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We hope that this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the off season in your winter lodgings. The past summer at Camp was another great success and next year is shaping up to be even better.

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Camp Tohkomeupog Alumni Association

Fletcher Marks, United States Marine Corps

Fletcher Marks is a second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. For the past 6 months he has been stationed at Quantico, Virginia where he is going through The Basic School. This is the school that trains every newly commissioned officer in the Marine Corps to be a rifle platoon commander. His time is split between the classroom and the field. After he finishes The Basic School, Fletcher will transfer to Air Defense Control Officer school in Twentynine Palms, California for more specialized training. There he will spend 12 weeks learning how to coordinate the employment of surface to air missiles and how to direct fighter aircraft in the interception of hostile aircraft. When that training is completed he will move to his permanent duty station in Cherry Point, North Carolina with the 2nd Marine Air Control Squadron in the 2nd Marine Air Wing.

Fletcher did not always know that he was going to join the military. He grew up in Scarsdale, New York and spent his early summers in Freedom, New Hampshire. His older brothers, Justin and Tim, came to Tohkomeupog in 1994 and Fletcher decided to come the following summer as a 2nd year Bear. He loved his first two weeks so much that he convinced his parents to stay for two more. Fletcher kept coming to camp for the next 6 years, came back as a CIT, and was a counselor for 3 summers. It was in college, at Lehigh University where



Fletcher was a finance and accounting major, *Fletcher in full dress uniform.*

that he began to feel a sense of duty to serve his country. So he signed up for the Marines and began serving after graduation. He plans on staying in The Corps for 4 years and then reevaluating whether or stay or look for a new job.

Fletcher's unit will be heading to Iraq next July and he will most likely join them in August. In Iraq the military has yet to see an enemy with air capabilities, so Fletcher expects his role as an Air Defense Control Officer to change. Since there is currently a need for officers to help train the Iraqi military, Fletcher expects to be placed on a team that helps develop Iraqi military, police, or border units. He would be in charge of 3 other Marines and 60 to 100 Iraqis. Whatever role Fletcher ends up having in Iraq, he will surely do a terrific job and we wish him a safe and successful journey.



First Period Activity: Bazooka.

Fall Foliage Hike

A hearty crew of alumni gathered this fall for the Fourth Annual Fall Foliage Hike. The day started with breakfast at the Inn where it was determined that Mt. Jackson would be the peak for the day. The group set out and hit the trail for the 2.7 mile hike to summit. The weather cooperated splendidly, with Jon Hoyt declaring it to be the finest day he had ever seen in the White Mtns. All hikers reached the top where they enjoyed tremendous PB&J's, turkey and cheese sandwiches and Chip-A-Roo cookies for dessert. For two of the younger members of the tribe, Charlie Porter and Zachary Hoyt, it was their first 4,000 footer! Good foliage, good friends, and good times - make sure to put this one on your calendar next year!



The whole team on the summit of Mt. Jackson.

Wolf Clan Members Help Build New Float

This summer members of the Wolf Clan put in a significant amount of time and effort to help build a fantastic new float. The boys really got into the construction of the float, spending numerous hours working during activity periods and their free time. The project went on through out the summer and was completed early this fall. The new float features plenty of deck space, two benches and an extra high diving platform.

The float was dedicated to the memory of Larry Hitchcock who spent many years at Tohko as a camper, counselor and Waterfront Director. Every time a camper makes a leap off of the top platform, it will be in the with the same spirit that Larry brought to Tohko.

Additional thanks go out to Dave Glashow and the Hitchcock Family for sponsoring the project, to Ken Peterson who made the dedication plaque, and to Jon Chace and Phil Porter for contributing their time and expertise in helping with the construction.

An Update on the Scholarship Fund

2008 has been a difficult year for the financial markets, but the long term health of the Scholarship Fund is still strong. The Scholarship Fund portfolio is currently divided amongst cash and money market assets (40%), equity investments spread across various low cost mutual funds (40%), and fixed income securities (20%). The Fund does not purchase individual stocks nor do we short securities, a very risky practice. We will continue to manage the Fund conservatively and maintain a long term time horizon.

We manage the Fund in Milt's memory with the single purpose of helping as many boys as possible attend Camp. Spending decisions will be prudent and dependent in part on this year's fundraising efforts. Donations should be made out to "Camp Tohkomeupog Alumni Association" and can be sent in the enclosed envelope. Thank you to all who can participate this year.

Upcoming Alumni Events

King Pine Triathlon - May 31st, 2009

Over 100 participants made last years event a great success. Put on your trunks and race the .3 mile swim/12.5 mile bike/3.1 mile run course (youth course option as well). Post race BBQ and awards will be held.

Contact: Todd Gochman, tgochman@gmail.com (www.kingpinetri.com)

Alumni Work Weekend - Summer 2009, date TBD

We're putting together a work weekend with the goal of tackling one major camp improvement project. Stay tuned for details and a date.

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Alumni Weekend - August 28th - 30th, 2009

Mark your calendars for this years Alumni weekend, punctuated as always by the Alumni Golf Tournament.

Contact: Andrew Mahoney, amahoney@kingpine.com -or- Phil Porter, pp_keste@yahoo.com



Ken Peterson with the dedication plaque.

The Newsletter Goes Green

Here at the Alumni Newsletter headquarters, we're trying to save a few trees by switching the Newsletter to an electronic format. If we don't hear from you, we'll continue to send a regular copy through the mail, but if you would prefer the Newsletter in .pdf format via e-mail, send a note to Nick Todd at: nicktodd99@yahoo.com

In Memoriam

We sadly announce the passing of Dick Wilcox who unexpectedly died on August 12th at age 82. Dick was one of the earliest campers of Tohkomeupog, first coming in the summer of 1935. In recent years, he was an enthusiastic presence at all major Tohkomeupog reunions and events. He will be missed.

Camp News & Notes

♣ **Zach Oberfield (CIT 1993)** and **Felicia Lin** got married on November 21st in a small ceremony in the New York City Hall. Felicia recently passed the bar exam and is working as a defense attorney in the South Bronx. Zach finished his PhD dissertation over the summer (after finally passing wet weather fire) and is working as a poverty policy analysis for the HSH Dept.

♣ **Annie** and **Josh Oberfield (CIT N/A)** are pleased to announce the birth of their baby girl, Amelia Barnes Oberfield. Josh reports that she is doing great (but still trying to figure out her sleep cycles), loves to stand up, look around, and check things out. Josh sees soccer in her future. Quincy, the family dog, is adjusting nicely but knows that life won't be the same again.

♣ **Dave Banister (CIT 1993)** and **Amy Rourke** are engaged! Dave popped the question during a hike in the hills north of Boston. Amy, of course, said yes and then, as befits a true Tohko Man, Dave produced a bountiful lunch of PB&J's. Amy is currently working as a physicians assistant at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. Dave is teaching and coaching at The Fessenden School in Newton and just completed a master's degree in Administrative Leadership.

♣ On August 10th at Rocky Point, **Michael Anthony (camper 73-81)** married Cheryl Reault. Cheryl's father officiated and John Petersen was the best man. 27 family and friends attended the ceremony. The couple honeymooned at Acadia National Park.

♣ **News and Notes Submissions:** Got an update to share? Know of a noteworthy achievement by a camp alumnus? Curious about the exploits of an old bunkmate? Send a note in to the Alumni Newsletter Editor in Chief, Nick Todd: nicktodd99@yahoo.com.

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