



Alumni Recognize One of Their Own

By TOM LATRONICO

Tohko alumni came together in East Madison, NH over the 2010 New Year's weekend to spend time with one another during the beautiful winter "off season" and to recognize and give thanks to a member of the Tohkomeupog Tribe for his years of untiring Camp service. In addition to participating in the weekend's rousing pond hockey matches and the always entertaining Yankee Swap, alumni made an evening hike up Mt. Tohko to honor Steve Harding with a belated Birthday celebration for his 30 years of dedication and commitment to Camp and its many friends.

As just about any staff member, camper, parent, or alumnus who has been involved with Camp in the past 30 years can attest, "Stevo" Harding has been a nearly constant and always welcome presence at Tohkomeupog since his CIT year in 1985. Stevo has worked tirelessly as a counselor, director, and friend of Camp to promote and protect its traditions and interests, maintain camper enrollment, recruit, train,



Alumni gather at the shelter on Mt. Tohko on 12/31/09. Stevo is pictured front center, left of Rob Cooper (green jacket).

and provide guidance to Camp staff, and act in a general capacity as Tohkomeupog's spiritual leader. Stevo has personally conceived of and implemented several practices, which have matured into time-cherished traditions, including Kalhouzit's Challenge (camp skills demonstration), overseeing construction of the Deer Clan teepee, and the frequently imitated but never duplicated Council Fire Entrance Shriek, to name a few. For these reasons and many others, it was right that Stevo be rec-

ognized at Council.

Tobin Kelly (CIT 1986) took the initiative to organize the hike in Stevo's honor, collect contributions for a monetary gift, and spoke some kinds words of appreciation during the presentation to Stevo. While Stevo was aware of the plans to hike to the shelter, he was caught completely off-guard by the Birthday celebration and gift. He handled the sudden attention as well as could be expected and was sincerely grateful to all who helped contribute to the event.

KINKEEGWAN!

LOOKING GOOD! THE NEWSLETTER HAS A NEW LOOK AND FEEL (SPECIAL THANKS TO TREVOR RICHARDSON). THE ALUMNI ALSO THANK NICK TODD, WHO RECENTLY RETIRED FROM HIS POST AS NEWSLETTER EDITOR AFTER THREE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE.

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Tohko Gears up for Opening Day at New "Alumni Field"



Work on the new ballfield began in October of 2009 (above left). Construction was completed during the Spring of 2010 and will be ready for Campers when they arrive in June (above right). The new field was raised by 4', and features an irrigation system. It is now 450' to Center and 210' to Left (so Jon Chace now has a chance).

By DEVIN KELLY

At last summer's Alumni meeting a proposal was brought forward regarding the new Camp baseball field, which the Resort completed this Spring. As we have all experienced, the field has been unusable for the past few summers during the majority of the season due to flooding. As part of our desire and mission to provide the best possible camping experience to as many campers as possible, the Alumni voted to make a contribution to the procurement of a back-stop for this new field. In this way, the Alumni hope to show our commitment to assisting the Resort in its continuous improvement of the Camp facilities that are so important to all of us. Of course, the fact that we also enjoy the benefits of the field during Alumni Weekend is a nice plus. In recognition of our support, the resort has generously offered to name the field "Alumni Field". This will serve as a wonderful reminder to campers that their Tohko experience does

not end on the day they stop being a camper.

Because the Alumni Association has never allotted any funds for anything other than camper scholarships, the tribe thought it best to raise money for this project through a special capital campaign. To that end, we are asking for your generous support in trying to raise \$4,000 toward the completion of a new back-stop for Alumni Field. The total project is estimated to cost in the area of \$50,000, so our efforts will be part of a much larger commitment. Jon Chace and Phil Porter have generously offered their time to work with the Resort in identifying a high quality product and we can all look forward to using the field this summer and for many years to come. Please send donations to:

Tohcomeupog Alumni Field Fund
c/o Steve Harding
2151 East Madison Rd.
East Madison, NH 03849

Thank you for your support.

ALUMNI WEEKEND DATES

*** RECONNECT WITH YOUR CAMP FRIENDS AT ALUMNI WEEKEND 2010! ***

FESTIVITIES WILL RUN FROM FRIDAY AUGUST 27TH - SUNDAY AUGUST 29TH. ADDITIONAL DETAILS CAN BE FOUND IN THE 2010 ALUMNI WEEKEND BROCHURE ON TOHKO.COM ([HTTP://WWW.TOHKO.COM/PDF/ALUMNI-REUNION-2010.PDF](http://www.tohko.com/pdf/alumni-reunion-2010.pdf)).

THE 15TH ANNUAL ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD AT PROVINCE LAKE GOLF COURSE ON FRIDAY, 8/27/10 (1ST GROUP GOES OFF AT 1:00PM). CONTACT PHIL PORTER (PP_KESTE@YAHOO.COM) TO REGISTER.

★ *In Remembrance* ★
Todd Stafford 9/19/1960 - 9/20/2009

By PAUL STAFFORD
Todd Stafford, who first came to Tohkomeupog as a camper in 1967 and worked as a counselor during the late 70's, died in a tragic motorcycle accident this past Fall. His love of music and travel, and his ability to bring joy to those around him ensure that he will be remembered as a favorite to many; a favorite friend, uncle, camper, counselor, and brother. Todd lived loudly, in the true spirit of Tohkomeupog, and could be found on skis, cruising the slopes of NH, or on his motorcycle, cruising the highways from New Jersey to Canada.



Todd Stafford passed away on September 20, 2009, at the age of 49, in a tragic motorcycle accident. He leaves behind many Camp friends.

“Toad”, as he was known by many Camp friends, always kept a place for Tohkomeupog in his heart, long after the last of his many “summer moons” in Easy Madison. He remained committed to preserving relationships with many of his summer bunkmates, to whom he always referred by the nicknames he had given

them years before, such as Goober, Goochie, Glish, Johnny Mac, Armbo, Snagglepus, Fearless, Hank the Tank, and so on. Nicknames were a way for Todd to express his affection, and a reminder to those around him of his creativity, caring, and as fellow counselor and friend, Bobby Mac, recalls, his unique, “ridiculous, irreverent sense

of humor”. Another of Todd’s friends, Brian “Little Meh Meh” Mehlman, remembers Todd as a stand-out counselor who loved splash contests at the waterfront, and who made even the rainiest and most uncomfortable of trip circumstances fun. Mehlman reminisced, “Toad is a Tohkomeupog Hall of Famer....Guys like

[him] are why I wanted to come back to Camp.” Todd is survived by his brothers Paul, Tim, and Mark, all Camp alumni.

If you would like to contribute to the Todd Stafford Memorial Fund, which will help deserving boys attend Camp Tohkomeupog, please send your check to:

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Tohko Alumni Century Bike Ride Fund Raiser

Steve Hoyt has organized a “century” 104-mile alumni bike ride, which will begin in Newburyport, MA and wind up coastal Rt. 1A before heading northwest to Rts. 125 and 153, finishing in East Madison, NH at Camp. The ride is designed to raise money and awareness for the Tohko Alumni Scholarship Fund through jersey sales and corporate sponsorships (pictured, right) and is scheduled to take place Saturday July 10th.

In addition to the King Pine Triathlon, (Sunday June 13th), Steve notes that the century ride serves as an opportunity for Camp alumni and friends to display their considerable athletic prowess. A van with bike trailer will follow the group north and will ferry riders back to Newburyport that night. Contact Steve Hoyt at (603) 367-4000 or shoyt.psr@gmail.com to register, purchase jerseys, or obtain additional information.



Bike in style: support the Alumni Scholarship fund by purchasing one of these professional jerseys for the Boston to E. Madison ride.

CAMP NEWS & NOTES

1. 2010 CAMP DIRECTORS: ANDREW MAHONEY (CAMP DIRECTOR); DON BARTON (ASST. CAMP DIRECTOR); GEORGE CROFT (BEAR CLAN); STEVE HARDING (DEER CLAN); REID LAVOIE (PANTHER CLAN); DAN BOWERS (WOLF CLAN); JOHN SEXTON (WATERFRONT).
2. CAMP BABIES: JESSE AND MOIRA O’ROURKE WELCOMED COLBY O’ROURKE, (2/19/10); DAVE AND AMY BANISTER WELCOMED MASON ALAN BANISTER (3/15/10); TODD AND AMY GOCHMAN WELCOMED HENRY LEONARD GOCHMAN (5/13/10). CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!
3. ANDREW SHAFFER AND MEREDITH ROHOLT WERE MARRIED IN NEW MEXICO OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2010; MARK MAZZETTI AND DR. LINDSAY BERTRAND FRIEDMAN WERE MARRIED SUNDAY, MAY 30TH AT RIVER FARM IN ALEXANDRIA, VA.
4. DEER CLAN AND WOLF CLAN MEMBERS PUT IN A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT TO HELP BUILD A FANTASTIC (AND GOLIATH) NEW FLOAT FOR THE WATERFRONT IN THE SUMMER OF 2009. THE BOYS REALLY GOT INTO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FLOAT, SPENDING NUMEROUS HOURS WORKING DURING ACTIVITY PERIODS AND THEIR FREE TIME. HOPEFULLY IT WILL BE A LASTING PART OF THE WATER FRONT FOR MANY MOONS TO COME!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? KNOW OF SOME TOHKO ALUMNI NEWS?

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