, Scott Russell and Hal Hannaford were so important to the success of the event and ultimately it reminded me of all the tremendous responsibility I have going forward; to the kids of 2007 and all of you who have come before.

My wife Beth and I and our three kids (TJ & Charlie, who are turning 6 on May 25th, and Brooke, who turns 4 on June 4th) are fully committed and feel so lucky to be a part of all this. We will continue to do our best to carry on this amazing legacy. I welcome you to come visit Kilcoo this summer and I also hope that it won't be 10, 20 or 40 years again until you re-connect with your Kilcoo friends. Enjoy the Gazette and as always, enjoy the memories.

Rip Ram Razzle Scram.

 **DAVID "LUB" LATIMER**

KILCOO'S 75th ANNIVERSARY A BASH!

An incredible crowd came out to celebrate

I was lucky enough to be involved with the planning of this wonderful event from the start. As you know, our challenge was to capture the essence of Kilcoo's history in one evening. It sounds simple, however it isn't, but like most Kilcoo events it magically came together.

Yes, there was anxiety about numbers, questions about where to host such an event, and what will be the components of the actual evening. With all the jobs and tasks divided, each went about their responsibility of putting together plans and a team to execute their assigned responsibilities.

There were decade teams formed to communicate to alumni and Kilcoo friends. Guys like Paul Chamberlain and Randy Kline rolled up their sleeves and went to work. There was the "memorabilia" team that included Ken Jones, Marc Russell, Tingles and Peter Hollman. They had the monumental task of transforming a cavernous room into a replica of the Kilcoo lodge. Woody looked after the meal and event planning and the production company of Haddad, Bell and Caldwell were again asked to work their magic and put together a movie that all would enjoy. Of course there were others, Mike Latimer and Lub kept us focused and many other volunteers did the thankless job of pulling this all together.

Monthly meetings which started in January, switched to weekly meetings in August as we all realized that the November 18th date was not that far off. Our target of 500 guests was surpassed in late September and we set our sites on 600. We were all very pleased when 714 friends, family and Alumni confirmed.

The day started early with 25 (mostly Kilcoo staff) arriving at 8:30am to set up the room. With military type precision, it all came together and looked great. Yes, the beach tower was magnificent, but the large mural of the lodge, at the front of the room was the focal point. With the tables set, flowers in place and the room transformed, we were ready to go.

The first guests began to arrive right at 5 pm, and greeters and registrars did an excellent job welcoming all. You could feel the excitement beginning to build. By 6pm the room was full, stories were flying and I saw people I hadn't seen in almost 40 years. It was exciting and overwhelming all at once.

We were called to dinner at 7 pm, clearly before you had time to visit with all the people you wanted to. The traditional Kilcoo Grace and O'Canada started the evening off with Jeff and Mike Latimer welcoming all. Inspiring telegrams were read recognizing the many that were unable to attend.

BA (Betty-Anne) Plewman led off the speakers and took us through the very early years when her father Charlie ran the camp. It was a time travel that any Kilcoo person would find fascinating. This was followed by Hal Hannaford introducing all of the Assistant Directors from Chamberlain, to Slingerland, to Russell, to Wickwire, to Way and yes Tingles!

Clive spoke of the early years under John "Chief" Latimer. He reminded us of Chief's life long goal of leading Kilcoo and the passion he had for "making men".

Of course there were songs, Kilcoo's greatest hits and yes, you know which ones they were.

Scott Russell took us through the 70's and 80's in a way only he could do. His passion, humor and emotion were the highlight of the evening for many. Scott always admired Chief for his ability to tell stories, and no doubt Chief would be proud of his protégé.

When it comes to slide shows, nobody does it better than Bell, Haddad and Caldwell. With volumes of material dating back to the 30's, they are able to spin a story that takes you on your own trip down memory lane. It was a challenge to recognize many of the characters that were on screen, some a little thinner, some with more hair and some who have left us far too early.

David wrapped up the presentations with an eloquent speech about life at Kilcoo in the 2000's. Yes, he assured all those present that camp is in good hands. The foundation on which all those that preceded and built Kilcoo, has not changed. David's message was met with comfort and the general feeling that Kilcoo's future is secure.

The finale of the evening was the entire room being led by all the Latimers (including Mrs. Chief) in taps. It was very emotional for all, and the only way to conclude and give thanks to our Comrades for such a special day.

So what does an event like this accomplish? Clearly everyone that attended the 75th Anniversary feels compassion for this wonderful place in Haliburton called Kilcoo. For those that attended their first anniversary you realize you are part of something big, and that we all have a responsibility to carry the message of friendship, loyalty and tradition forward. Being part of the Kilcoo family is very important to me. Yes, it is somewhat of a cult-like thing that those outside don't always understand, but when you are sitting there with your family including parents, brothers, sisters, three boys and your best friends, to me it all seems to make sense.

Special thanks to all those who attended, the Latimer's, Kim and everyone who contributed to making this a special evening.

To the current Kilcoo staff, please recognize your individual responsibility for ensuring that you and your extended Kilcoo family remain loyal to the tradition.

I can't wait for the 100th!

 **TIM CURRIE '80**



An exact replica beach tower was signed by the guests and will live at camp.



Paul Chamberlain addresses the guests



Happy alumni at dinner



The "overflow" table

KILCOO CAMP: THEN AND NOW

Some snapshots to show how things have changed in 75 Years - and how they stayed the same!

Kilcoo Camp has evolved a lot in the past 75 years! While the buildings, landscape, and programs have changed, so much has also stayed the same. A visit to the camp in the summer (you are always welcome to pop in for a tour!) may surprise many of you. Some things just never change! There are more docks on the waterfront, the “Peace Tree” on Chapel Point gets taller each year, the tower is more sturdy. However, things like a firm handshake, a “Thank You”, and the endless laughter has not changed. If you have a photo that you would like to share, send it to the Gull Rock Gazette and we will try to find a current match!



Charlie Plewman



Chapel Point 1933



Chapel Point 2006



1977 Staff Reunion: Peter Etherington, Ian Campbell, Dave Minnis



2005 Staff Reunion: Geoff Park, Michael Adamson, Andrew Pace, Ted Morgan, Ken Mitchell, Sean Mitchell



Kilcoo shoreline then



Kilcoo shoreline now



AMICI SPEAKS



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SPRING 2007

IT REALLY DOES GET BETTER WITH AGE

AMICI turns 41

I love it when this newsletter goes out. It means I get to brag. I get to brag about all the fantastic things that AMICI is doing and all the kids that we're helping. In 2006 we sent 100 boys and girls from financially challenged families to summer camp. And we will continue sending them again and again until they are too old to go.

In 2007 we will send 110 children to 21 partner camps (2 more camps than last year). AMICI's reach is widespread: our partner camps stretch from Guelph to Ottawa to North Bay. This is truly remarkable considering that AMICI is so small on the administrative side. There is one full-time employee (yours truly), an office volunteer two days per week (the hard-working and always-cheerful Michelle Wong), a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors, and a vast network of other volunteers. All these people combine their passion for camp with their caring for others in order to impact the lives of kids who really need it (see Testimonials on Page A3).

With things running as well as they are it affords us the opportunity to look ahead and plan for the future. We are focussing on where we want to be five years from now.

It's not just a question of how many children we can send to camp, it's also a question of what we offer them. We will be benefiting from a significant Impact Assessment project which will help us determine how else we can help our families, over and above what we already provide. We're also looking at

how we source our campers in order to determine the best fit. This year I approached a handful of public schools in areas which the City of Toronto has identified as needing help with youth.

I introduced AMICI to the school principals and asked them to refer children who

they think would be ideal for our service.

We all know the benefits of summer camp, and at AMICI we hear about it all the time. For those people who like numbers, here are a couple about the camping industry in general: 92% of campers state that camp helps them feel better about themselves, and 96% of campers say camp helped them make new friends.

AMICI will continue sending more kids to summer camp and improving how we operate along the way, and we hope that you will continue to be a part of it.



at that moment were on the phone talking to one of the friends they had met at camp last summer. They then took me through their entire camp photo album with such enthusiasm they could barely get the words out.

Eight years ago AMICI sent 51 children to summer camp. We have now more than doubled that number, much of it coming in the last three years. We could not do this on our own. If you are reading this article then you impact AMICI and its families in some way, and we thank you so much for that. AMICI will continue sending more kids to summer camp and improving how we operate along the way, and we hope that you will continue to be a part of it.

Our next newsletter will be in the fall, after our campers have returned from camp. By then I will have spoken to our camps and many of our families and I look forward to sharing more stories with you. In the meantime, if you have any questions whatsoever or want to get more involved with AMICI, I'm only a phone call or email away and I'd be thrilled to talk to you.

BILLY ANDERSON

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A few months ago I gave a surprise visit to one of our AMICI families in their community housing project. I had only spoken to the mother on the phone, but when she opened the door she recognized my voice as soon as I said "Hi" and she invited me in to see her two daughters (both AMICI campers) who

CAMPERSHIP UPDATE

Another successful summer for AMICI

I always love this time of year - the time when you get to put the toque, snow gloves and snow shovel away and crack out the patio furniture, shorts and Tom Selleck Hawaiian shirts (okay, maybe not the shorts).

It is also an exciting time for AMICI because summer represents what we are all about – a chance for us to make an impact in children's lives by offering them a chance to experience summer camp, an experience many of us can attest made a lasting impact in our personal growth and development. The thought of summer brings out the kid in everyone, no matter what age you are and that is very evident within AMICI right now – there is a lot of excitement in the air, so let me pass along a few updates!

The AMICI Board had its annual retreat in January to revisit our vision for the next few years and as always, this is an intense meet-

ing to refocus on our vision and get excited about the upcoming summer. We left the meeting:

- (1) With a focused direction for AMICI over the next 3-5 years
- (2) With a target of sending 110 campers to summer camp this year, a 10% increase from the 100 we sent last year and
- (3) Energized for 2007!!!

In combination with this increase we are also hoping to strengthen our relationship with our partner camps and hope that they can help us to reduce our average camper cost so that we can continue to increase the number of children we can support. To meet this 10% increase, AMICI has partnered itself with 2 new camps for the 2007 season, Camp Otterdale located south of Ottawa near Perth and Cedar Ridge Camp, located just outside Bancroft.

Lastly, this is my first of hopefully many Campership updates as I have recently taken over as the Director of Campership for AMICI from Brent Knightley (who has moved on to be Vice President). I look forward to the challenge the new role will provide and am excited to be working with Billy Anderson (our Executive Director) and Ryan Krausz (a new addition to the Campership Committee) to hopefully provide 110 campers with a summer camping experience that they will never forget!

Thanks to everyone who continues to support AMICI to allow us to do such great things and PLEASE keep it coming. There are so many more kids out there looking for our support.

Here is to a fabulous start to 2007 and we look forward to sharing with you more of the news and excitement as the summer fast approaches.

JONATHAN MILLMAN

I realize every year I write you a letter, thanking you for your support and commitment to my children and their summer at Onondaga, well this year is no different. I received the phone call of AMICI's support on the very day of my birthday, so that was the best present anyone could've given me, and I thank you from my heart once again. Have a fantastic day.

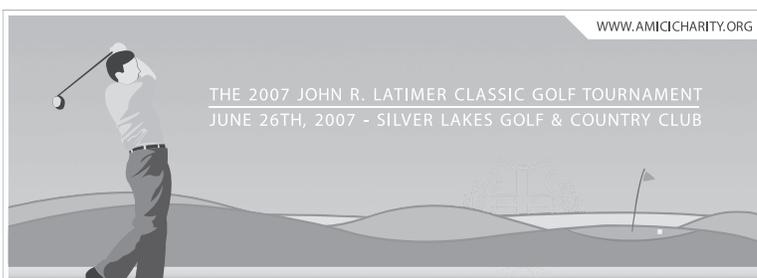
- AMICI Parent

I am really looking forward to going back to camp next summer and doing archery and my new found hobby Pottery. Thank you for letting me go to camp these past two years and I hope I can go again.

- AMICI Camper

Camp is an annual event that Stephen looks forward to with great anticipation. This will be his 5th year attending. He has a picture album on his nightstand and he looks at his camp memories on a daily basis. Thank you thank you thank you!

- AMICI Parent



YOU ARE INVITED!

It's time to swing your clubs for kids. This year, AMICI Camping Charity will send 110 boys and girls from financially challenged families to summer camp. The JRL Classic helps make that possible. Please check the details below and go to the AMICI website for regularly updated information.

All AMICI supporters, volunteers, Friends and Family are welcome.

Where & When

Silver Lakes Golf & Country Club
Newmarket Ontario
Date: June 26th, 2007

Barbeque lunch & Driving Range - open at 11am
Tee off - 1pm
Reception & prizes - 6pm

Pay before June 1st: Individual = \$150, Foursome = \$600
Price after June 1st: Individual = \$175, Foursome = \$700
Hole Sponsorship = \$500
Foursome + Sponsorship = \$1,000

To pay by credit card, email your details to bknightley@loyalty.com or mail a cheque (payable to "AMICI Camping Charity - JRL Classic") to AMICI at 150 Eglinton Ave. E. Suite 204, Toronto, ON, M4P 1E8.

We are looking for raffle prizes, please contact us if you have anything to donate.

2007 AMICI MILE

An exciting night out raising money for AMICI

The AMICI Mile, at Woodbine Race Track, is an excellent interactive event that you will not soon forget. The night includes a surprisingly delicious buffet, silent auction, insider tips on how to bet on horse racing, and a full schedule of thoroughbred racing, including the AMICI Mile. All of the evening's activities are held in an event tent as close to the action as possible.

The AMICI Mile is a great opportunity to get together with friends, entertain business associates, and help AMICI send kids to camp. You don't have to run or show off that funky golf swing to participate. Your complementary betting voucher will get you right in the action, and if luck is on your side you could be the night's big winner. Past silent auction prizes have ranged from signed sports memorabilia, fine wine, and tickets to various events. So even if the horses are not good to you, you can still go home with a prize.

There is no better place to watch horse racing than the track side tent at Woodbine. You are literally meters away from some of



the world's best athletes as they come barreling around the third turn on the way to the home stretch. For a moment the sound of the thundering hooves drowns out the cheers and jeers of the supporters beside you before the sound fades down the track. As in past years you can sign up for a table of eight, or come on your own, and round trip transportation from a central Toronto location will be provided. Final details are being finalized and will be posted on the AMICI website (www.amicicampingcharity.org). We look forward to seeing many of you there.

GEOFF NELLES

AMICI ART SHOW 2007

Friend of the artist, Michael Bain, invites you to this year's show

When a seasoned adventurer has stories he's bursting to tell, I'll gladly grab a beer and let him bend my ear for a few hours. And so it shall be at this year's instalment of painter Peter Taylor's art show in support of AMICI, except that those stories will be told by his canvasses.

But corner the artist himself and you'll hear tales of his stirring trip to Western Newfoundland. The unfathomable scale and varied moods of Gros Morne provided Peter with ample material and energy for this year's show. Back in the studio he immediately roughed out a dozen of the most outstanding images and set to work. A winter's worth of pinballing between canvasses has produced the 20 paintings that will hang in May. Rounding out the collection are images from closer to home as well, namely the Bruce Trail and Hockley Valley.

Please join Peter this **Wednesday, May 16th** from 5:30pm until 11:00pm at the Womens Art Association, 23 Prince Arthur Avenue in



Yorkville, for a celebration of art, exploration, and AMICI. Light snacks and a bar will be provided. Kids are welcome and can easily spill out into the rear garden for some adventures of their own. Hope to see you there!

If you cannot make it to the show and would like to preview Peter's collection please call Peter at 416-302-1272.



AMICI PARTNER CAMPS 2007

Camp Arrowhead
www.arrowhead.on.ca

Camp Bellaleo
www.campbellaleo.com

Cedar Ridge Camp
www.cedarridgecamp.ca

Camp Couchiching
www.campcouchiching.com

Frontier Trails
www.frontiertrailscamp.com

Camp Kandalore
www.kandalore.com

Camp Kawartha
www.campkawartha.ca

Kilcoo Camp
www.kilcoo.com

Camp Medeba
www.medeba.com

Camp Oconto
www.campoconto.com

Onondaga Camp
www.onondagacamp.com

Camp Otterdale
www.campotterdale.com

YMCA Camp Pinecrest

Camp Kennebec
www.campkennebec.com

Camp Tanamakoon
www.tanamakoon.com

Camp Tawingo
www.tawingo.net

YMCA Camp Wanakita
www.ymca-wanakita.on.ca

YMCA Camp Kitchikewana
www.ymcaofsimcoemuskok.ca/kitchi

Glen Bernard Camp
www.gbcamp.com

Camp Mi-A-Kon-Da
www.miakonda.com

YMCA Camp Queen Elizabeth
www.campqueenelizabeth.ca

Thank you for your support!

THE 2007 HIGHLAND YARD

Runners, walkers, grandparents and toddlers

It's hard to say what the best part of the Highland Yard is. The 400-ish people milling about? The anticipation for both races? The fact that it's the Friday of one of the best weekends of the year? The BBQ during and after race? And of course, the fact that more children get to attend summer camp because of it all.

The first Highland Yard took place in 1971. Same time, same place. It must be a big success if we're still doing it 36 years later. At 6pm on Friday August 3rd 2007, a few hundred people will crowd the main street in Minden. Some will be lining up to race. Others will be cheering on friends and family from the sidewalk. Still more will have already found a comfy seat in the Dominion Hotel for wings and beer with the important job of keeping the seats warm for when the exhausted runners join them afterwards. From serious runners to relaxed walkers, everyone is welcome to attend. You can see entire families participating over 3 or 4 generations.

The races are certified Class C races and are professionally timed, with results updated as the races progress. While the serious runners come from far and wide to take part and show their stuff, others come from as far as the dock at their cottage.

Some runners have been coming since day one. As they rush past (or saunter or mozy depending on the participant) you can see Highland Yard t-shirts from a wide variety of years. The more "seasoned" runners can be heard boasting "When I was your age it was uphill both ways".

Last year there were some changes to the event, and they all were a bit hit. There are now two races: a 5k and a 10k. Both races start and finish on Minden's main street, making it a much easier start logistically. As always, there will be prizes across all age categories for both men and women.

So mark Friday August 3rd in your calendar. The race begins at 6pm, with registration



that afternoon. You can also check out the AMICI Camping Charity website for more details: amicicharity.org As the race grows each year it is often quite hectic to register upon arrival, so we encourage people to register ahead of time on AMICI's website beginning in June.

So whether you're old or young, and regardless if it's your fifth race this year or your first run ever, we hope to see you in Minden on August 3rd.

IT GROWS WHEN YOU GET EXCITED

2007 JRL Classic in support of AMICI

The 5th Annual JRL Classic AMICI golf tournament promises to be bigger and better than ever. Set aside Tuesday, June 26, 2007 for what promises to be an awesome day of golf in support of AMICI. This year's tournament is going to be bigger and better than ever. AMICI has committed to finding 140 golfers so that we can have the course to ourselves with a shotgun start at 1:00pm. That's a significant commitment and we are depending on past participants to encourage new players to join us. Optimism compels me to advise that participation is limited to the first 140 golfers. We'll have a BBQ lunch before we start and a short awards presentation following golf.

The organizing committee, Brent Knightley, George Wright, Heather Navis and I, need help recruiting golfers, finding sponsors and prize donors, and running activities on the day of the tourna-

ment. If you can assist in any of these (or other) areas, please let me know.

The cost of the tournament will be \$150 again this year (which includes golf, cart and lunch) but the price goes up to \$175 after June 1, 2007. Hole sponsorships are available at \$1000 (which includes a foursome). Hole sponsorship without golf is \$500.

Harry McMurtry, Jim Stewart, Doug Smith and Blair Robinson have committed to defending their title and I understand they are well into their preparation for this year's event.

We encourage you all to bring someone new to this year's tournament, organize your foursome's early and get your registration forms in. We look forward to seeing you all on June 26, 2007.

MARK DAVIS



2005 organizers: Brent Knightley, Mark Davis, and Jeremy Andrews



Colin Ground, Chris Butters, Kevin Devine and Phil Gellatly

THE 2007 AMICI BALL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

The 6th Annual Ball Hockey Tournament takes place this April

The 2007 AMICI Ball Hockey Tournament might be the only chance to see great hockey played in Toronto this spring. After lock-outs and dismal Leafs regular seasons, "The Tourney" (as the regulars call it) is the way to go. 2007 is the 6th year for the AMICI Ball Hockey Tournament, and this year promises to be another great event. Come rain or shine (after many years of great weather, the past two years have been wet and cold) the participants will be running all over the ball hockey courts at Upper Canada College for chance at glory and to see their team's name on the AMICI CUP. The tourney has been a staple event for AMICI since 2002, and it continues to be a great day for Alumni, friends and families.

This year's favorites will be the defending champs the Bomba Relaxos and the four-time champs the Cleveland Steamers. In a dramatic final last April, the boys from Burlington, lead by the incomparable George "Beano" Wright, defeated the Steamers in a very exciting game and finally put a new team on the trophy. The 2006 Bomba Relaxos victory has given everyone



Hope that on any given Saturday, any team can win.

Here is a breakdown of the teams in 2007 Tourney. The Bomba Relaxos are a bunch built on chemistry; this team has played together since they were boys growing up on the mean streets of Burlington. The church parking lot at Rossmore and South has seen the blood, sweat and tears spilt as the boys grew into men and became the team they are today. Player/GM George "Beano" Wright has his team ready to defend their title.

Their biggest competition will come from the Cleveland Steamers, a squad with the ability to dominate its opponent. The Steamers have players who can actually run for many minutes in a row without getting tired. They are solid up the middle and always seem to get great goaltending when they need it most. The Steamers are ready to claim back the trophy that they feel belongs to them.

Team Awesome is rag tag bunch lead by Johnny Dempster and Tony Wilson. They have reached the final a few times, but have also been victim of the dreaded first round defeat. They were on the losing end of one of the great games in Tourney history, a 2006 playoff shootout loss. They are looking to rebound in '07, but with these guys one never quite knows who will show up, Jekyll or Hyde? Crosby or Kordic?

Kilcoo New Millennium is only in their second year of existence, but they are looking to build on last year's experience and improve their standing. K.N.M. had an excellent draft class which will help them emerge as a force in 2007. This is a team of Kilcoo brothers: the MacKay's, the Krausz's, the Gray's and a few other ringers. K.N.M. has great team chemistry and they will need it to fend off the wily veterans of the other teams. K.N.M. is built on youth and speed, and they are hungry to prove they belong with the big boys.

Team Elton is one of the original teams from the 2002 tournament, but have never been able to play in the final. After years of goaltending changes and roster moves the



Intense play in the 2006 AMICI Ball Hockey Tournament

nucleus finally seems to have stabilized with a roster that will be intact for the future. Team Elton drafted a ringer right out from under the noses of the Bomba Relaxos, Burlington native Rob Love. Team Captain Kevin Way and Team Elton are looking forward to finally making the jump from perennial semi-finalist to having a place in the final.

Finally there is the crowd favorite, the Pete Panthers (No, that is not a typo). The Panthers finally won a playoff game last year, in dramatic shoot-out fashion over Team Awesome, and they are hungry for more playoff success. The game was one of the best Tourney games ever, reminiscent of little game played in 1972. The Panthers are gritty bunch lead by the speedy Sean Mitchell, the elusive Scott Davis and the tenacious Kevin Stewart. If they can get their goalie to wear equipment instead of jeans, they could be dangerous.

Mike Latimer & Rip Ram and John Medland & The Big Unit have also lead their teams to the tourney in years past. Organizers and fans hope after a year hiatus they will be back on the court in 2008 to challenge for the crown. The Tourney is also hoping to expand to ten teams for 2008 and those interested are asked to contact George Wright in the fall. By the time this issue comes to your door, the 2007 Champion will have been crowned, so stay tuned for a tournament recap and start looking forward to next year!

 **RED "BIG SCOOP" MCGEE**

KILCOO TRIVIA

Test your knowledge of Kilcoo Trivia (answers on G7)

QUESTIONS:

- 1/ What were the five countries represented in the first ever Kilcoo Olympics?
- 2/ What was the fate of the cowboy in the song "Blood on the Saddle?"
- 3/ What year were the section names changed to the present day Trailblazers, Pathfinders, Nor'westers and Voyageurs?
- 4/ In 1938, Charlie Plewman had an opportunity to buy the whole of Long Island. What was the price?
- 5/ What year saw Kilcoo's first candlelight procession on closing night?
- 6/ What canoe trip route was known unofficially as "the Vietnam trip?"
- 7/ Under what name does "Ruth's Island" appear on topographical maps of Gull Lake?
- 8/ What year was the Long House built?
- 9/ What legendary Kilcoo Olympic event features five 10-man relay teams racing on a track the circuits through camp?
- 10/ Where did Kilcoo's original sauna stand?
- 11/ What was the name of the wooden crash boat used on the Kilcoo waterfront in the '60s, '70s and '80s?
- 12/ What is the name of the hunting lodge on Sheldon Lake?
- 13/ How many "Sinbad" sailboats are at the bottom of the Kilcoo harbour?

PHOTO GALLERY - SUMMER 2006

Some photos from last summer!



ASK LUB

The Gazette asks the tough questions to Lub

1. How is the two week program working out?

The two-week program was a big success last summer, it gave a number of young kids aged 7 & 8 a chance to come to Kilcoo and prepare for a month this year in 2007. Brad Moyle, last year's cabin 1 counsellor, did a great job adapting to the change in routine and having to write twice as many camper reports! This summer we have expanded to two cabins, Matt Currie in cabin 1 and Andrew Binet in cabin 2. The spots are almost gone, but please call the office if you are still looking to place your son for two weeks... It's a great way for "Mom's and Dad's" to ease into camp!

2. Are TJ and Charlie campers yet?

Almost and boy am I excited! They are going off to day camp at Wanakita this summer and next summer they will be two week campers with the sons of fellow alumni Chuck Fisher and John Bellamy. They are really excited to try out day-camp and I know they will love it. The boys really enjoy being at Kilcoo in the summer-time and I think it has been a great place for them to grow up. We are going to open a girls camp for Brooke next door at Redside, which should be up and running by 2008... just kidding!

3. When is the next staff reunion?

The next staff reunion will be in the fall of 2008. Reunion weekend is a great chance to come back to camp and see some old friends in those familiar surroundings. There are the usual camp activities, chapel, sing songs, BBQ's, the Decade Baseball Tourney and so much more. The 75th was great to have so many friends and families, but the reunion is for the staff alumni to spend some time at Kilcoo and remember the old days... The reunion will take place on September 12th – 14th 2008.

4. Any more construction going on at camp this year?

A brand new Cabin 5 is being completed this spring and will be ready to be launched by the campers this summer. We are going to try and update the grounds by building every year. We want to keep the camp looking great by having some new buildings go up as the years go by. We will continue to salvage the inside walls of any cabin that comes down. The history of Kilcoo is very important, so when we replaced the Kremlin and the Swamp last year, we salvaged pieces of the walls and put them on display. Kilcoo will continue to try and maintain the memories of the past as we look to the future.

5. Has Kilcoo made interesting purchases over the off-season?

One significant purchase made during the off-season was a generator. The generator is no ordinary plug in the coffee pot camping generator; it is fully integrated into the camp's infrastructure. After last summer's storm in early August, which took out our electricity for a number of days at the beginning of the August session, we decided we needed something a little more capable. The new generator will be able to power the entire Lodge, including the kitchen and the plumbing around camp. It will allow things to run normally in the event of a power outage, especially one that may last for an extended period of time.

Do you have a question for "Lub"? Send it to Billy Anderson and he will pass it along to the editors!

KILCOO TRIVIA

Test your knowledge of Kilcoo Trivia (from page G6)

ANSWERS:

- 1/ Australia, Canada, England, India, New Zealand
- 2/ his bronco fell on him...
- 3/ 1966
- 4/ \$800
- 5/ 1974
- 6/ Hall's Lake to Camp
- 7/ Easter Island
- 8/ 1982
- 9/ The Parloff
- 10/ on the shore beside present day cabin 22
- 11/ The Beast
- 12/ The Seldom Inn
- 13/ at least 3, probably more



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