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ALUMNI CELEBRATE KILCOO'S 80TH YEAR

Many of the 162 alumni who attended this year's reunion watched the weather forecasts as the weekend approached and on the morning of Friday September 23rd as we endured the heavy rains passing through Toronto headed on a north-northeasterly course directly for Haliburton County, our worst fears seemed to be coming true – and what about the poor golfers?

For those 37 dedicated alumni the weekend began on the fairways of the Pinestone Resort golf course which very quickly became awash with heavy rains, rains which continued into the evening as the remaining alumni made their way up Highway 35 towards camp. However, the golfers persevered and as they returned to camp for dinner they enthusiastically claimed the afternoon had been an enjoyable success. Thanks to Peter Oyler who organized the afternoon with help from George Wright, and to Tim Stanley and John Carter for providing some prizes. All participants also received finely crafted walking sticks that Peter must have spent many hours creating.

Gradually the lodge filled with alumni who busied themselves making connections with friends. Some were delayed because of the wind and pouring rain, while others even took detours as far removed as Fenelon Falls, or required multiple attempts at finding the camp entrance on a route which in the past had been so well known. As the evening went on the conversations got noisier, the windows of the lodge steamed up, and we were all transported back in time, some of us for a few years, and others for as many as sixty years. It was so satisfying to see people arriving during the evening, a little uncertain about how they might fit in, and then proceeding only a short distance before being apprehended by a smiling face, a friendly greeting and a handshake. Among other choices made, rye and ginger ale flowed freely. It seems everyone was successful in finding a place to sleep though in one case reinforcements were brought in at 2a.m. to rout out some trespassers in one cabin only to discover after they were brutally awakened that they were in fact the poor victim's friends and chosen cabin mates.



Saturday dawned cloudy and damp but that did not deter anyone. Will Amos followed through on his threatened swim of the triangle escorted by Tom Yarmon and his father Bruce in a canoe. As the last few drops of rain fell following breakfast, undaunted ball players side-stepped the puddles to begin the traditional Decades Baseball tournament under the stewardship of Commissioner John Carruthers, and others took over much of the property in search of the perfect fling in Frisbee golf.

Shortly after 11a.m. 18 intrepid voyageurs ventured forth on a paddle back mission from Minden, and after almost losing one of their canoes off the camp truck en route, they managed to set out from Rotary Park. To everyone's delight, half way down the river the sun emerged from behind the clouds and with this sign of good weather the weekend's success was assured.



After the buffet lunch satisfied everyone's hunger, baseball continued under warming sunny skies and an increasing number of alumni sampled Gull Lake's waters. A few even dared relive their youth with jumps and dives from the top of the tower(all survived) and many others toured the camp and spent time catching up with camp buddies. At 5o'clock we assembled on the beach for a cocktail party complete with live background music. Brent Knightley spoke on behalf of Amici, and after recounting a successful 2011 in which 145 children were sent to camp, he outlined a vision for the future in which Amici hopes some day to fund 1,000 children. What an amazing achievement that would be, placed against the organization's 1964 assets totalling \$62.



7p.m. saw the gathering move up to form the horseshoe in front of the lodge and an intensely proud singing of "Maker of Men" accompanied the lowering of the flags. Then on to a very tasty roast beef dinner just after the sun set. Dinner followed by the singsong was a very special time for all. Timeless songs; "Sunshine", "Blood on the Saddle" and finally "When You Walk Through a Storm"(sung twice with emotion) were followed by "All for One" and the camp yell. It was if each of us were back in whatever summer we had sung these same songs in our youth. A nostalgic slide show created by 2011 staffer Andrew Short followed and then the party continued with just as much, and maybe more, gusto as the night before. To answer the question did festivities last as long on Saturday as they did Friday, I can only answer that I awoke and wandered down to the beach at 4:30a.m. and along the way met two others just then headed for their cabins to sleep.

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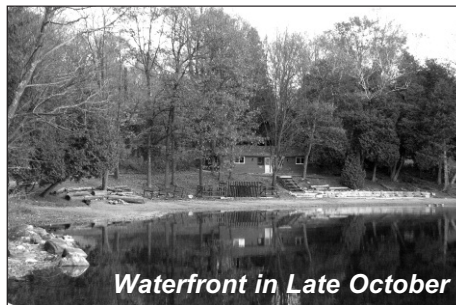
EDITOR'S MUSINGS

Kilcoo Camp's 80th summer provided the backdrop for a very busy, event filled ten months. Planning for the alumni reunion had already begun as we slipped into the new year and as winter transitioned into spring and we saw how many alumni wanted to attend, the excitement grew. The September weekend itself was so satisfying. In addition to the many who reliably return every three years we were delighted to welcome more than fifty alumni who had not seen Gull Lake for many years. Needless to say, the enthusiasm that everyone brought with them was contagious and I already look forward to the next reunion in 2014.

In late March, amidst the phone calls to the camp office from parents disappointed to find July camp already full came one bad news call reporting the smelly demise of the Mansion, detailed in this issue of the Gazette.

Camp Awakening, under the careful guidance of Executive Director Tracy Morley, has developed a new strategic plan which should provide for a healthy renewal as it approaches its 30th year, and Amici soared to new heights in providing camping experiences for needy children.

July weather was reminiscent of summers in the 1950's when campers and staff consumed salt pills during many mid day meals to head off dehydration and heat stroke. On a sobering note I was notified that former Kilcoo staff member Rick Tilling had passed away in February, 2010 at his home in Wiltshire, England. Rick, along with Stu Braund were counsellors in the youngest Bantam section in 1956 and one of my favourite pictures showed Rick with his young charges on the steps of Cabin 3. On behalf of those of you who remember Rick I expressed my condolences to his wife Jennifer. Also of note was the fact that D'arcy Atkins passed away on May 8th of this year and had been predeceased by his brother, Gary who along with younger brother



Michael had been a big part of the early Latimer era at Kilcoo. Their father George had provided a mortgage that allowed John to purchase the camp from Charlie Plewman in the fall of 1955. We lost track of the Atkins in the later 60's and though I tried to lure them to the camp's 75th Anniversary celebrations my efforts garnered no response. Finally, we were just notified of the death of former camper Aaron Beamish on October 21st in a tragic traffic accident in Toronto. Aaron was only 25 and was well known in Toronto as the drummer for the local group "Slow Motion Victory".

And so, Kilcoo's 80th year was a great success as it extended many traditions that have marked Kilcoo over the decades. The second annual "Family Camp" drew an even larger group than last year and although the weather was not quite as good, the many families occupied themselves enthusiastically in a busy schedule of camp activities. As always the post camp staff provided wonderful leadership.

To those of you who attended the alumni reunion, and even to those of you who were unable, I recommend you to the Kilcoo website to see the many pictures from the event. This fall issue will mark the fourth and last of the articles from our women alumni and I challenge others from among you to consider offering something from your own experience. Submissions should be sent to gazetteeditor@kilcoo.com. **H**



PAUL CHAMBERLAIN



...CONTINUED FROM COVER

Sunday dawned bright and warm and for most alumni the bells announcing chapel at Chapel Point were their wakeup call, though some brave souls had earlier partaken of the Polar Bear swim which has become an entrenched tradition at Kilcoo. David spoke at chapel expressing what the camp and this event with so many people participating means to him and then continuity between past and present and the value of good memories were presented by Bruce Haines (1946-55) and myself. Tim Magwood and



Todd Houston provided an inspiring rendition of Hallelujah and along with the calm waters offshore left everyone quite refreshed and waxing nostalgic.

Then, following the buffet breakfast, commemorative gifts in hand, alumni experienced the low point of the weekend: saying good-bye; but only until September, 2014. Sincere thanks are due to David and the Latimer family for their hospitality, to Chris and his staff who worked tirelessly to keep us well nourished, and the post camp staff of 2011 staff members who worked almost



around the clock to make sure all of us had a weekend to remember with great fondness. So, now the planning for 2014 can start. A big thank you to all of you who were able to set aside the time to return to Kilcoo for a great weekend.



PAUL CHAMBERLAIN
(1956-67)



FIRESIDE CHAT

From Lub, Tingles, and the entire Latimer Family

I was recently sent an “iphone recording” from my friend Will Amos; the recording was a live version of Walk Through a Storm from the Saturday night sing-song at the alumni reunion in September. I watched it with Beth and our kids, and although the voices might not have been totally “in key”, the emotion of the moment certainly emanates through! It was very powerful... men of all ages and generations brought together by our little spot on Gull Lake and reliving some of the best times of their lives... and now celebrating 80 years of Kilcoo Camp. The whole weekend was very special as you can read in this issue and see the photos on the website!

For me and the “Post Camp” guys, the reunion was a great finale to what was a very special summer. We were packed with kids and as some of you know, we now have 6 two-week cabins. The guys must go for a month when they are 12, but the two week program has been a great “feeder system”. This summer we ran another trip to the Nahanni River in the N.W.T. (check out www.kilcoo.com) and it was a huge success. We hope to run the trip again in 2012 if there is enough interest. The energy around camp was so high and I would have to say that the most popular activities this year were sailing, Outward Challenge, Mountain Biking (there are some new trails on the hill behind the L.I.T. cabin... our instructor Graham is “hardcore” good!), Arts & Crafts, and Kayaking. It was also another great year for canoeing, with Taylor Rowe and Ali Catton taking on the leadership of the program. Marc Russell continues to



rebuild our fleet of cedar strip canoes, and for more info on his amazing canoes and Gull Lake Boatworks, check out www.glbw.ca. At the end of the month in August we all watched a slide show on a huge screen outside the lodge and as we reflected on this year, we celebrated the fact we were involved in 80 years of wonderful tradition.

I reflected again when I saw the reunion slide show on the Saturday night, and was struck by the fact that, yes we continue to grow and evolve, but really, it is still the same... the brotherhood, the traditions, the friendships, the sense of fun and of course, singing Maker of Men at the end of the day. I feel very lucky to be the director (just finished my 27th year) and I feel very lucky that my family grows up the same way my brothers and I did... with the greatest people and role models that we know. I want to say a special thank you to Paul Chamberlain, who was integral in making the reunion the celebration that it was... and thank you all for staying in touch and being a part of a remarkable place... Have a great holiday!

Rip Ram

 **DAVID LATIMER**

PHOTOS FROM 2011



A NOT SO WILDERNESS CANOE TRIP

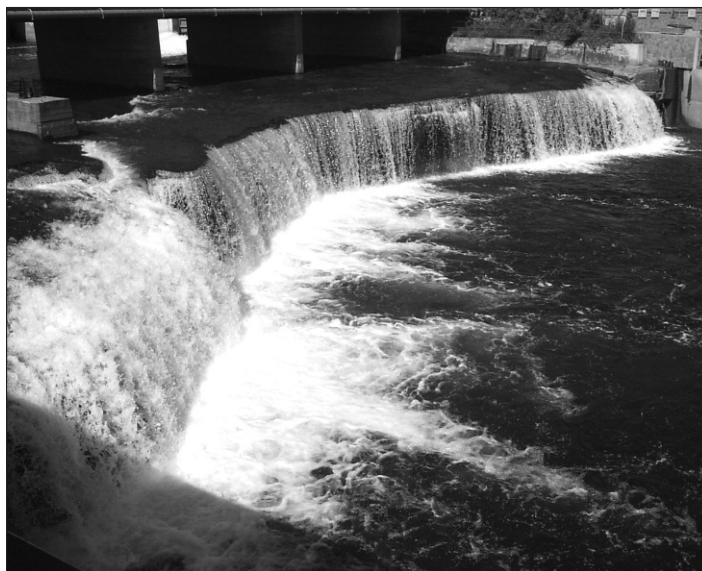
Today's Kilcoo trippers think nothing of going to far off wilderness waterways (see story by my nephew Will Amos). This was not the situation fifty years ago, as all trips, except Algonquin Park trips, started from camp. Even then the encroachment of cottagers and private property was making it difficult to find campsites, especially to the south. Camping at public parks was possible, but had its dangers (see "57 trip to Beaverton).

In 1960, John Reynold's senior tent groups headed out on a six day trip to the south to Pigeon Lake. On the map it no doubt looked like a "lillydippers" special. i.e. no real portages, locks between lakes on the Trent, and lots of towns. In good spirits our three canoes headed off down Gull Lake.

The first day made us realize how easy tripping had become. The lift over at the three foot Moore's Falls, the short paddle across glassy Moore Lake, and the down current glide on the Gull River had us quite relaxed. We avoided the open falls at Norland and cruised on to our campsite on Shadow Lake.

Day two began in uneventful fashion. Through Coboconk, along Balsam Lake to Rosedale, and across Cameron Lake to Fenelon Falls. Here we set up camp in the town park. With storm clouds gathering ominously, we cooked dinner and set up our four man tent, while big John slung his jungle hammock between two sturdy trees. The rain began. Just enough to convince John that since it was my sixteenth birthday and conveniently Fenelon had a movie theatre that that would be a good place to wait out the storm. The film-- title not remembered--took two hours. The storm lasted all night. Eight wet campers crawled into a four man tent. John in his swaying, rain protected hammock, just laughed at us. The foul weather continued. So did the foul tempers, the foul language, and the foul odours in the four man tent.

We awoke - I think we slept - to find day three exhibiting what you would expect to follow a low pressure cell: high winds from the west. Rather than try the 8 metre drop in the Fenelon locks, a well-rested Big John decided we would portage straight through town. It wasn't far and half of it was downhill. A short passage down river brought us to Sturgeon Lake. The further out towards Sturgeon Point we went the more we bucked a quartering headwind. It was tough going into two foot swells. We broke up the struggle into before and after lunch ses-



sions. At last we rounded the point. Now the wind was at our backs, and was it pushing! The rollers spread out and increased in size. From one to the next we would lose sight of the other canoes. Surfing along and paddling just enough to keep steerage, we covered the miles down to Bobcaygeon in two hours. That was the wildest ride. Pushing on we crossed the top end of Pigeon Lake to a campsite on a small island.

Day four broke clear but still very windy. Muscles complaining, we paddled upwind most of the morning to return to Bobcaygeon. John was worried about the coming struggle up Sturgeon. After questioning several incoming boaters his decision was to camp at the fairgrounds in Bobcaygeon and eight relieved trippers applauded this decision. Even if the wind abated the next day, we faced two long upstream paddles to get to Kilcoo on schedule.

Day five and the wind was the same as the last two days. John telephoned Chief and the decision was made. Stay where you are and Barry (Reynolds) will come with the truck. Nobody complained, but we knew it would be tough to explain three days out then a truck ride home. What a bunch of lillydippers! A subdued Rip Ram was followed by a rapid retreat to our tents to avoid embarrassing questions. Dinner that night brought the obvious question: weren't you coming back tomorrow? We just claimed to be fast paddlers. No one believed us. A strange trip and I believe the last to paddle south from Kilcoo.

 **PAUL AMOS**
(1955-62)



IDEAS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Canoe tripping has always been a big part of Kilcoo, whether Chuck Sharp's VE Day arrival in Norland or Amos', Snyder's, and Macrae's venture to the Yukon, so we hope to make these trip reports a regular in future Gazette issues. If you have a canoe trip story whose memories you treasure send them to gazetteeditor@kilcoo.com

THE SPARK

JAYS CARE FOUNDATION GOES TO BAT FOR AMICI

Since 1992, Jays Care Foundation has been empowering children and youth in need. It helps them realize their dreams by providing access to programs that support physical activity, education, and life-skill development, and what better place to access these programs than at summer camp! Jays Care Foundation has generously donated over \$50,000 to Amici in the past two years!

This year, Jays Care Foundation invited Amici to participate in the 50/50 Program at Roger's Centre. Amici's 135 volunteers attended 5 Jays games to sell raffle tickets in support of sending more deserving children to summer camp. In addition to their generous financial contributions, Jays Care Foundation invited Amici campers to enjoy a Jays game from their phenomenal Community Clubhouse and seeing the excitement on our campers' faces was a testament to the wonderful work that the Jays Care Foundation does!

Jays Care Foundation's philanthropic efforts and commitment to children and youth have enabled Amici to continue to grow its program, sending 145 children and youth to summer camp in 2011. Jays Care Foundation offers many programs that support children and youth including Field of Dreams, Grand Slam Grants, Home Run Scholars, Rookie League Baseball, and Jays Care Community Clubhouse. Their unwavering dedication has touched the lives of thousands of children, setting them on a path to a bright stable future. Amici is proud to have Jays Care Foundation as an Amici supporter.

For more information about Jays Care Foundation, please visit their website at http://toronto.bluejays.mlb.com/tor/community/tor_community_jayscare.jsp



On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff at Amici, thank you to Jennifer Wilson, Amici's Interim Executive Director. Over the past year, Jenn has very capably led the redesign of the Amici website, was instrumental at growing foundation grants and did a great job assisting our dedicated volunteers in running various events this year. As we welcome back Executive Director Kate Horton from her maternity leave, we would also like to wish Jenn well at her new job at Youth In Motion, Program Manager for the "Top 20 Under 20" program. Thanks and good luck Jennifer!

KILCOO REUNION SHARES THE GIFT OF SUMMER CAMP

The weekend of September 23rd marked the Annual Kilcoo Camp Reunion, this year celebrating their 80th Anniversary. Amici would like to thank Kilcoo Alumni for their generous contributions at this year's event. Over \$18,000 was raised in support of Amici!

Thank you for sparking a change!



I had lots of fun this summer – thank you so much for helping me to get to camp and everything Amici did for me. I loved doing the different activities at camp for example horse-back riding, archery, pottery and all the other fun activities. I loved my counsellors. I liked the new friends I met and all the time we spent together. I would love to go back because of all the fun times I had at camp. I just want to thank you again and say I love camp.



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Thank you so much for sponsoring me this summer, I had the best time at camp. I made tons of new friends and had a lot of fun. I really liked learning how to build fires and tie knots. Going to camp was the best part of my summer. I really appreciate all you did to make it happen.



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REMEMBERING SOME 2011 AMICI EVENTS



This year's Canoe Heads for Kids participants paddled hard for underprivileged children, raising over \$45,000!



In May 2011, Amici hosted a preview viewing of the Peter Taylor Art Show. We welcomed special guests: Beverly Thomson (CTV's Canada AM), Scott Russell (CBC Sports), Kelly Murumets (ParticipACTION), and Amici Camper, Khamil, who all spoke about their summer camp experiences and the vital impact that summer camp has on a child's life.



Amici participated in the Jays Care 50/50 program, selling raffle tickets at 5 Jays games. Huge thank yous to the 135 volunteers that came out and worked hard to share the gift of summer camp! "Get your 50/50's here!"



This year's Amici Mile raised over \$5,000! Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed a fabulous night of thoroughbred horse racing!



This year's Ball Hockey Tournament was won by our very own team of board representatives, the Pete Panthers! They pulled out of a 10 year losing streak to take home the gold!



Thank you Jays Care Foundation for making summer dreams come true! Once again, Jays Care Foundation generously invited Amici campers to enjoy a ball game from the comfort of the Jays Care Community Clubhouse! Jays Care Foundation has donated over \$30,000 this year through their Grand Slam Grant and their 50/50 Program.



The 9th Annual JRL Golf Classic was held at the prestigious Angus Glen Golf Club. Golfers enjoyed on-course activities, a BBQ lunch, delicious dinner and a live auction. This year's event raised over \$11,000!



These Tees 'n' Tiaras golf ladies came out swinging at Angus Glen to help share the gift of summer camp!



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Kilcoo Camp Visitors' Day
NSA Walk in the Park
Profile Wine Event
Purves Christmas Party fundraiser
RBC Employee Volunteer Grant Program
Tim Magwood Event

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WHO IS THE KEEPER OF THE CUP?

To any of you familiar with present day Kilcoo Camp and if you have also heard David Latimer speak to any length, you know the Toronto Maple Leafs hockey team (no Stanley Cup since 1967) is dear to his heart – and that he has predicted the cup for Toronto again this year.

The Stanley Cup is the most coveted trophy in hockey and is awarded to the NHL playoff champion at the end of the best-of-seven Stanley Cup Finals. The Cup is surrounded by legends, traditions and more notably, the “Keeper of the Cup.”

It might be said that the “Keeper of the Cup” has the most prestigious job in hockey. It is a position that does not come from a job recruitment site, but from previous years of employment with the Hockey Hall of Fame. While the Stanley Cup is often accompanied by Phil Pritchard, it also spends approximately 250 days of the year with Kilcoo alumnus Mike Bolt.

Bolt spent 4 years working at the Hockey Hall of Fame before being appointed the “Keeper of the Cup,” a position that he has held for 12 years. “My dream was to

win it, but that obviously didn’t work out” Mike said. “To be honest, working at the Hall of Fame is an honor and when they asked me to become “Keeper of the Cup” it was again an honor and a thrill. It wasn’t something that I thought about. I knew of the job, but I never thought that one day I’d be one of the guys who got to travel with the Cup. I only hang with winners.”

For a hockey fan, becoming “Keeper of the Cup” may sound like a dream. But keeping the Cup in shape for appearances, player days and photographs is just one of the many things that come with the position.

One of those responsibilities involves keeping the Cup appearance-ready: “At the end of every day you give the Cup a full clean. Most often we’ll just use soap and water. We’ll put it in the shower and rinse it down and then buff it dry, that really brings the shine. The use of silver polish is restricted for the finals and perhaps one or two other times during the season.”

The original bowl that Lord Stanley donated back in 1892 for \$48.67 sits behind glass in a vault in the hockey Hall of Fame. A lot of people think that the Stanley Cup keeps getting bigger and bigger every year, it does not. Every 13 years a row is removed, cut it in half and stretched out. It then gets mounted on the wall in the Hall of Fame. For example the 2011 Bruins will be on the Stanley Cup for 58 more years before being removed.

A privilege that is often most associated with winning is Cup day; a day granted to each individual player spent by their choosing. It can be in someones backyard, on a lake or going out on a boat, it’s whatever the guys want to do. Being able to share it with your family and friends is kind of what it’s all about.

Hockey is a sport enjoyed and played worldwide, which means the Cup (and Mike) have no borders and an impressive passport to say the least. With a list of locations longer than a preseason roster, obviously the Cup has travelled all over North America and throughout Europe. “We’ve been to a lot of remote locations,” commented Mike. “It’s been to Afghanistan to visit the troops, it was a really neat spot to be at. Being around the men and women who are doing a tough job and in the middle of a war zone, that was a really cool experience.”

If only the Stanley Cup could talk, the stories that have accumulated over the years would be endless. Sometimes players have cereal out of it in the morning or ice cream sundaes.

Under a 12-year reign as the “Keeper of the Cup” it’s safe to say that Mike has spent time with a variety of teams and players. If he favoured one more than another, he certainly wouldn’t say. But we hope sometime soon the home of a Toronto Maple Leaf player will find the cup – and Michael Bolt - visiting for “Cup Day”.



THE ULTIMATE GOLFERS

A small group of former staff from the 1970’s were unable to participate in the JRL Classic at Angus Glen in June but decided to have their own mini-tournament and raise some money for AMICI. After a flurry of emails and phone calls, ten guys showed up at Cardinal Golf Club in Newmarket and together raised almost \$500 for AMICI. They also used the opportunity to make plans for the Kilcoo Reunion in the fall and to tune up their golf swings and stretch out their elbows.

In the picture (left to right) are Ian Campbell (Ottawa), Paul Weale (Barrie), James McCulloch (Bolton), Randy Kline (Oakville),

Jeff Lloyd (no fixed address), Bob Dameron (Etobicoke) and Tim Stanley (Vancouver). In attendance at the event, but late for the picture because they got lost inside the clubhouse, were Bill Meeker and Joe Bales (both of Toronto).

The picture was taken by Rob McAdam (Oakville). Although unable to attend at the last minute was Dr. Bill McIlroy (Waterloo) – but, he redeemed himself by making a donation to AMICI as well. Rob Galloway also bailed at the last minute but has promised to make a sizeable donation to AMICI. Hats off to Paul Weale who organized a fun afternoon!



The 1970’s group looks forward to seeing a full turnout for the reunion this fall!

 **BOB DAMERON (1966-78)**

KILCOO'S WOMEN ON STAFF... PART 4

This is the 4th in our series offering a look at Kilcoo from the female point of view. We would welcome additional articles or comments from other women who have been on the Kilcoo staff over the decades. Please send to gazetteeditor@kilcoo.com.

Being a young woman, working at Kilcoo is an exceptionally rare experience that very few women can say they have done. Although it is extremely fun and rewarding, working with a hundred men does teach you to have a little bit of a tougher skin and I would be lying if I said I wasn't picked on from time to time (ahem Derek Vendramin), however the things that a young woman can learn at Kilcoo are completely invaluable. I am entirely aware that much of my character is a direct reflection of my five summers spent at Kilcoo.

Since I worked in the office, I rarely got time to go and participate in camp games with all of the other guys and girls. However there was one day in the summer of 2008 that I'll never forget. Less than two days before the annual Canoe Race in Haliburton, that I'd hardly heard of, let alone participated in, Melissa Miller, a fellow female staff member asked me if I would be her partner in the race against several other camps. Having gone to Glen Bernard camp for 8 years growing up, I had paddled many times, however not seriously in a long time. Nonetheless, it sounded fun so I agreed. Two days later, after having no time to practise at all we arrived for the race in Haliburton and I was absolutely shocked at how long the course was, let alone the hurricane like winds that were picking up, not to mention the hundreds of other people there. My stomach literally sank, and I honestly did not think I could go out there in front of the 25 other Kilcoo staff and campers and embarrass myself. However, before I knew it I was in the front of the canoe at the start line getting ready to go, but at the same time holding back my urge to nervously vomit as I looked around at our competition, all girls who had been leading trips all summer, great. Almost immediately we were off. At first all of the canoes stayed in a rough line but when we turned the initial corner I looked at the shore line some 50 metres away and there all of the Kilcoo boys were running alongside our canoe cheering us on with such enthusiasm, and before we knew it we moved into second place for the majority of the race. Canoeing that day, eventually coming in 4th,



*Girls of 2008: Top Row – Melissa “Moe” Miller, Amy Dumoulin, Lel Morrison
Bottom Row – Alex Budman, Beth Hamilton, Brooke Latimer, Devon Giancani, Zoe McKinnell, Christie Roberts, Gillian Roberts, Alex Saul Absent – Ellie Somers*

was one of the most physically challenging things I have ever done because we tried so hard, but that relief when the whole crew of boys was cheering us on until the very end was like no other. They were so proud of us. I realized that day how lucky I was to have the chance to work at a place like Kilcoo and I honestly believe that even if we had come in dead last and were towed in, they still would have been cheering. Thankfully, that wasn't the case.

One of my responsibilities was serving campers their tuck articles. Although they took four times longer than any other section, Trailblazer (previously Bantam or Prep) tuck was my favourite time. I remember one day the youngest boys from Cabin 1 were lined up, and the smallest boy came up to the window to ask for his candy. I could see that his LIT had told him, along with the rest of the cabin, that they had to say hi to me and compliment me before asking for their candy, and this little guy was just mortified that he had to speak to me. He could hardly see in the window let alone get up the nerve to say hi to a girl. So, sure enough I said “Hi there, what would like” and after a moment in the fastest most nervous voice you've ever heard with

out making any pauses, he said “Hi Gill, you're really pretty, can I have some Skittles, thank you, bye” and RAN back to his cabin without taking his candy. It was probably the cutest thing I have ever seen

The most amazing thing about the boys at Kilcoo was always seeing them so completely calm, quiet and attentive at Chapel on Sunday mornings. Part of my job working in the office was always fielding questions from parents who are nervous about the kids; are they homesick, do they get along with other campers, are they wreaking havoc, are they eating their veggies, brushing their teeth, wearing their lifejackets and so on. Although I was always more than happy to answer these questions, I always wished I could just take a picture of their sons on a Sunday morning at Chapel and send it to them, because you realize at chapel, that even the most energetic, wild children have such a respect for camp and look up to their leaders so much, that there really is nothing for parents to worry about. Yet, I don't think most parents believe it until they see it.

 **GILLIAN ROBERTS**
(2005-09)

KILCOO CHIEFS TAKE TO THE ICE

I am going to paint a scene for you and then I want you to tell me what words come to mind. A hockey team consisting primarily of Kilcoo alumni, named the Kilcoo Chiefs, is ahead 4-2 with 6 minutes to go in the third period of the championship game. Deep in the Chiefs zone, forward Ryan Krausz attempts a pass to teammate George Wright who is positioned behind the net, but the puck is inadvertently fired directly into the back of the Chiefs' own net. 4-3. Disappointed, disillusioned, and apprehensive, the Chiefs spend the next five minutes of the game on their heels, giving up a further two goals to the opposing team. 5-4 for the bad guys. With less than a minute left in regulation, the Chiefs call a time-out and pull goalie Ryan Ban - one last-ditch effort at salvaging a game (and a championship title, mind you) once thought to be comfortably in hand. After a seemingly endless scrum in the right corner, forward Ted Currie emerges with the puck and puts a perfect pass on the stick of Ryan Krausz (whom you may recall from earlier on-ice incident), who deposits the puck valiantly in the back of the opponent's net. 5-5.



The remainder of regulation time concludes uneventfully. OT. 5 Minutes. 4-on-4. 2 minutes into OT the Chiefs catch yet another unfortunate break, when the referee calls a roughing penalty on three players simultaneously, including both Tim McMartin and Scott Gray of the Chiefs, after a centre-ice melee. 2-minute, 4-on-3 penalty kill. Backs Against The Wall. After a frantic two-minute penalty kill, a blocked shot in the Chiefs zone by defenseman Sandy Mackay presents a 2-on-1 situation up ice in favour of the Chiefs, with the previously-penalized Tim McMartin emerging from the penalty box at the most opportune time, taking a pass from Ryan Krausz, racing towards the net, and rifling the OT winner top shelf above the opposing netminder's left shoulder. Kilcoo Magic?

The Kilcoo Chiefs are back at it this winter trying to repeat the glories of last season. To see the schedule and game results, check the website below. Fans are always welcome!

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 **ANDREW SHORT**
(2011 STAFF)

 **DEREK VENDRAMIN**
(1996-2008)

KILCOO LANDMARK DESTROYED

Since the summer of 1956 The Mansion has been home to female Kilcoo Camp staff and host to many winter camp groups but in late March, 2011 its life came to an ignominious end. Flooded by smelly raw sewage and surging waters a necessary death sentence had to be carried out. As explained by Kilcoo's maintenance chief, Brian Hamilton, it all started when waste water and sewage in a holding tank located close to the lodge reached the threshold level that automatically activated a pump.

This interesting mix of toxic sludge was then propelled through underground pipes up and over the hill headed for a larger tank and tile bed located close to the present day soccer field (formerly the archery range). Unfortunately, pipes part way down the hill were not located below the frost line and consequently, this pressurized liquid ran into a barrier of ice and the only places to which it could be diverted were the open drains of toilets, sinks and shower stalls in the mansion and nearby cabins.



In this case the mansion was the worst hit and had to be torn down. There were some reports that the smell could be detected as far away as Lindsay but this could not be verified. (Don't forget that Lindsay radio reported 2 deaths from a kitchen fire in 1957 – another reporting error) There was also some initial worry that the event was triggered by a build up of underground methane gas accumulated from the years when the site of the Mansion was the main camp kybo.

Kilcoo alumnus Rob Savage was thankfully on site at the time and placed the emergency call to the Kilcoo office. After Assistant Director Pat Tingley recovered from his catatonic state (it was thought his cabin was equally as affected) the necessary emergency measures were put in place. Today we are glad to report that the construction of a new Mansion has begun and hopefully the stench filled memory of this event will soon be left behind. Sadly though, the many good memories that have grown over 56 years have come to a foul end.



LIFE AFTER KILCOO

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 invite you to send us details about yourself; to others, please update us if these reports or what you sent before is out of date. Send any information to gazetteeditor@kilcoo.com.

JOHN KNEALE (1958-61) Retired in 2009 after a 36 year career in the Canadian Foreign Service. His postings included Algeria, Mexico, New York and Madrid. He was also ambassador in Ecuador. He was honoured with a prime ministerial commendation for his work during the American hostage crisis in Iran. In Ottawa he served as departmental spokesman during the free trade negotiations with the U.S.A., and later as coordinator of an initiative to expand Canada's presence in major U.S. cities. He is the author of "Foreign Service" and numerous articles and reviews. John remarried in July and lives in Ottawa.

PETER OYLER (1960-66) Peter lives on Lake Kashagawigamog since retiring in 1999. Graduated from WLU in '74. Spent 32 years teaching in Toronto and almost 30 years on East York, Metro Toronto and Minden Hills Councils. He is currently chair of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Has been a member of AMICI since 1965 and involved in the organization of the Highland Yard for 20 years. Peter has 3 married children and two grandchildren. He enjoys cruising and travel with wife Klara; fishing, golf, American history and Algonquin Park with cronies Chamberlain, Slingerland, McAlpine and Maybury.

GORD CRUESS (1990's) Gord is currently practicing corporate law with a focus on mergers and acquisitions in the New York office of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. He is looking forward to joining the firm's recently opened Toronto office in the New Year. Previously Gord was associated with Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP in New York. He received his law degree from McGill in 2007. Between 2002 and 2003, Gord was a Parliamentary Intern for the Parliament of Canada in Ottawa.

ALAN INGRAM (1960-65) Alan is starting his 25th year as a judge, now in the Superior Court of Ontario, wife Dr. Jenny Ingram (Glen Barnard Camp) have 3 kids, their son David being a former Kilcoo camper & staff member. Alan has been active as coach, manager & convenor for minor sports in Peterborough, boards of Lakefield College School & Trent University and now leads annual trips to 3rd world countries for Sleeping Children Around the World – 1st grandchild due on Dec 22.

IDEAS ALWAYS WELCOME!

If you have ideas for articles of interest for future issues of the Gazette please contact us at gazetteeditor@kilcoo.com. If you have a good topic idea, we will do the follow up research; if you want to write an article please put on your creative hat, and if you have some photos to accompany your piece, please send those along as well!

HARRY MCMURTRY (1971-76;83-88) "Like many alumni, Kilcoo is still a big part of my life. Although my formal association with Camp Awakening has ended, my relationship with Kilcoo and the Latimer family remains close. My oldest son, David, was a counsellor in Cabin 15 this past summer. His L.I.T. in July was Patrick Graham, the eldest son of my dear friends, Jill and the late David Graham. My youngest son, Matthew, hopes to return to camp next summer as an L.I.T. Kilcoo continues to generate great memories."

PADDY SCACE (1997-2006) Since my last summer at camp I moved to Miami and New York where I began my career in live entertainment. Amongst a bunch of other things I'm currently a producer and talent booker for the live version of the pre-school show Yo Gabba Gabba! My career has given me the chance to work with artists such as The Rolling Stones, The Who, Jay-Z, Zac Brown Band, Skrillex and tons of others. My life is very busy, I stay up late and I'm very happy. I still consider camp friends my best friends and think of Gull Lake often.

WRITER/DIRECTOR JEFF KOPAS (1986-1997)

There is no doubt to me that my time at Kilcoo played a huge factor in both my desire and ability to become a full-time filmmaker. I have never been much of a performer, but I have always loved hearing and later on, telling stories. As a kid



when one of the great camp story-tellers would visit our cabin, Lub and Chief for example, I would lie and listen, soaking up everything I could, I absolutely loved it! As a staff member I had a chance to exercise my own story-telling skills, and this ignited in me what has become a life long journey. I am now a writer and director, and have been making commercials, documentaries, and short films for several years. As I sit and write this though, I know that the dream I first had as a kid at Kilcoo is about to come true, and its an incredible feeling. In one week my first full length feature film will be released into movie theatres across Canada, starting with the AMC Yonge-Dundas in Toronto. As an independent film we need all the support we can get, so I encourage you to please get a group together and go see it. You can view the trailer at www.AnInsignificantHarvey.com, as well as see screening times, and locations. I'll be travelling across Canada promoting, and so hope to see you at one of the many Q and A screenings we have scheduled over the next few weeks.