

Kinkeegwan: Since our last newsletter, we are happy to report the completion of another successful Camp season. Overall numbers were up from last season, with 162 campers coming to Tohko. The future of camp looks good as we had a large Bear Clan contingent and 7 great CIT's who returned as first year staff.

Two key dates should circled on your calendars: a celebration of John Nute's 60 years at Camp will take place May 18-20th and Alumni Weekend is scheduled for August 24-26th. Questions? Call 1-800-414-2267 or send an e-mail to tohko@tohko.com. To book a room, call 1-800-373-3754.

See www.tohko.com for information about Camp and the Alumni Association.

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Camp Tohkomeupog Alumni Association

John Nute: 60 Summers at Camp

This past camp season marked John Nute's 60th summer at Camp Tohkomeupog. Over the years John has held just about every official position at camp - counselor, encampment director, waterfront director, assistant camp director, and now tennis director. Perhaps even more impressive is the list of unofficial duties that he has taken up and are now forever associated with his name - morning flagpole, ball scores, dining room manners, softball umpire, trip inspection, general camp cleanliness, and, it's rumored, controller of weather. With John considering a change for summer '07 (he won't call it retirement) we're taking this opportunity to look back on all that he has given to camp over the years.

John was born in Haverhill, NH on January 24, 1933 and first came to Tohkomeupog in 1944 as one of only 36 campers under the tutelage of a young Milt Hoyt. According to John, one of the main reasons that he went up to Tohko that first summer was that Milt had established a bean picking program to help the war effort and John felt that this could be his way of contributing to the country's cause. The small size of Tohkomeupog back in those days meant that things ran a little differently than they do today. John recalls that the whole camp would play games together on the ballfield and trips were a spontaneous adventure. If the weather looked nice, Milt would make the decision to take all the boys hiking. Of course, they first had to ride their bikes to get to the mountain.

John felt very fortunate for the opportunity to come to Tohko as a young man. Not many kids his age went away for the summer and John worked in the kitchen to help offset the costs. Everyone enjoys hearing how John Nute had to spend two summers as a CIT (they were called Rangers back then). However, most people don't know that this was because during John's first year in the Ranger program one of the dish boys quit and John volunteered to work extra hours in the kitchen.



Pat and John Nute.

John graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1955 with a degree in business, and married Pat that August. The two have been happily married for 52 years. Even though John had majored in business, the pull of camp was too strong and he decided to pursue a teaching career in order to have his summers free. After brief stints in East Haddam, Deep River and Essex, CT, John spent 27 years teaching at Braeburn Elementary in West Hartford, CT. In addition to his impressive teaching career, John is also very proud of his work as a referee. *[Article continued on next page]*

Larry Hitchcock 1958 - 2006

On September 1, 2006, Tohko lost one of its most beloved alumni with the passing of Larry (Hitch) Hitchcock at 47. His two sons, Larry, 18, and Chris, 16, survive him. Larry and his boys have spent many winter days snowboarding on King Pine. Larry started his 16 years at camp as a deer camper in 1968 and finished in 1984, spending 1980 to 1982 as assistant waterfront director and 1983 to 1984 as waterfront director. Larry loved camp. He loved the activities, the trips, the fierce competitions and just being a part of the camp family. But, what he cherished most about camp were the friendships.

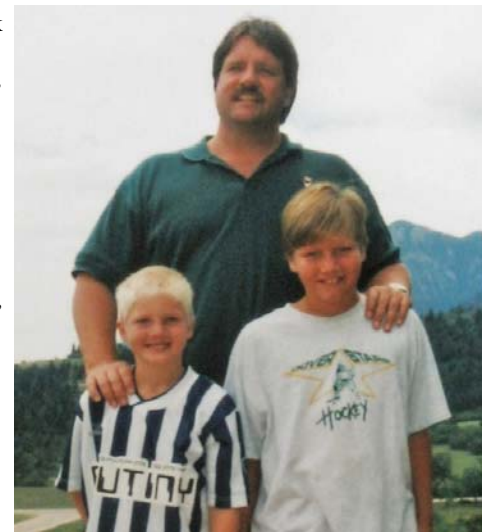
To honor Larry's love of Tohko, his memorial service was held at the waterfront. It was an amazing service: sad yet moving, funny and joyous as many camp alumni and friends shared their "Larry stories" during the service and at the reception afterwards.

Larry had a zest for life and shared his energetic love of life and laughter with everyone. The ceremony concluded with little Larry and Chris spreading their father's ashes lakeside as friends sang Tohkomeupog's song, "Remember". It was an emotional, yet special day full of tears, smiles, hugs, and memories.

As a reminder of the laughter and joy that Larry brought to all our lives, grey wristbands were handed out at the service. The wristbands are the universal color symbolizing brain cancer, the disease that he battled for three years, and are inscribed with "Larry", the date of his death, "9/1/06", and "keste". If you would like to have one of these wristbands, please contact David Glashow at 401-769-6600.

A camp scholarship fund has been established in Larry's memory; anyone wishing to contribute can do so by sending a donation to the Camp Tohkomeupog Alumni Association, c/o Kevin Thomson, 123 Charles Street, Apt. 2, Boston, MA 02114 with "Larry Hitchcock Memorial" written in the memo line.

From all of us at Tohko, "Keste". We miss you Larry and will never forget.



Larry with his two sons, Chris and Larry

Camp Fairs 2006-2007. Tohkomeupog representatives will be attending the following camp fairs in the next few months. If you would like to lend a hand at the events, please contact Andrew Mahoney at andrew@purityspring.com. If you know a family with a potential camper, these are great opportunities for them to learn more about Tohkomeupog.

1/13/07 Westford Academy Westford, MA 12-3PM
 1/17/07 Wellesley High School Wellesley, MA 5:30-8PM
 1/20/07 Derby Academy Hingham, MA 12-3:30PM
 1/20/07 Mount Ida College Newton, MA 12-2PM
 1/21/07 Lexington HS Lexington, MA 2-5PM
 1/21/07 Brookline HS Brookline, MA 12-3PM
 1/23/07 Merriman Elementary Acton, MA 5-8PM
 1/24/07 Greenwich HS Greenwich CT 6-9PM
 1/27/07 Masconomet HS Boxford, MA 12-3PM

1/28/07 Littleton HS Littleton, MA 1-4PM
 1/28/07 Pike School Andover, MA 12-3PM
 1/29/07 Concord Carlisle HS Concord MA 5:30-8:30PM
 2/03/07 Glen Urquhart School Beverly Farms, MA 11AM-3PM
 2/04/07 Shipley School Philadelphia, PA 11-2PM
 2/10/07 Lincoln Sudbury HS Sudbury, MA 11AM-3PM
 2/11/07 Bolton HS Bolton, MA 1-4PM
 3/09/07 Meadowbrook Inn Portsmouth, NH 5-8PM
 3/10/07 Stanislaus Hall Nashua, NH 10AM-2PM

Donors to the Scholarship Fund

Contributions to the Scholarship Fund should be made out to "Camp Tohcomeupog Alumni Association" and can be sent to Kevin Thomson in the enclosed envelope.

The Alumni Association thanks the following people who donated to the scholarship fund in the past year: ANDREW KRUGMAN, Janine Allen, John Anderson, Ann & Jeffrey Annis, Patience Banister, David Banister, Mike Barton, David & Brenda Beardsley, Frederic Bruno, Jon Chace, Gary & Janet Chace, Brian Clemow, Chip & Nancy Cole, Mike & Alisa Croft, George & Carol Croft, Will Darling, Sally & Victor DeGroot, Nick Dowell, Jim & Jeannie Drummond, Oscar Gil Volmer, Dave & Sue Glashow, Larry Glickman, Doug Gochman, Todd Goldenberg, Cyrus & Joyce Gregg, Andrew Guild, Steve Harding, Jonathan Hatch, Henry Hatch, Donna & Paul Hetu, Heidi & Derrick Hill, Annie Toppin Hitchcock, Jon & Jen Hoyt, Peg Hoyt, Ted & Bobby Hoyt, Marshall Johnson, Tobin & Margaret Kelly, Rolfe Kennedy, Andy & Karalyn Krugman, Tom Latronico, David Leonard, Tom Levett, John & Ellen MacDonald, Laura & Jack Mahoney, Brendan Mahoney, Andrew & Amy Mahoney, Lawrence & Sally Major, Jason Mandell, Fletcher Marks, Nancy & John Martin, Robert Mauro, Mark McCaig, Ann S.H. McConnell, Nancy & Kevin McCaig, Colin & Courtney McCaig, Kevin & Nancy McCaig, Garo & Diana Norian, John & Pat Nute, Jillian Oberfield, David & Margaret Pendergast, Ken & Mary Porter, Ken & Barb Porter, Andrew Porter, Bill & Amanda Pryor, Greg Roberts, Tom & Martha Sexton, Paul Stafford, Charles & Joan Staples, John & Amy Tanenbaum, Kevin Thomson, Julian Trotman, Sarah Twiss, Dan & Patty Ustick, Sam Ward, Howard & Lydia Williams, Erik Mehlman & Anna Marich, Anonymous, Dover High School Hockey Assn, City of Dover, Dover Youth Hockey Association, Michael Delaney & Christine Hauck.

Scholarship Fund Statistics

1995 ~ \$3062 to 9 campers, 1 alumni child
 1996 ~ \$2949 to 9 campers, 2 alumni children
 1997 ~ \$2496 to 7 campers, 4 alumni children
 1998 ~ \$2175 to 4 campers, 2 alumni children
 1999 ~ \$1806 to 6 campers, 2 alumni children
 2000 ~ \$3286 to 8 campers, 3 alumni children
 2002 ~ \$2174 to 7 campers, 1 alumni child
 2003 ~ \$2792 to 5 campers, 2 alumni children
 2004 ~ \$5381 to 9 campers, 3 alumni children
 2005 ~ \$5400 to 14 campers, 4 alumni children
 2006 ~ \$4828 to 14 campers, 3 alumni children

John Nute

He did mostly college soccer and lacrosse games, including refereeing Harvard-Yale soccer matches and a UMass-Syracuse lacrosse game.

With his teaching career in full swing, John and Pat could spend their summers in East Madison. John had been a counselor for 5 years and then became encampment director of the Lowers in 1957. John feels that his biggest contribution to camp came during his time as Waterfront Director, a position he held from 1964 to 1982. In typically polite fashion, John describes the state of the waterfront before he took over as, "Not in the best shape that it could be". John turned things around, implementing physical improvements and getting swim classes up to Red Cross standards. In 1983 John took on a new role, becoming Assistant Camp Director. After 10 years as AD, John moved into his current role, Director of Tennis. From 1944 to 2006 John missed only 3 summers at camp: in 1955 and 1956 when he got married and had to take summer classes and then in 1960 when he was writing his Masters Thesis.

When reflecting on what makes camp so special to him, John identifies the same thing that most of us do – the great relationships that he developed with people over the years. He is very grateful to have been able to work with the Hoyts for so many years doing the things he loves and being able to help others. He describes his years at camp as "a great marriage".

John is looking forward to having a little more free time next summer. His golf game will get some extra work, as will his garden and yard. However, as John noted, he is "not good at just sitting around", so don't expect him to disappear from the Valley. He still wants to play a role in camp life and has many ideas about how he can continue to help camp. First on the list? Manners. So, campers, mind your pleases and thank you's or you may find yourself sitting at John Nute's table.



John Nute at the 2006 Alumni Golf Tournament

11th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament



Green jackets yet to be fitted: the winning team of Barton, Roberts, Barton and Dodge.

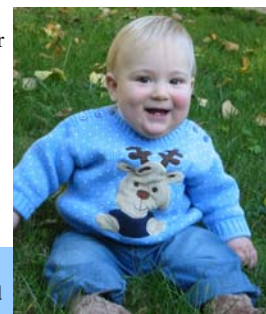
The Float, East Madison NH - The Alumni Golf Tournament Committee is pleased to report another great year in tournament history during what was our 11th campaign to play golf, have fun and raise money for a great cause.

This year's tournament was held at Province Lake Golf Course where our tournament roots can be traced. Under threatening skies and cool temps, the team of Don Barton, Michael Barton, Trevor Dodge and Greg Roberts stormed to a 7-under tournament win, showing that they are definitely the team to beat in '07.

We enjoyed great success from additional revenue streams including the 50/50 Putt Challenge, Buy a Mulligan and Logo Tee sales.

Thank you to all who came out to play. Through your participation we raised \$676.00 for the alumni coffers, bringing our 5 year total contribution to \$3,893.00. See you next year for the 12th annual tournament, date and time to be announced in the spring newsletter.

Sincerely, Philip and Andrew Porter.



Benjamin Glickman (Hi Ben!)

Camp News & Notes

- ♣ **Mark Glickman** (CIT 1983) and his wife **Teresa Currivan** are enjoying life with their new bouncing baby boy, Benjamin Joseph Glickman (pictured right), who was born on Feb. 18. Glick reports that, "hobbies include crawling all over the place, rifling through drawers, and inspecting electrical wiring (usually by tasting it). Rest hour is most certainly not his favorite activity."
- ♣ **Ryan O'Rourke** (CIT 1993) is proud to announce his engagement to **Sarah Stolebarger**. Ryan proposed last August while on a camping trip in Allegany Park. The wedding is set for September 29th, 2007, and will be held on purity island. The happy couple has recently moved to New Hampshire where Ryan works at "a small Internet PR type place" and Sarah is a pastry chef for Finale of Boston. Congratulations can be sent to Ryan and Sarah at orourke@netvocates.com.
- ♣ **Dana Drummond** (CIT 1995) is enjoying life in the Western United States as only a Drummond can. His recent exploits include tossing explosives onto suspect avalanche slopes as ski patrolman at Snowbird Ski Resort, fulfilling a life goal by skiing from the summit of the Grand Teton, and spending his summer on a search and rescue team in Yosemite National Park. To find out what Dana's next adventure will be, contact him at danadrummond@gmail.com.
- ♣ **Tom Latronico** (CIT 2000) is still living in the Boston area after graduating from Tufts University. He works for Liberty Mutual Insurance but has recently decided to pursue a new career path and is applying to be an Air Force pilot. In preparation for his new line of work Tom is taking flying lessons and deciding between Maverick and The Iceman for his new moniker. Tom can be contacted at TBLatronico@aol.com.
- ♣ **Kevin Mahoney** (CIT 1985) has recently started his own guide service, Mahoney Alpine Adventures. With 12 years of guiding experience and skills way beyond campcraft III, Kevin is prepared to take you on the trip of a lifetime. For more details, check out his website: www.MahoneyAlpineAdventures.com.
- ♣ In July, **Kevin Thomson** (CIT 1987) completed Ironman USA Lake Placid, a triathlon comprised of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike and a marathon. Noted KT, "The mass swim start was overwhelming for some but years of **Jeff Mehlman's** big slap tag was a huge advantage for me."
- ♣ **Tom Romary** (CIT 1981) will be the next member of the Tohcomeupog tribe to compete in an Ironman event this June at Ironman Coeur D'Alene in Idaho. Best of luck, Tom.

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