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FIRESIDE CHAT

Reflections from Lub



It is just two weeks today (as I write this) that Advance Camp begins for Kilcoo's 77th year. In fact, Marc Russell and Rob Chisnall are already up there and getting things set for the start of camp. Chissy is working on the aerial course and Marc is putting all the signs back up from our Fall filming of Disney's "Camp Rock" (airing June 20th - see last Newsletter for info).

Highlighting all this is our staff reunion on September 12th, 13th & 14th 2008. It is so nice to see so many "applications" already coming in and I really hope you and your friends from camp will attend. There are not a lot of opportunities in life to really "walk down memory lane" and I hope you will take this opportunity to get a hold of your "old" friends and come "back to camp". You see, T.J. and Charlie (turning 7), Brooke, (turning 5) and Beth and I get to live this experience every summer and we truly appreciate how lucky we are. We love the staff and campers that are part of Kilcoo and as alumni I believe you'd like them too. They sing "When You Walk Through a Storm" and "Sunshine Happiness" with pride, they love Maker of Men and Chapel Point and they still love the canoe pageant and Grand Council. The Olympics are as popular as ever, as is Kilabaloo and Polar Bears is still a "controversial" way to start the day (should I sleep until the bell?) What I'm saying is 77 years later ...Kilcoo...is Kilcoo...The values, the traditions...the friends. I am very excited for my 24th year as Director and we have an awesome staff (two new to Kilcoo staff only) and an over 85% return rate of campers. I welcome you to visit us this summer if you're driving by and most importantly, I encourage you all to come "home" this Fall. Thanks to everyone. My family, including my two Brothers, wish you all the best Rip, Ram, Razzle, Scram.



DAVID "LUB" LATIMER

MUSINGS FROM TINGLES

A few words from Kilcoo's illustrious Assistant Director

After a loooooong winter in the Toronto area it is nice to see that the camping season has finally begun. By the time you read this article the 77th year of Kilcoo Camp will be underway. Hopefully all the snow, which was still piled very high at the beginning of April, will be gone. For the first time under the leadership of David Latimer, the Advance Camp guys all returned completely intact from the year before... No rookies - so who will wake up for fishing? All the AC guys are pumped for another spring of school groups and shenanigans!

The off season was an exciting one as we moved into new digs here at the office. It's actually on the same floor and we have the same suite number, but we have a new paint job - say goodbye to those old turquoise walls! Most importantly though, it is great having the AMICI crew of Kate Horton & Sarah Rubinovich join in the fun of 150 Egg East! The move itself was a great chance to clean out some drawers and get rid of some the clutter that had built up over the many years in the old office. I spent more than a few minutes chuckling over old photos as we cleaned out old 204. The Staff of 2008 is looking forward to another successful summer, and we have another great bunch of people this year. The dedicated group of camping professionals that make up our staff really put a



great deal into the summer & I look forward to working with them in the months that lie ahead. On a personal note, I am eagerly anticipating the reunion in the fall and hope to see some old friends from the mid to late '90's...

Finally, Bob Emmerson, one of Kilcoo's loyal caretakers, stepped away from Kilcoo this past March and into retirement. For the past 15 plus years, Bob had been a staple at Kilcoo Camp. Bob was a tireless worker who cared a great deal about the well-being of the camp and those involved with it. The guys who really got to know Bob, usually the Advance Camp and Post Camp guys, always appreciated his straight forward attitude and candour. I want to use this space to wish Bob all the best in the future and thank him on behalf of those who got to know him over the years. We'll miss you Bob!



PAT "TINGLES" TINGLEY

REGISTER NOW

An event not to be missed

By the time you receive this copy of The Gazette we expect most spaces for this year's reunion to be filled. Information is posted on the camp website from which the application form can be downloaded. Whether it is Friday's golf, Saturday's baseball and the end of the day banquet, the chance to paddle a canoe and just wander around camp, or just the potential for a great time with a renewal of old friendships, you won't want to miss out on the opportunity. Register now and be part of another great Kilcoo tradition!

KILCOO STAFF REUNION: SEPTEMBER 12 - 14, 2008

REUNION TIME - THAT MEANS YOU!
Mark your calendars now for a weekend filled with joining "old" camp friends, meeting new, and reliving fond memories. Registration in early 2008. Information has been mailed and is posted on the Kilcoo website. Plan early as registration will be limited to 150 alumni.

SEPTEMBER 2008

| 11 Thursday | 12 Friday | 13 Saturday | 14 Sunday |
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| - Pack my stuff for the Kilcoo Staff reunion | - Arrive at camp - Have fun - Late night snack - Have fun | - Breakfast - Have fun - Lunch - Have fun - Dinner - Have fun | - Chapel - Brunch - Say good bye |

1947 - THE YEAR POLIO STRUCK KILCOO

Not just any sore neck, aching leg, nausea, or chest pains

By all rights, 1947 should have been one of Kilcoo's best years. During the previous winter Director Charlie Plewman had managed to complete his obligations associated with the purchase of the camp from the Lackie family and the summer weather was unusually good for tripping and water activities. Temperatures recorded in Haliburton County through July were mostly in the high 70's Fahrenheit, and August was just plain hot and dry. On eleven different days during August camp the thermometer hit the high 80's and it broke into the 90's for three days straight in the middle of the month. But who could have been prepared for the polio outbreak that struck during the same month?

Since the first recognized outbreak in 1910 polio had received some very bad press in North America and caused much hysteria. Successive epidemics in Ontario hit a high point in 1937 and what was first referred to as "Infantile Paralysis" and "The Middle Class Disease" caused widespread fears among families of young children. In 1937 in Toronto there was even talk of closing down the annual Canadian National Exhibition and delaying the opening of schools.

Poliomyelitis is caused by any of three different viruses which develop and multiply in the intestinal tract from where they can spread to the nervous system. In some affected people the virus can affect breathing, a fact that led during the 1937 epidemic to the development in Toronto of the "iron lung", but in other cases leads to certain degrees of paralysis, often more severe the older the patient. It spreads by the ingestion of contaminated food or water and can result from poor handwashing practices. A great irony for the thousands of sufferers was the great improvement in public health and standards of hygiene in the 20th century which left many with no natural immunity to the disease as had been possessed by children of an earlier era. While 1947 did not match the 1937 total of over 2500 victims in Ontario, still there were 796 cases recorded in the province and two of them originated at Kilcoo during August camp. While there were rumours at the time that there were many others, only John Latimer as the third could be verified. John was very lucky in that his symptoms were minimal and his recovery allowed him to lead a normal life. Yet, years later he would comment to friend Colin Mason and wife, Mrs. Chief, that he felt a weakness in one of his legs from time to time.

And so it was in August that the lives of George Brigden and Lyle Pringle were forever changed by polio. While the passage of sixty years has left recollections vague we can piece some of the events together. Lyle, a CIT at the time was involved in an evening basketball game but left prematurely saying that he wasn't feeling well. Suffering from nausea and a stiffness in his neck he returned to his cabin and went to bed. During the night he got up to go to the kybo and while on the path he collapsed. His counsellor, Mo Dixon, and another counsellor managed to carry him to the infirmary and after a night spent in great pain an ambulance was summoned by the camp doctor, Dr. Wally Parliament, and Lyle was taken to Toronto. Two days later, counsellor George Brigden fell prey to the same symptoms and was also taken to Toronto. Both Lyle and George spent time in the Riverdale Isolation Hospital after which they were transferred to Toronto General. Lyle spent most of a year there. Treatment at that time was emerging from the patterns of the 30's

where splints and casts were used to immobilize arms and legs in awkward positions away from the body and moving toward a program initiated by an Australian nurse that involved extremely hot compresses followed by painful stretching of muscles and exercises. Paul Murray recounts an attempt to visit the Riverdale Hospital in the fall and having to talk to Lyle who propped himself against a window ledge. Isolation of patients was the trademark reaction to the disease because it seemed to be very contagious.

Both Lyle and George demonstrated great courage in the face of their illness and both went on to long careers, George as a lawyer, and Lyle with Etobicoke's Parks and Recreation Department. Yet, while George heaped praise on the nurses who helped him in the year after he became ill, neither fully recovered, and when the post polio syndrome revisited them with symptoms of muscle weakness and fatigue years later, canes and then wheel chairs became the necessary reality. For both of them, and the many other sufferers, there was a second irony in that 1947 marked the year that Dr. Jonas Salk began his work at the University of Pittsburgh that would lead to the development of a serum that created a breakthrough in the fight against polio eight years later.

The arrival of polio at Kilcoo caused much fear, just as it caused panic wherever it appeared. Tom Waldon had taken his cabin group on a canoe trip and was camped on a lake north of Minden when local cottagers advised him that there were reports of polio in the area. Tom phoned the camp and convinced Charlie to have the camp truck pick them up. Some parents came to the camp and picked up their children, but in most cases campers stayed put. In one sense the camp came under a quarantine and there were frequent visits from health inspectors and very deliberate sanitizing efforts of kybos and kitchen areas along with campers being admonished to wash hands thoroughly and carefully. C. Brian Smith, 8 years old at the time, remembers that after camp, instead of going north to extend his holiday, he had to be taken directly to his grandmother's home to complete the quarantine period.

Yet, for those at the Prep camp (for the youngest campers) located in Braeside Bay, things seemed to carry on pretty much as usual. Nevertheless, for those who were in the main camp and confronted with the realities of polio, it was a summer never to be forgotten. Chuck Sharp, in summarizing, echoes the words no doubt spoken by many people all across North America at the time. When looking back on how the summer of 1947 finished he commented, "We continued on fearing one of these symptoms, a sore neck, aching leg, nausea, chest pain, and wondering who would be next. I shall always remember that basketball game"(where Lyle left feeling ill).

With thanks to the following who were at Kilcoo in August, 1947 and contributed to this article: Warren Castle, Mo Dixon, John Graham, Bruce Haines, Dennis Lane, Colin Mason, Paul Murray, Chuck Sharp, C. Brian Smith, Tom Waldon and the late George Brigden.

 **PAUL CHAMBERLAIN**



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THE MAGIC OF AMICI, THE POWER OF CAMP

A Message From AMICI's New Executive Director, Kate Horton

It was one of those moments you never forget. One sunny summer morning, sitting in the Dining Hall enjoying a breakfast of Fruit Loops with a cabin of 8 years olds, it suddenly became clear – why we were here, what this amazing, magical experience called ‘camp’ was really all about.

“I know why I like camp so much,” said a small voice near my elbow.

“At home, I feel like I don’t do that much... [low stage whisper] and I don’t think I actually have that many friends,”

A long pause allowed for further thought and more Fruit Loops. I waited, crossing my fingers and hoping this story would have a happy ending.

“But at camp, we get to do so much stuff every day and even though I haven’t been here that long, I’ve made a ton of new friends.... at camp, I think I might be...cool!”

BINGO.

AMICI is in the cool business. We are also in the self-confidence business, the independence business, the personal growth-adventure-discovery-caring community-incredible lifelong memories-business, the new skills and friendship business and, of course, we are in the fun business. The best part is that our organization is in this business on behalf of deserving kids who would not otherwise be able to experience the magic of summer camp.

It is a great pleasure and a privilege to be AMICI’s current Executive Director. Like most of us who are involved with AMICI, camping is a lifelong passion of mine. As a volunteer on AMICI’s Campership Committee from 2001-2004, I learned how rewarding it can be to “give back” and share, through AMICI, some of the positive ways camp influenced me, both as a camper and staff

member. When I had the opportunity to coordinate AMICI’s first-ever partner camp tour in August, 2004, I was amazed to see the variety of unique cultures and traditions in our partner camps. Now, hitting the ground running in this new role, I look forward to the challenge of guiding AMICI through future growth; to renewing old friendships and making many new acquaintances in our ever-expanding community. There is a lot to learn and I will appreciate your help, suggestions and feedback as we move forward together.

The last few years have been a time of unprecedented growth for AMICI, due in no small part to the incredible efforts of my predecessor, AMICI’s first-ever Executive Director, Billy Anderson. Each year has seen a steady increase in the number of children and families who benefit from AMICI’s support. This year we are poised to reach another, all-time high, sending more boys and girls to summer camp than ever before. This achievement would not be possible without the generous support of our donors, volunteers and partner camps. Thanks to them (you), our revenues have increased across all categories: through personal donations, corporate sponsorships, foundation grants, innovative special events and camp fee subsidies.

All this in the service of continuing a great camping tradition; a dream that began in 1966, when a small group of committed Kilcoo alumni decided to raise funds to send one child to camp.

The more AMICI grows, the clearer the need for AMICI becomes. Kids today, especially those living in the heart of our urban centres, need camp now, more than ever. Even though campership numbers are on the rise, in 2008, as in previous years, we will have a significant waiting list of appli-



cations. As we strive to develop resources to meet this high demand, we are challenged to stay true to AMICI’s core traditions, mission, vision and values.

In the coming months, AMICI will be commissioning an Impact Assessment Report to collect qualitative data about the long and short-term effects of an AMICI-sponsored camp experience. As former campers, we know intuitively that camp inspires young people to make good choices and build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. The Impact Assessment will be a valuable tool that will help us to better understand the needs of those we serve and communicate the positive impact of AMICI to those who are less familiar with what residential summer camp is all about.

There is no doubt that the face of Southern Ontario, our primary geographic area for camper referrals, is changing. AMICI has an opportunity to play a unique role in introducing summer camp to multicultural populations, for whom camp is not a cultural staple. Looking ahead, we will continue to forge partnerships with neighbourhood centres, settlement organizations and local schools, building bridges to new communities and spreading the word about the magic of summer camp.

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PARTNER CAMP PROFILE: ONONDAGA CAMP

Camp Onondaga has been a partner camp for 40 years

Onondaga Camp's association with the AMICI Camping Charity goes back a long way. It was almost forty years ago this summer that some long time Onondagans decided to organize an annual summer run for the camp staff. The run began as a staff race with the starting line at the camp gates and ended with a great after party at the Rockcliffe Hotel in the town of Minden. Over the years the race morphed in to becoming not only a staff event but also something that the local community and cottagers wanted to take part in too. The growth of the event enabled the race to sign on the Heineken Brewery as a sponsor and then eventually became a regular event in the summer running series. It was soon apparent that the race had the ability to raise money, the proceeds of which were given to AMICI – a most suitable recipient. In 1987 Onondaga officially offered the race to AMICI to take over as an annual fund raiser and ever since then, AMICI has relied on the money raised from this race to help send hundreds of children to summer camp.

Onondaga's relationship with AMICI is one that the camp is very proud of and one which makes us pleased to continue playing an active role as a host camp for the charity organization. AMICI's mandate is special in that its soul mission is to give children who might not normally have the opportunity to go to camp, the chance to have a true Canadian summer camp experience. AMICI understands the enormous benefits that camp provides children. They know that camp is one place in the world where a child can gain a stronger sense of self, develop their own self-confidence and make some of the strongest friendships of their lives all while creating memories that will last them forever.

One of AMICI's greatest strengths is its long term commitment to each of the families that it works with. Recognizing both the long term impact camp has on children as well as how important it is for the child to know they will be able to return to camp in subsequent summers, AMICI is able to make sure their campers are sponsored year after year. This is an incredible feat and demonstrates just how synonymous



AMICI's values are with that of the camping industry. Every Camp Director will agree that having campers able to return for multiple summers only compounds the effect that camp will have on that child. AMICI ensures that each camper they invest in will be able to feel a part of the camp community for many years to come and at Onondaga we feel that this is an enormous part of the whole camp experience.

For many children, the camp experience does not end with being a camper. Many are able to carry on and be part of the camp's Leader in Training Program. It is at this stage that many adolescents are presented even greater opportunity to develop their personal skills, skills that they will carry with them for life. The friendships developed in these programs are also unmatched as teens spend intense amounts of time together learning, training and growing.

As an individual who has been fortunate enough to spend the last 25 years in camping – from camper through to Director – my years as a Leader in Training remain in my mind as the greatest summers of my life. Recognizing the invaluable skills learned during the LIT years, AMICI has ensured that their campers are also able to receive sponsorship for the LIT program, thus providing each of them with the opportunity to give back to camp what camp has given to them.

The AMICI Camping Charity is an organization that Onondaga is thrilled to be working with and we look forward to continuing our relationship for many years to come. Camp is an incredible place for children to spend their summers no matter what their background. We hope to welcome many more AMICI campers to Onondaga over the years ahead and



AMICI PARTNER CAMPS 2008

Camp Arrowhead
www.arrowhead.on.ca

Camp Bellaleo
www.campbellaleo.com

Camp Couchiching
www.campcouchiching.com

Camp Kandalore
www.kandalore.com

Camp Kawartha
www.campkawartha.ca

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www.medeba.com

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

Camp Oconto
www.campoconto.com

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www.campotterdale.com

Camp Tanamakoon
www.tanamakoon.com

Camp Tawingo
www.tawingo.net

Cedar Ridge Camp
www.cedarridgecamp.ca

Frontier Trails
www.frontiertrails.com

Glen Bernard Camp
www.gbcamp.com

Kilcoo Camp
www.kilcoo.com

Onondaga Camp
www.onondagacamp.com

YMCA Camp Kitchikewana
www.ymcaofsimcoemusoka.ca/kitchi/contact.htm

YMCA Camp Pinecrest
www.camppinecrest.ca

YMCA Camp Queen Elizabeth
www.campqueenelizabeth.ca

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

Thank you for your support!

promise to give them summers and friends they will never forget.

Duncan Robertson, Director
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CAMPERSHIP UPDATE

125 children will have a chance to go to summer camp this summer

It's hard to believe that summer is just around the corner, and I have just come in from shoveling my walk from yet another annoying snowfall. I think that everyone is excited for this long winter to end, and for the much deserved spring weather to finally be here. The long winter has not dampened the spirits around AMICI, as we have had another wonderful off-season, building on last summer to ensure that this upcoming summer will be yet another record breaking summer for AMICI and Campership. We are well on our way to yet another successful summer, with a goal (and as of this article we are there!!!) of sending 125 deserving children to camp for the upcoming summer (up from 116 last year). We have continued to increase our numbers each and every summer, however our focus has been and will continue to be on the quality of each individual experience, not the quantity of experiences. AMICI has grown by leaps and bounds over the past few years, and we want to ensure above all, that we are still offering the best possible experience for each and every deserving camper, for as long as they wish their camping career to be.

It has been an off season of transition for AMICI with the hiring of our second-ever Executive Director Kate Horton who has made a seamless transition into the role. She has made a ton of progress in working with our partnership camps – strengthening our relationships and ensuring that we are offering the best camp experiences available in Ontario. Kate will be continuing the Executive Director road-trip this summer – visiting many of our partner camps in July and August. We have recreated the Campership committee of a few years ago, which is comprised of Ryan Krausz, Sarah Rubinovich, Kate Horton and myself. The committee meets

monthly to discuss any issues and opportunities that may arise throughout the year. I'm very excited to announce that for the 2008 summer, our partner camps have cumulatively asked 11 of our campers to return under their respective camps Leadership-In-Training program (LIT), which is by far the largest group since we started supporting LITs a few years ago. I think it is amazing that our LIT numbers are growing, as it is a wonderful reflection on the individuals who have been asked back by their camp. To see these individuals have an opportunity to continue their personal growth in a leadership role is reassurance that we are making a difference.



Again, a HUGE congratulations to all of those who have been chosen by their respective camps to join their Leadership-In-Training program. On behalf of AMICI I would like to thank all of you for your generosity throughout the year, it is truly appreciated. We would not be able to make the impact we are without your continued support.

Wishing everyone a safe and WARM summer season!

Jonathan Millman
Campership Director

TESTIMONIALS FROM PARENTS AND CAMPERS

It is an amazing help and a wonderful opportunity and I thank AMICI very much...

I have no words to describe how this organization has helped me and my daughter. Every year we have this break when she leaves the house and we both grow. Having my daughter away in a safe place lets me appreciate her. I love how grateful and kind she is when she comes back...She is now more independent and she has learned how to make friends and get along better on her own.

Without this charity, my children would never have cultivated such a love of nature and animals.

We live at Jane and Finch. The camp has been great for my son to get out of the city, make new friends and learn new skills.

Thank you so much for providing this opportunity to our children and others like them. You are not only providing her with a fun experience, but also prospects for her future.

Despite [my son's] health issues, he had an amazing time at camp. The camp seems to have increased his self-esteem and his ability to cope with his illness. He left for camp rather nervous and wondering if he would "be able to do it" and returned a calm, confident, smiling, happy young man, very proud of all the muscles he acquired from all the athletics he was involved in at camp. AMICI, please know that by giving my son the opportunity to go to camp, you have had a powerful and positive effect on him. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you for sending me to camp last year! I waited half the year to go and when I finally arrived I had the time of my life. My favourite part of camp was going to the frog pond. We all went into the swamp and looked for frogs I finally caught one but he jumped out of my hand and dived under the water again. I had so much fun and made some of the best friends in the world at camp. Thanks so much!!

AMICI VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

Thank you to our many incredible volunteers

For over 40 years, AMICI has undergone an incredible evolution, maturing from its initial concept of supporting a few kids so they can experience the joys of summer camp, to where we are today. There is no doubt, that over the years AMICI has thrived thanks to the generosity of a core group of loyal supporters, both from Kilcoo and the overall camping community.

This generosity is not limited to financial support; it is also evident through the equally important concept of volunteering one's time. AMICI has five major events annually: The AMICI Ball Hockey Tournament (April 19, 2008), Peter Taylor Art Show (May 15, 2008), The JRL Golf Classic (May 28, 2008), The Highland Yard (August 1, 2008) and the AMICI Mile at Woodbine Racetrack (October 8, 2008). In addition to being financially significant to AMICI, these events bring together camp friends, from Kilcoo and beyond. When that happens, good times can't be too far behind.

Even more impressive than the above list, is the number of individual groups that have taken it upon themselves to begin events that support AMICI. For the last two years, Paul and Victoria Stewart and the employees of NSA lead an annual Juice Plus Walk-in-the-Park in support of AMICI. Willie Macrae, Stuart Snyder, Will Amos, John Dempster, Jake Irwin, Andrew Medland, Gord Cruess and Steve Reble have paddled and portaged more than 40 kilometres through downtown Toronto to show their ongoing support of AMICI. New to AMICI last year, and as a result of Rob McKinnon's tremendous efforts, was the establishment of the Kilcoo 20 – a dedicated donor group who have committed to grow AMICI's endowment by \$100,000. Finally, no list would be complete without mentioning George Wright. On top of his work coordinating the JRL Golf Classic, George's efforts to organize a very passionate and yes, somewhat competitive, ball hockey tournament that solely supports AMICI, are much appreciated.

In addition to drawing attention to some wonderful events, and truly dynamic individuals who are an example to us all, I am asking for your support. Support through the volunteering of your time. We have many roles, and a variety of events that require assistance and I know that AMICI supporters bring a wide range of interests and talents.

We are in the process of putting together a list of individuals, who sometime in the near future would be willing to help AMICI. Yes, you can specify the event, or give us an idea of what you would like to do, but we need your support. Please remember that helping AMICI brings a fun factor that you may not experience elsewhere.

To become involved, please contact either Tim Currie (905-513-4034) or Kate Horton at the AMICI office (416-588-8026)

Tim Currie
Board Member, Volunteers

AMICI Volunteers



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| Jeff Kopas | Susan Wilder |
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| Katy Langill | George Wright |
| Carolyn Langill | |

We have made every effort to ensure that all AMICI volunteers are listed above. If your name is missing from this list, please contact AMICI (416-588-8026, info@amicicharity.org) so that we may update our records and recognize your contribution.

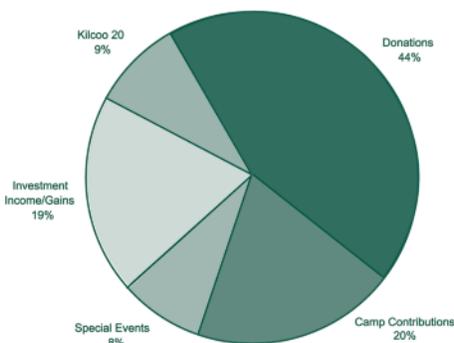


FINANCIAL REPORT - APRIL 2008

Another excellent year for AMICI

The year ended September 2007 was another excellent year for AMICI. Donations, which remain AMICI's main source of revenue, continued to rise year-over-year and allowed us to achieve new campership records once again. In fiscal 2007 overall donations, consisting of support from individuals, families, corporate sponsors and foundations, increased approximately 35% relative to the prior year. This reflected a number of important initiatives including independent fundraisers such Canoe-Head for Kids, the introduction of online donations, and the effort of Billy Anderson, our former Executive Director, to achieve greater awareness and donor support for AMICI in corporate and charitable communities.

At the same time, AMICI received significant and increased funding from our partner camps that was up approximately 17% in 2007. This support was instrumental in allowing us to reduce average cost per camper by over 3% relative to 2006, and



reflects a strong ongoing commitment of our partner camps to continue making the camping experience accessible to as many children as possible.

In addition, AMICI generated revenue through special events such as the Highland Yard, John Latimer Classic Golf Tournament, Ball Hockey tournament, Peter Taylor Art Show, and AMICI Mile. All of these events were very successful in 2007 and, with significant support also provided through Kilcoo Camp's 75th Annual

Reunion, net revenue rose by approximately 30% during the year.

Finally, AMICI received a significant boost this past year from the Kilcoo 20 which, through twenty separate \$5,000 contributions from Kilcoo Camp alumni, generated \$100,000 in revenue that has now been moved into a special endowment fund. Moving forward, it will be very important for AMICI to continue to seek creative funding initiatives such as these to expand our campership base and ensure that we maintain a sustainable level of funding to send children to camp each summer.

Looking ahead to the 2008 summer, AMICI is on track to achieve new campership records, and donation levels remain strong in advance of the special events season. Continued support, however, is always needed so please do not hesitate to visit our website to learn about events for the upcoming year or make financial contributions online.

Jamie Vallance
Treasurer

JRL CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Bigger and better than ever before

Ladies and Gents - Get your clubs out of the garage because it's time to swing 'em for the kids! The 2008 JRL Classic should be better than ever, with a huge raffle, a silent auction and all the great friends and good times of years past.

To buy your foursome you can either go to <http://www.AMICIcharity.org> and click on upcoming events and the link to purchase your tickets, or contact one of the organizers listed below. Cost is \$700 for a foursome.

There are many sponsorship opportunities. For example, to sponsor a hole, it's only \$500 more than a foursome and you will receive a tax receipt for this portion. Seems like a small price - if we fill the golf course (18 hole sponsors), it means 9 kids will be paid up for a summer at camp. We will also be sure that you are recognized for your generosity.

We are always looking for new golfers. Please email us if you have any questions. We hope to see you on May 28th!

Heather Navis
Prize & Auction Coordinator

Swing your clubs for kids!

The 6th Annual John R. Latimer (JRL) Classic

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

Silver Lakes Golf & Country Club, Newmarket, ON.
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Cost: \$700 per foursome

Register online at www.amicicharity.org or mail cheques to:
AMICI Camping Charity - JRL Classic
204-150 Eglinton Ave. East, Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E8

Register before May 15th to qualify for the Early Bird draw!

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- Snacks
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AMICI ART SHOW 2008

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

Of all of Peter Taylor's old sketchbooks, it is the ones from summer months that are most prolific and clearly document an accelerated growth both as a young man and as an artist. Some may attribute this to the season or a break from the usual responsibilities; however, Peter knows that it is a result of a great camp experience, and one he was fortunate enough to return to for 15 years. It was at camp that Peter's passion for the outdoors grew swiftly, and it is this potent connection with natural spaces that has inspired his art ever since. For the past 7 years Peter's annual show of paintings has helped to support AMICI in sending more kids to camp. But it was only this past summer that he brought his passion for art back to camp.

In July Peter returned to Kilcoo Camp to host a drawing workshop. After spending some time learning about composition, the 8 young campers set to work making a few sketches, with an eye toward drawing or painting a larger version later. Over the course of the afternoon some minds began to wander, but others were completely



absorbed in the moment. For the latter, the spell was finally broken by a familiar Pavlovian dinner bell.

After his session, Peter remarked that being with campers made him think of who it was that taught him the things he still does. Without doubt, Peter's sensitivity toward seeing landscape, as well as his relish of the introspection sketching brings, were passed on that day. Truly the legacy of a positive summer camp experience

lasts a lifetime and creates connections not easily undone.

And so, to mark the passing of another fruitful year, Peter invites us all to his 8th annual show in Yorkville. The theme of this year's show is a different kind of journey: Peter's (and partner Leslie's!) move from the city to Dunedin. Their new locale allowed the long sought opportunity to live, work, eat, socialize, and play locally. Those familiar with the Collingwood area will connect with many images of country roads, expansive skies, and the Mad and Noisy Rivers, all a short ski, walk, ride, or trail run from Peter's door. As always, it is an evening in support of AMICI, with a portion of all sales helping to give the gift of camp. Thursday, May 15th from 5pm to 11pm at the Women's Art Association, 23 Prince Arthur Avenue (one street north of Bloor between Bedford and Avenue Roads). All ages are welcome.

Michael Bain
Friend of AMICI

THE TRADITION CONTINUES: 37TH ANNUAL INVESTOR'S GROUP HIGHLAND YARD

Mark August 1st on your calendars now!

The Investors Group Highland Yard is the can't miss event of this summer. Whether you are a runner, walker, volunteer or spectator you are sure to have a great summer evening among friends up north.

The race is being held on Friday, August 1st 2008 in Minden, Ontario. The starting gun goes off at 6pm with registration open in the hours leading up to race-time. Racers have the option to run a 5km loop or a 10km loop that starts and ends in downtown Minden. The registration fee includes running the race, a race kit valued at \$40.00, water stations along each route, and a contribution to AMICI to share the gift of summer camp.

Participating in the Highland Yard can be an excellent motivator to get into better shape and shed those winter pounds! Serious runners are welcome, and we



encourage them to participate and enjoy our race. Many of our runners come from camps, cottages and the surrounding communities. The Highland Yard is meant for runners of all ages and abilities. Each year, we acknowledge the top runners, along with top three winners in each of the various age categories, top male and female, oldest runner, and largest group. Most of all, we want the participants and observers to have fun.

We hope that you will come run with us this year. To learn more about the race and register to run online, you can visit our website: www.amicicharity.org and follow the links to the Investors Group Highland Yard. If you aren't a runner but are interested in volunteering with us on race day please contact this year's Race Coordinators, Liam Brown (liam.brown@marsh.com) and Rob Love (rwlove@gmail.com).

This race would not be possible without your participation, the hard work of the race committee, the generosity of the sponsors, and the accommodations of the municipality; thank you all in advance for making this event a success. See you on race day!

Geoff Nelles
Friend of AMICI

5th ANNUAL AMICI MILE AIMS TO BE BIGGEST YET

Another fun event to raise money to send kids to camp!

With spring finally arriving, after a long and arduous winter, it seems almost cruel to nudge your thoughts toward the fall. But here it goes. Flip those calendar pages and mark Wednesday October 8th as the Fifth Annual AMICI Mile at Woodbine Racetrack. For those of you who have attended in the past, and seen the event grow in attendance from 40 people to 140 people, I don't need to tell you what a spectacular function it has become. For those who have not yet had the chance to join us at the Woodbine oval, let me say this – it is truly a one-of-a-kind dining and sports entertainment experience. The event takes place in Woodbine's Trackside tent – as close as you can get to the exciting racing action without a crop and a saddle – and tickets include a fabulous buffet dinner, programs, betting vouchers, valet parking, great draw prizes and betting tips from an "industry insider". There is also a silent auction that really hit its stride last year thanks to the efforts of Katie Roland.

But the Mile is more than eating, drinking and betting on the ponies (A quick word on wagering: hunch bets don't always work. Last year Kilcoo alum put a pile down on a horse named "Haliburton Highland" – like a bolt of lightning from the heavens, right? – turns out the nag is still running!). It's a chance to catch up with old friends, rehash old memories, and see the good a group of like-minded individuals can accomplish when given the opportunity. This point was well-illustrated last year. A table was generously donated so that a group of AMICI campers and their parents could attend. Some of the campers took to the microphone and spoke of



John Medland, Billy Anderson, Scott Glover, and Katie Roland at the 2007 AMICI Mile

what their camp experience has meant to them. Though hardly imposing, their voices commanded the attention of the entire room. Their stories served to remind us of why we were there, and we were all glad we came. There's nothing quite like betting on a long-shot and seeing it come in.

Watch this space and check the AMICI website for more information on this year's Mile as it becomes available. Hope to see you all there.

Scott Glover

Woodbine Entertainment

MESSAGE FROM KATE HORTON

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As AMICI plans for future growth, prudent use of resources on behalf of our donors becomes even more important. We continue to work hard to stretch every donated dollar to achieve maximum impact. At the end of 2007, AMICI moved into a fantastic new office space in mid-town Toronto. Shared with Kilcoo Camp and Camp Awakening, our new space provides easy access for volunteers, and allows for increased administrative efficiency, without a significant increase in cost. Sarah Rubinovich joined AMICI in October, 2007 in the newly created position of Office Manager. Having Sarah at the administrative helm will allow for an increased ED-focus on strengthening relationships with campers, families, donors and partner camps and developing new strategic initiatives. Our amazing volunteer Board of Directors continues to work tirelessly to provide governance and strategic leadership that will serve us well through the next 42 years of AMICI, and beyond.

Most of all, just like camp, we should never forget to have fun! From the JRL Classic Golf Tournament (6th Annual!) to the Peter Taylor Art Show, Highland Yard, AMICI Mile and more, the coming months present a wide variety of opportunities to get out there, play, share the gift of summer camp and celebrate AMICI with camp friends. I look forward to seeing you there. In the mean time, please feel free to contact the AMICI office any time if you feel that Sarah or I can be helpful to you.

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UPCOMING AMICI EVENTS

AMICI Ball Hockey Tournament
Saturday, April 19th,
Upper Canada College, Toronto ON

Peter Taylor Art Show
Thursday, May 15th ,
Women's Art Association, Toronto, ON

6th Annual John R. Latimer (JRL) Classic Golf Tournament
Wednesday May 28th, Silver Lakes Golf & Country Club, Newmarket ON

The Highland Yard (10k & 5K)
Friday August 1st,
Minden ON (6pm start)

The AMICI Mile
Wednesday, October 8th,
Woodbine Racetrack, Toronto ON



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KILCOO WINTER - SILENT AND STILL

A view of camp in the winter by Paul Chamberlain

August 21st, 2007 and Kilcoo is teeming with the excitement of the 52nd edition of the Olympics. Campers running, paddling and playing hard, shouting encouragement to team mates while in the background the constant din of the loud speakers of "Kilcoo Radio". The Ghost of the Narrows is truly forgotten amidst the hurried pace of competition.

Five months later a fresh white blanket of snow conceals all footprints from the summer and the -16°C temperature allows only the sounds of the cracking of wind blown tree branches to break the barren quiet of a winter day. This too is Kilcoo Camp. The road in from the highway has been plowed and tire tracks wind their way around the playing fields and down to the lodge where lights in the basement signal Brian hard at work constructing or repairing are the only indicator of a human presence.



Mohawk Park is covered in a smooth white sheet and one can see all the snow covered cabins and even the kybos and washstands which are normally well hidden by the green of the forest. As one trudges past the Oasis (formerly Kilcare), a confusing pattern of rabbit tracks appears, perhaps suggestive of terrified flight. This is confirmed when on the far side of the Council Ring a young fox is spotted. For just a moment it studies the intruder, its russet coat and bushy tail in stark contrast to its surroundings; and then, before a camera can be activated, it is gone.

Chapel Point is always peaceful, but never more so than on this day. The rocks which serve as quasi-comfortable pews for many campers in the summer are now adorned with a smooth cushion of snow, and looking to the lake there is only a pale grey sheet that obscures Gull Rock, the far shore, and even Long Island.

Where many swam and frolicked with kayaks and sailboards last summer a white blanket protects the water beneath for next year's campers. The empty canoe dock, barely visible, is a reminder that camp is not in session. And yet, in less than three months the ice on the lake will be gone and the water will start warming up, and fed by spring rains, will begin readying itself for June 30th when once again the noisy clamour of campers and staff will return for Kilcoo's 77th year.



PAUL CHAMBERLAIN



WE HAVE LOST SOME OF YOU

Late in 2007 an e-mail was sent to any alumni for whom we have e-mail addresses with a notice about the 2008 reunion, information about the alumni page on the Kilcoo website and mention of last fall's Gull Rock Gazette. In some cases the messages did not go through because your e-mail address on file is not current and for others of you we do not have e-mail addresses.

If you did not receive this e-mail and would like to receive future messages that will be sent out please send a brief e-mail to me, Paul Chamberlain, at pchamp@sympatico.ca I will reply.

Thank you

KILCOO TRIVIA

Test your knowledge of Kilcoo Trivia (answers on G4)

- 1) These are easy. Make the connections.
 - a) The Camp Awakening location used to be....
 - b) The July event that parallels the August Olympics is...
 - c) Kilabaloos used to be called...
 - d) The climbing wall area used to be...
 - e) The soccer field used to be...
- 2) In 1961 Kilcoo was able to purchase the front half of Long Island. The remainder of the island continues to have a cottage owned by what family?
- 3) Environmentalists applaud the fact that Kilcoo does not feature water skiing now. But, at one time the camp used two boats and two starting points for skiers. Where were they?
- 4) When campers tried to pass camp standards in a variety of camp activities there were four levels each with its own name. What were the names?
- 5) In the 50's and 60's a highlight of camp was the monthly carnival which ended with campers claiming prizes from a draw. What was the most coveted prize?
- 6) Camping has not been such a reliable venture in the last four decades and many have closed their "tent flaps". Name 6 camps in the Norland to Dorset area that have closed in this time.
- 7) In the opening procession of Kilcoo's first few Olympic Games in the 50's, which country's national anthem was played over and over as the teams approached?

LIFE AFTER KILCOO

Let us know what you are up to!

Here is a brief comment on what some of you have done since your summers at Kilcoo. More will be included in future issues of the Gazette. For alumni who have not submitted anything we would welcome hearing from you with some details we could publish. (1st year at Kilcoo)

CHRIS CHAPMAN (1956) Professor Emeritus of Management Science specializing in risk management; 2 sons and 4 grandchildren: taught sailing at Kilcoo and met wife Jean while sailing. Resides in England

ROB DAMERON (1966) recently became CEO of Broadband Learning Corp. based in Salt Lake City; son Craig was a Kilcoo camper now finishing university while daughter is just starting

JAMES THOMPSON (1956) After a stint in the U.S. navy, Tommy worked in banking for 31 years and now lives on his farm in Oregon; 2 children and now 1 grandchild

DAVID HAMER (1966) partner in a law firm; president of a charity that works for children in South Africa; he and wife Jane have 2 daughters

BRUCE HEAGLE (1966) used his MBA for a career with National System of Baking both in Canada and internationally; he and wife Christine have 3 children

JOHN CARTER (1960) retired from a career teaching Phys. Ed. In 1998 Lives in Barrie with a new cottage in Haliburton; he and wife Bonnie have 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren

ROSS MCADAM (1966) works in the marketing department of Hewlett-Packard; married to Elspeth with one daughter

ROSS MACNAUGHTON (1961) Professor Of Business Computing at Ryerson University for 30 years; has 2 sons

CAM MINGAY (1961) working as a lawyer in Toronto; has 4 daughters; enjoys golfing and skiing in spare time.

ELSIE PETCH (1966) not quite retired as a health care worker specializing in health promotion. Her 1st grandchild is "her joy" and she still cycles with alumni Daphne Tonellato and Shirley Davey

IAN MURDOCH (1963) 20 years a Nissan Car dealer in Waterloo; he and wife Mary have 2 children

JOHN CARRUTHERS (1969) lawyer in Toronto and now Markham; married to Susan with 2 children

DAVID CAMPBELL (1965) living in Napa, California; CEO of Clos Du Vel Wine Co.; married with 4 children; 2 presently on Kilcoo staff

ANDREW FRANK (1978) working for RBC Dominion Securities in Ottawa; He and wife Lori have 3 children; son Nicholas started at Kilcoo in 2007

2 MORE KILCOO ALUMNI LOST...

Remembering George Brigden and Paul Settingington

Sadly we must report the passing of two more members of the Kilcoo community, George Brigden and Paul Settingington.

George attended Kilcoo until 1947, and as was mentioned in the polio article in this edition his summers at Kilcoo were brought to an end because of the disease. George spent most of the following year in Toronto isolation hospitals, but still enrolled at university in 1948 and went on to complete his law degree and enjoy a very successful career as a barrister. Later in life, however, his polio symptoms returned and at age 78 he passed away October 31st of last year. In the fall of 2006 it was with much regret that he advised us that he would be unable to attend the 75th anniversary festivities. George leaves behind a legacy of tenacity and a strength of character that are reflected in the 2006 Legion of Honour award received from his Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Paul attended Kilcoo as a camper beginning in 1954 and finished up in 1961 as a CIT. Following his years at Kilcoo he became an insurance claims adjuster in southwestern Ontario and as he had at Kilcoo, so too in his professional life he gained a long list of admirers who appreciated his friendly, fun loving and "giving" personality. "Smokey" as he became known at Kilcoo, brought life to any gathering with his slightly hoarse conversation, a life ended too soon this January 21st. We extend our sympathies to his brother Al and son Jeff both of whom are Kilcoo alumni, as well as to the rest of his family.

KILCOO TRIVIA

Test your knowledge of Kilcoo Trivia (from page G3)

- 1) a- The Staff Lounge
b – Bushpede
c – Musicales
d – the Riding Ring
e – the Archery Range
- 2) The Sparlings
- 3) Chapel Point and Long Island
- 4) Papoose, Tenderfoot, Sagamore, Chieftain
- 5) A flight over camp in a small seaplane
- 6) Sherwood Forest(Boshkung), Calumet(Boshkung), Kagawong(Shadow), Samac(Soyers), Gay Venture(Kashagawigamog), Kawabi(Big Hawk)
- 7) "Deutschland Uber Alles" the anthem of West Germany