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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION: DISNEY HITS KILCOO

Kilcoo turns into Camp Rock in September

This September, a 120-person film crew from Disney invaded Kilcoo for ten days. Beforehand, a great deal of work was done by the Post Camp crew, and in particular Marc Russell, in preparation for their arrival. Jobs included taking down and removing everything from the inside of Kildoon, supervising the painting of nearly every building surrounding Kildoon and laying down enough mulch to cover half of the roads in camp. However, the biggest task that had to be completed in order for Disney to shoot in the Lodge (the site of the majority of their filming) was to take down everything from the Lodge's rafters…every sign, name board and anything that identified the place as the Kilcoo Lodge.

So on a sunny day in the middle of September the crew rolled in and started their filming. They had spent the previous weeks at Camp Wanakita filming mostly outdoor scenes, and moved to Kilcoo to film most of their indoor shots. Not only did they use the Lodge and Kildoon, but also the Longhouse, the road in front of Cabin 25 and the Voyageur campfire area beside the water. Shooting lasted for ten days, and a few guys were even extras in a few scenes. Lub was cast as a limousine driver, complete with black suit and stretch limo!

There were several challenges that came along with this new experience, not the least of which was the stress that was placed on the septic system when it seemed the entire cast and crew of the movie used the infirmary as their primary washroom, even with lovely port-o-lets all over camp (apparently 150 people in there is too many…who knew?). The number of people involved in shooting a TV movie is quite staggering; and it was very interesting to roam free on a big movie set and observe all that was going on. It was a little annoying when one had to take the long way to their cabin when the crew was in shooting mode in certain areas. However, the crew was very accommodating, and they realized they were at a summer camp and not some random sound stage. They were respectful of the property and really seemed to enjoy their experience at Kilcoo. Some crew even went fishing and did the Aerial Course on their lunch breaks.



The best part of the movie shoot? "The snack truck", said Sascha "Bumpo" Ellis, one of the Post Camp staff. "It was open all day, and it was constantly stocked with goodies such as chips and sandwiches!"

BRAD MOYLE

KILCOO STAFF REUNION: SEPTEMBER 12 – 14, 2008

ADVANCE NOTICE – AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED
Mark your calendars now for a weekend filled with joining "old" camp friends, meeting new, and reliving fond memories. Registration in early 2008. Information will be mailed in the new year and will be 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
- 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

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Lots of change

So much has changed since the last edition of the Gazette and will continue to change in the coming months. You name it, personal change, Gazette change and Amici we've got it all.

Change number one: I got married to the woman of my dreams in late August in the Beaver Valley and we moved into our new house in Guelph. Moving out of the city has been great, the air is cleaner and we are a short drive away from great hiking, and our cottages. It is also nice to be living in a "city" that is environmentally conscious, as parks and green space are abundant and part of the urban plan (for now…).

Change number two: As you will see as you read through this edition of the Gull Rock Gazette we have added a new member to our team. Paul Chamberlain is a great addition to the team and his passion for Kilcoo and its connection with the alumni will certainly improve the Gazette. Paul has added a new perspective and a new life to the Gazette, which will certainly make it a stronger link between Kilcoo and its community. He has great new ideas and has carried a lion's share of the work load for this edition; and I personally thank him for that. Welcome, Paul!

Change number three: As you will read later on in Amici Speaks, Billy Anderson, the executive director of Amici, is moving forward with his pursuits. While I am happy for him and envious of his coming position, his presence at the core of Amici will certainly be missed. Under his term as the first full-time executive director in Amici history the organization has experienced incredible growth. Billy and his team managed to lead Amici past the 100 camper mark for the first time, and he has increased Amici's profile with its Partner Camps and their communities. It will be hard to see Billy move on as he has been the accessible and positive face of Amici for as long as I have been involved. Thank you for all of your hard work and best of luck in your future adventures from the board, volunteers, and Amici campers.

So as you can see some change is good and other change can leave you a little down, but one thing is sure - it will always be around the corner.

A couple of quick hits to end off on: A big How-How goes out to the team from Canoe-Head for kids, you guys did an amazing job! It was great to run into the Dempster boys at the Mill in Thornbury, and Will, best of luck on your travel abroad.

GEOFF NELLES '01

KILCOO 20

The Gift that keeps on giving

While the AMICI office receives all the thank-yous from our families that we support, we definitely cannot take all the credit. Like any charity, the effort extends far beyond our walls with our volunteers helping make Amici what it is.

One volunteer in particular deserves special thanks for starting the "Kilcoo 20". It is not a gang of bikers or a group sought by the Minden authorities. It is 20 dedicated Amici supporters, brought together by Rob McKinnon, who each provided Amici with a significant donation. The combined funds have gone into an endowment and the interest will fund camp fees each year. It is the gift that will continue to give in perpetuity.

We would like to give a VERY special thanks to all of these people. From Amici and all of our campers, thank you so much for making a difference.

Kilcoo 20 Members

Paul Chamberlain
John Francis
John Grant
David Hadden
David Hamer
Richard Hamm
John Hammett
Alan Ingram
Peggy Latimer
Cassandra Kingsmill Stuart
Allan Leal
Janet l'Heureux
Jamie Macintosh
Rob McKinnon
Eric L McKinnon
Gordon Petch
Tom Reed
David Roland
Peter Sharpe
Julia West

AN INTRODUCTION

The newest member of our team, but not new to Kilcoo!



I am very excited to be joining Geoff Nelles and Michael Adamson to be part of the team that creates the Gull Rock Gazette. Over the past 21 months I have had frequent contacts with a growing list of alumni from the 30's to the late 60's and this fall have written to all other alumni up to the present. It is my hope that many of you will want to be kept in closer contact with Kilcoo and with friends you made during your years there. I urge you to contact us at the Gazette if you have ideas for articles or if you want to make contact with former Kilcoo friends. In a similar fashion I will be contacting many of you for help with content to maintain this newsletter as something all of you will enjoy reading.

PAUL CHAMBERLAIN
1956-67

FIRESIDE CHAT

Reflections and news from Lub

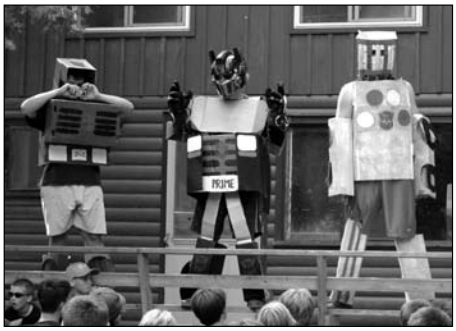
As I write this, amazingly enough, camp has officially closed for our 2007 season. The last school group left on October 12th and that concluded a season of 16 school groups, 2 stags (Rob Love and George Wright), 1 movie shoot and, of course, our amazing summer months. The last job of Post Camp was putting back all the signs in the lodge after the Disney Channel finished filming the movie, *Camp Rock* (for details, see the article on the front page). They performed many small changes around camp, a few new paint jobs, some new shrubbery, new walls in Kildoon, but the big job was to take down every sign in the lodge… which we did (primarily done by Marc Russell, our program director and archivist for the 75th and beyond). It was amazing to see this structure, built in 1963, look like it did in 1963! The lodge was cleaned top to bottom and then every sign was cleaned, varnished and put back up, for the most part, exactly where it had been before.

The names, the ages, the memories were so vivid and to go through all the history was awesome. Really… all the plaques, photos and signs represent all of you… the alumni, and that is what makes Kilcoo so important. As I have said many times, I am honoured to take Kilcoo into our next 75 years and I will do my utmost to represent what all of you have brought to the camp. This was my 23rd year as director and Kilcoo's 76th and the summer was truly memorable. We introduced



Patrick "Tingles" Tingley as my 4th assistant director and he did an awesome job.

We had our second year of two-week cabins; cabins 1 & 2 for seven and eight year-olds. We also returned to the Nahanni River in the North West Territories for the long trip. The Sail Cabin did a hiking trip in Pukaskwa National Park along the north coast of Lake Superior, and Cabin 24 paddled the Coulonge River in July and the Dumoine River in August. Our most popular activities were Outward Challenge, Archery, Arts & Crafts, Woodcraft, White Water Kayaking and Sailing, to name a few. The kids also love the Kilabaloos and camp games, for one afternoon in July it looked as if the



Transformers might take over, but thankfully we held them off! Ben Elliott and his gang also put together an amazing production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The kids involved gave a great deal of their time, and the show was awesome! It is great to see that campfires, Grand Council, stories in the cabins, Polar Bears, Taps, Flag Raising, and the candlelight ceremony at the final banquet, just to name a few traditions, are as important now as ever.

I also have to tell you about our visitors this summer. We had a number of staff and LITs from other camps, our own Kilcoo alumni, and so many others drop by during the summer, and all of them (to a person) comment on how friendly, polite and welcoming our staff, LITs and campers are. This represents to me the pride they have in Kilcoo, themselves and you, who "came before". I hope you all enjoy this Gazette and I hope it will maybe make you get back in touch with those who made your Kilcoo days so special.

I also hope you will join us at our staff reunion next fall, the weekend of **September 12th, 13th & 14th**. Please mark down the dates and tell all your friends. I also hope through visits to camp, (you are welcome any time) visits to the website, and phone calls or emails to us, that you will stay involved.

Finally, I want to update you on my mom, "Mrs. Chief". She went into the hospital on August 28th for open heart surgery to replace a valve and a month later she was out and back to playing bridge, traveling and…driving. She has retired from "day to day" life here in the office, but still, like my brothers Jeff and Mike, stays very involved in all of camp life. It is also nice to see TJ, Charlie, Brooke and Beth all embrace all that Kilcoo has to offer and they love being at camp.



So…enjoy the Gazette and on behalf of Charlie Plewman, Chief, and Hal, I thank you for allowing me to lead Kilcoo. It is an honour! Rip Ram…

DAVID "LUB" LATIMER

We like to keep track of our alumni. If you move, change jobs or have any other personal information that changes, please let us know. Call Kim at the camp office - 416-486-5264 or drop us an e-mail at kim@kilcoo.com.

LIFE AFTER KILCOO

An update on what some alumni have been doing

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.
(Please include your 1st year at Kilcoo)

MORRIS DIXON (1936) Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics at University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio; sons and grandsons have gone to Kilcoo: grandsons, Eric and Jeff in 2007

ALAN RENNER (1951) retired after 31 years in education field; owns a small business in golf and promotional products; past president of Rotary Club of Burlington

CLARKE WALLACE (1942) retired from the advertising business; before retiring was an Appeal Court judge

MICHAEL CLEARY (1951) retired after 36 years with Proctor & Gamble; now living in London, England while his 3 children all live in Toronto

STEWART COXFORD (1943) started radio station CFGM in Toronto and later involved in cable television; married with 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and most recently a granddaughter

BRUCE AMOS (1955) retired from a career with Parks Canada where he was Director General of National Parks; now runs his own photography business

DANIEL FROHMAN (1949) a corporate pilot for over 50 years, married to Pamela and living in Suffolk, Virginia;

JAMIE BROWN (1955) now a film producer in London, England after establishing himself as an author while in Canada; married to Lorna with 3 grown children

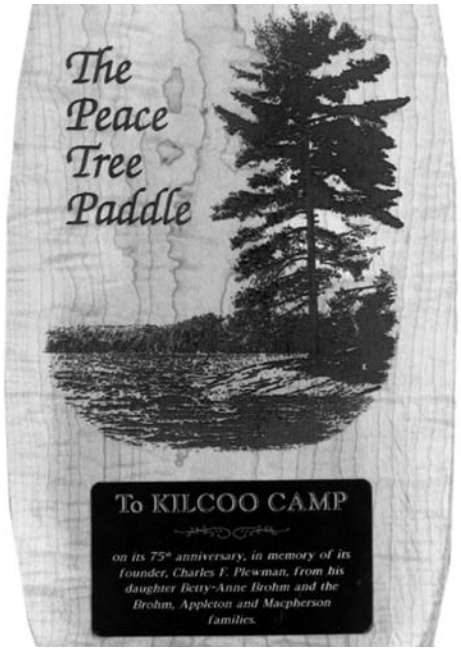
ALAN SETTERINGTON (1949) now retired from federal public service, continues to play trombone in a concert band; married with 2 children and 4 grandchildren

TOM LOFFT (1950) retired child psychiatrist married to Nancy with 3 children and 8 grandchildren; 22 years a chorister in Mississauga

DAN YARMEY (1950) Professor Emeritus of Psychology at University of Guelph; married to Judy from Lawrence Park days with 2 grandchildren; interests include psychology of Law and sports psychology

BRIAN BASCHNAGEL (1956) 36 years a psychologist now living in Wisconsin with wife Judy; 3 children, 4 grandchildren he continues to canoe trip in Quetico Provincial Park (Ont.) every summer

IAN BEARE (1956) worked 35 years as a social worker for a school board in Toronto. Now living in Vancouver and enjoying traveling with wife Samantha now that their children are grown up and on their own



The Peace tree paddle was presented to the Latimer family and Kilcoo Camp on the occasion of the 75th anniversary celebration by the Plewman family. It now stands mounted proudly on the wall in the lodge.

KILCOO TRIVIA

Test your knowldge of Kilcoo Trivia

QUESTIONS:

1/ Since the advent of telephone technology at Kilcoo, the camp has had three phone numbers. What are they?

2/ Today the Longhouse is Mrs. Chief's and the Latimer family's "cottage". Back in the 50's there was another longhouse. Where was it?

3/ In 2007 Kilcoo held its 52nd Olympiad.
a) How many times have the Olympics at Kilcoo been rained out? Can you name the years?
b) Which country has won the most Kilcoo Olympics?

4/ "The Mansion" was the first of the staff cabins built along the drive from the camp office to the director's cabin at the top of the hill. What much earlier structure was it built over?

5/ The present lodge was opened on July 13th,1963 with a dedication by former Ontario premier, Leslie Frost. However, in reporting the event local papers pointed to a different purpose for the celebration. What was it?

6/ In Kilcoo's 76 years there were perhaps 2 years more than any other when Kilcoo's future existence might have been threatened. What were the years and why? (editors'choice)

7/ Prior to the 1960's boys who worked in the kitchen slept in a cabin located near the shore behind the old lodge. What was it called?

** Answers on page G7*



AMICI SPEAKS

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CHANGE IS GOOD

News from the Executive Director

Are you sitting down? I hope so, because we have lots to talk about.

Lots of *good* things, of course. For example, this issue will tell you how we sent more kids to summer camp in 2007 than ever before. We're into triple digits and we don't plan to slow down (see the Campership article on page A2). You'll also read about Amici's reach and how it now extends all the way to Indonesia!

We continue to have more and more contact with our campers and proof of this arrives at this time of year in the form of e-mails and letters from our families. The kids tell us about their favourite activities at camp, all the friends they made, and what their favourite food was (or their least favourite food). The parents tell us about the positive effect that camp has had on their children; how they have more confidence, how they learned more skills, and how they talked their ears off when picked up at camp. One mother asked me "What did you do with my child?! He was a different person when I picked him up after camp. I couldn't believe how excited he was to tell me everything that had happened!"

2007 was a very successful year not only in terms of the number of kids we sent to camp, but also in terms of Fundraising and Events. We had approximately 40% more donors this year. The Amici Mile in October saw almost 50% more people than the previous year. We also had Amici volunteers hosting their very own third-party events, such as Paul Stewart's Juice-Plus Walk-in-the-Park and Willie MacRae's Canoe-Head for Kids. More details can be found on the following pages.

One mother asked me "What did you do with my child?! He was a different person when I picked him up after camp. I couldn't believe how excited he was to tell me everything that had happened!"

The Amici office has some big changes as well. Firstly, I'm very excited to introduce you to our new Office Manager, Sarah Rubinovich. Sarah will be in the Amici office three days a week to help balance the work-load, thereby allowing more attention to be directed to fundraising and program development. We continue to grow and we need to determine the most effective way to do that.

Secondly, we're planning to move the Amici office to downtown Toronto by the end of 2007. We have been renting space from Wilder & Associates (they do our gorgeous website too) for a number of years and they have been extremely helpful. However, as we grow and have more meetings with donors and volunteers, a downtown office closer to the subway will make things much easier. A huge thanks is owed to Dave Wilder and his team for all their help – we couldn't have done it without you.

Lastly, I am sad to say that after three fantastic years my time as Amici's Executive Director has come to an end. I am leaving to take on new adventures and challenges about which I am very excited, but at the same time I will miss this organization very much. I have enjoyed getting to know our families, donors, volunteers, Partner Camps and all the other people that make Amici as great as it is. On the positive side, a new Executive Director will bring fresh energy and ideas to take Amici to the next stage in its development with the Board's guidance.

On the cover of the Spring 2008 newsletter you can look forward to a letter from the new Executive Director. I want to say a HUGE thanks to Amici's Board of Directors and all of you reading this article for your part in making Amici the great organization that it is today. We're all helping to make a positive difference in the lives of kids, and nothing is more rewarding than that. I have never enjoyed a job as much as I have this one, and I will be sure to stay in touch.

BILLY ANDERSON
Executive Director, Amici Camping Charity
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AMICI's REACH

From north to south to east to… where?

In 1966 AMICI sent one boy to summer camp. Things have changed… a lot. Amici now reaches far and wide to positively impact the lives of children and youth. We've gone from one Partner Camp in 1966 to twenty-one Partner Camps in 2007, stretching from Guelph to Ottawa to North Bay. Our campers are even more diverse, coming from Windsor to Quebec to Timmins to… wait a minute, that must be a typo. Indonesia?

Yes, Indonesia. Taylor lives with his parents in Jakarta, Indonesia. The church pays for the family to return to Canada each summer, and Taylor's parents want him to maintain his Canadian roots and stay in touch with Canadian friends for when they eventually return to Canada. What better way than to send him to summer camp every year? In his father's words: "One of the most challenging adjustments living overseas is helping our children understand their mother country and how culture has evolved since we left 14 years ago.



Summer camp for Taylor has been the most significant positive Canadian acclimatization process we have exposed him to. He has learned how Canadian teenagers communicate and what makes them tick. Your purpose as an organization is making a difference in the life of our son. We are very grateful."

CAMPERSHIP UPDATE

A very successful summer for Amici

No slowing this ship down! Well, it is hard to believe sitting here in October, with the leaves falling to the ground that yet another camping season is complete.

It was yet another banner year for Amici, as we continued to build on our record breaking 2006 summer (in which we broke the century mark for the first time in our history and sent 100 campers to camp) by sending 116 campers to one of our many amazing 21 Partner Camps!!! We continue to grow year on year and hope to send 126 campers in 2008.

Billy spent another part of his summer traveling around for a few weeks visiting our Partner Camps and was lucky enough to spend 3 days at Oconto and 3 days at Onondaga to name a few. He came back with rave reviews of all camps he visited – evidence that we are partnering Amici with only the best camps in Ontario to ensure the best possible camping experience for all of our campers. On that note - we have increased our # of Partner Camps to 21 (up from 19 last year) purely due to the fact that we need more camp partners and more beds to meet our growing needs!

Growth isn't only visible in the number of children we sent to camp or the number of camps we have formed a partnership with, but evident in every corner of Amici. We have two volunteers (one of them a former Amici camper!) who donate their time to help with



projects around the office (they are currently contacting Amici alumni to update our records and see how they're all doing now that their camping careers are over.) We are also in the early stages of considering new programs, such as a bursary to help our campers stay on as camp staff while saving for post-secondary education (a program which has received wonderful feedback from our Partner Camps). This list could goes on and on, but I wanted to give you an idea as to what new and exciting things are in store for Amici.

All of these positive changes are a direct result of your support. Without your continued donations, Amici would not be where it is today. It is amazing to be involved in such a successful charity and it is even more amazing to be surrounded by so many people who believe in the same principles and visions as we do. I really hope that each and every one of you reading this article can share in the excitement and feel comfort in knowing that you are making a difference in a child's life.

Billy Anderson, Ryan Krausz and I would like to thank you for your support and to wish you a wonderful start to winter!

JONATHAN MILLMAN
Campership Director, Amici Camping Charity

FINANCIAL UPDATE

A snapshot of our finances for you

Our 2007 financial year ended on September 30, 2007. The audit of our financials is currently underway.

We had a record year in regard to the number of campers we supported and also in regards to our financial performance. We continue to get terrific support from donors. These include individuals, corporations and foundations. Billy has been instrumental in helping to build relationships with our donors.

Our camps continue to be huge contributors. The discounts they provided on fees allow us to send 50% more campers than we would be able to without their support. Our annual special events, third party events, such as Canoe Head for Kids, and proceeds from our endowment provide the remainder of our annual revenue.

A RECORD EVENT

2007 Investors Group Highland Yard

On Friday August 3rd, the town of Minden saw nearly 300 runners take to the streets for the 37th annual Highland Yard. The race came together through the combined efforts of our Minden crew lead by Peter Oyler, and our Toronto crew including Heather Navis, Liam Brown, Rob Love, and Jenn Roden. Special thanks to our title sponsor Investors Group, and to our secondary sponsor Hydro One, for their support.



TESTIMONIALS

Some excerpts of camper and parent letters

I am one of the many kids being sponsored by Amici which has allowed me to go to camp for 3 years now. I will hopefully be able to go next year too! I want to thank you for your generosity. Going to camp has enabled me to meet new people and make new friends. This year I went on a 5 day 4 night canoe trip, and did a 2.4 kilometer portage. I learned how to kayak as well as canoe. My best friend at camp has the same name as me. I am forever grateful to be able to attend such a great camp, and it's all thanks to Amici. Thank you for letting me have the joy that every child should have.

- Rebecca, age 13

Thanks a million to Amici for giving my son a second home...CAMP. Fresh country air, bright sunshine, a refreshing cool lake with lots of space and healthy foods. Camp really is changing my son's life. He finished level 8, learned canoeing, kayaking, tennis and he enjoyed the camaraderie of cabin life. Once again, thank you for this special gift.

- AMICI Parent

I'd like to thank you for writing me a birthday letter, but mostly, thank you for sending me and my brother to camp again! We had great food, great people, and most of all great activities. My favourite part was meeting and getting to know all of my fellow campers and counselors. I absolutely loved camp once again and I would just like to thank you for all your help. I also hope that all of the campers you've sent to camp had as much fun as I did. Thanks very much!

- Jessica, age 15

Thanks for the GREAT opportunity for me to go to camp this summer. I loved it! I loved the three day canoe trip. It was so fun we went to the waterfall and let the water rush down on me and it was just like a massage. I also learned how to sail and to kayak. I enjoyed everything about camp.

- Taylor, age 14

CANOE HEAD FOR KIDS

A huge succes for this new event

Saturday, May 12 saw 8 old Kilcoo friends, in the name of a new brand of AMICI fundraiser, carrying and paddling canoes 40km around Toronto's waterfront in a grand epic of a day. AMICI's own Billy Anderson was the inspiration for the challenge, having completed a two-day portage of near-marathon proportions the year previous in the Muskokas. If fortune has it, what was to be the second, and wildly successful, "Canoe-Head for Kids" day will establish itself as an annual event.

Our devastatingly handsome band of brothers was composed, in addition to the dynamic organizing duo of Willie Macrae and Stuart "Slider " Snyder, of Will Amos, John Dempster, Jake Irwin, Andrew Medland, Steve Reble and Gord Cruess. We were up with the morning sun and we were barreling along the boardwalk of Toronto's beaches with four Swift canoes, generously lent to us by Kilcoo Camp. We were off at a tremendous rate, so that we were into Toronto's financial district – 10 km and half-way through the portaging portion of our day – by about 8:30am, two hours after our start. Next, it was off along Queen's Quay to Bathurst Street and into Coronation Park. After a lunch break, it was time for the final push, north around Ontario Place, through Marilyn Bell Park and along the Waterfront Trail, navigating through crowds of dragon boaters, all the way to the Humber River Bridge. By about 11:15am we were on the water, paddling east along the waterfront, past Ontario Place and through the western gap at Bathurst Street into the Inner Harbour. All of us were taken by the magnificence of the Toronto skyline, a different kind of view for guys habituated to wilderness vistas whilst dipping a paddle. The last leg saw us out the eastern gap, past Cherry Beach, then into a quick portage over the Leslie Street Spit for a final stretch of paddling past Ashbridges Bay and along the Beaches to our starting point, near the R.C. Harris filtration plant. It was getting onto 10 hours from our start that we toasted this unforgettable day. Our deepest gratitude is extended to everyone who generously pledged support to this event. We have raised over $10,400 to date, surpassing our goal!!!



SECOND ANNUAL WALK-IN-THE-PARK

Just one of many great fundraising ideas!



We walked, we strolled or we snoozed in strollers. We stopped traffic and we enjoyed the September sunshine.

Sunday Sept. 16th was the second annual Juice Plus Walk-in-the-Park. Started last year by one of Amici's biggest supporters, Paul Stewart, the 5km walk took off from the Juice Plus office in Mississauga and wound its way through the streets and then looped back for a barbecue, beverages, speeches and chit-chat. We read letters from Amici campers and parents and saw pictures from camp. If you're around next year at the same time, you're welcome to join us!

Third party events such as this are a huge help to Amici. If you would like to run your own third party fundraising event, please don't hesitate to call the Amici office at 416-588-8026 and we can help you with ideas. Thanks once again to Paul, Victoria and the entire Juice Plus crew for your continued support.

JOHN LATIMER CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendars on June 24 for next year's event

The 5th Annual John Latimer Classic golf tournament in support of AMICI ran on June 26, 2007 and was a resounding success. Brent, George, Heather and I expect 2008 to be even bigger, as the tournament continues to grow each year. It was a real pleasure to have so many AMICI friends and family join us for the first time.

A couple of highlights from this years tournament, included the extremely well received closest to the canoe award…thank you Tingles for bringing the canoe down from camp, and congratulations Huggy (Mike Adamson), for winning the inaugural prize. The weather did not let us down, we continued the trend of uncomfortable spring weather with yet another blistering hot day and thanks to Coca–Cola, who supplied all the water and beverages Billy was giving out on the course.

The staff at Silver Lakes Golf Club were again amazing and very accommodating to our ever changing requirements. Congratulations to this years winners, Scott "Elmo" Elmhirst, Geoff King, Andrew Parker and Brent Knightley.

Thank you to the continued support of our hole sponsors; Stinson Equipment, Investors Group, Heenan Blaikie, Air Miles Reward Program and Kilcoo Camp, who support the John Latimer Classic each year.

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Finally, thank you very much to the volunteers who helped to organize the tournament; George Wright, Heather Navis, Mark Davis and Eric Currie – we could not have pulled off another outstanding event without all your help.

While a number of disappointing last-minute cancellations made the group a little smaller than last year and lack of a major corporate sponsor curbed revenue, we were still able to raise over $5000 to support Amici's commitments to deserving children.

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KILCOO SEPTUAGENARIANS CONQUER THE LITTLE FRENCH RIVER

August 28 – French River – by Yodar Kritch

Colin Mason and Clive Chamberlain, former extraordinary sailing instructor ('48-'49) and equally extraordinary canoeing instructor ('54-'55) respectively, accompanied by their intrepid spouses, Wilma and Mary broke through to the Little French on August 25th, 2007. Encumbered by camp chairs and a modest amount of wine, the women who were bearers were glad to rest once a campsite was found. Because of inclement weather, one night had to be spent at Pine Cove Lodge to which the trippers repaired after completion of the ordeal. The several prosthetic knees, hips and other impedimentia weathered the trip well.


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REMEMBERING 2 KILCOO ALUMNI... AND A GOOD FRIEND

Brian Morris '65 and Daniel Robb '73 and The Reverend Canon David R. Hartry

It is with sadness that we must report the passing of two members of the Kilcoo community, Brian Morris and Daniel Robb.

Brian attended Kilcoo from 1955 to 1965 and after being admitted to the Bar in Toronto, practised law, first in Orillia, and then from 1978 on in Whitehorse, Yukon. Although far removed from Kilcoo, his wife Lynne remarks that Kilcoo and Amici had a definite role in building the very caring person that Brian was. His brother John, also a former Kilcoo camper, relates that Brian had a passion for camp and for Kilcoo. He and Lynne practised the crucial lessons of life learned there by helping children and young adults. As John says, whenever and wherever there was a need Brian and Lynne were just there. Even up to the day in July before he "moved on" Brian's main concerns were for others rather than himself. Along with Lynne he leaves behind three children and three grandchildren.

Dan attended Kilcoo as a camper beginning in 1967 and finished up in 1973 as shooting instructor, a role that provided a foundation for him winning the Canadian Junior Shooting Championship in 1972. Following his father, Dan returned to the U.S. but Kilcoo was never forgotten. Staple phrases in his family were "How, How" and "Thanks for the day, comrade." His memories of camp also led to several treks to Algonquin Park. Despite being diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 1999 Dan never let the disease interfere with what was important in his life and in fact the family was planning another trip to Algonquin in August when the end came rather quickly. Dan leaves behind his wife, Francie and two teenaged sons. But more importantly he leaves them with a legacy of a love of the outdoors and, as Francie says, "the ability to steer a canoe."

If you know of somebody in our Kilcoo family who passes away, and you would like to include an announcement in the Gull Rock Gazette, please send Paul Chamberlain an e-mail at pchamp@sympatico.ca.



The Reverend Canon David R. Hartry, known to all as David, died on July 9, 2007 in Kitchener Ontario. David was an ordained priest of the Anglican Church of Canada and a good friend of Kilcoo and of the Latimer family. In his home province of Nova Scotia where he and his future wife Janet met at ages 11 and 10 respectively, David was Director of St. Anne's Camp in the Annapolis Valley and then Director of the Anglican Youth Camp in St Margaret's Bay. During his posting to Nassau, David developed the first three youth camps in the Bahamas. David was president of the Canadian Camping Association from1969-1971, immediately preceding John Latimer's assumption of that post, and he was a long time member of the Ontario Camping Association. He was Chaplain at the University of Waterloo from 1975 until 1992 and was named a Fellow of Renison College in 1993. Campers and staff may remember David's talks at Chapel Point from time to time over the years. He officiated at the marriage of Beth and David, and at the funeral service for Chief. He was a great storyteller and a lover of Manhattans (without the cherry…bad for his health, he said). He had a disarming smile, a wicked wit and a charming intelligence, all of which he shared generously with those of us who were privileged to know him.

FLASHBACK TO

From the Kilcoo Logs... Saturday, July 23, 1966

This turned out to be one of the most successful days we have had at Kilcoo. Led by Joe Warwick and Tommie Thompson the staff organized a most successful Western Day. In the afternoon a carnival was held. Of course the highlight of the day was the barbecued cow. The staff had started the night before taking turns turning the 320 lbs. of beef on the home made spit. Because of the coating of molasses, it cooked very quickly on the outside. Everything turned out well, the beef was beautifully cooked, and the salad prepared by Gord Petch in the Draught Dodger (a camp rowboat covered in polyethylene wrap) added an appetizing finishing touch to the meal.

WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED KILCOO?

An Alumni Perspective

Over the past six months several alumni whose time at camp dated as far back as the late 1940's offered their perceptions of what Kilcoo was and is, and what it has meant to them in their lives. The similarity in what each offered, while not surprising, was nevertheless quite remarkable.



Chuck Bayless attended Kilcoo from 1949 to 1960 and referred to mentors at Kilcoo who helped him in good times and bad, and how Kilcoo gave a structure to his youth which inspired traits such as self-discipline, humility, good manners and good humour. Chuck came away from Kilcoo possessing self confidence and a strong concern for other people. From Kilcoo he learned the value of taking responsibility for his actions and understood the honour of being able to admit when he was wrong. In summing up he noted that the words and deeds of staff members he knew had influenced him in a positive life long way and remarked on how powerful an influence all staff through the years had likely had on many many campers.



When **Hugh Gage** first came to Kilcoo in the early 50's he found himself the only American camper in his cabin. Yet, he was quickly accepted and gained new friends as quickly as his desire to return to camp grew. Throughout his life, when confronted by daunting challenges, he was able to draw on a spiritual strength gained from visualizing Chapel Point. Hugh's counsellors championed his successes whatever they were and as he stated, "They were on my side, and it felt pretty good." Hugh feels that he learned much about himself from his experiences at Kilcoo: working together, laughing together, sharing together, succeeding together. And one day, if you are really lucky, you pass these things on to a new circle in your life. And maybe, just maybe, those things are then shared with other, newer and different circles.



Like Hugh, **Bob Slingerland** knew what it felt like to be new to Kilcoo when he first arrived in 1961. Yet, it was two other members of the swimming staff who very quickly made him feel "at home" at Kilcoo. Bob feels his life's direction changed as a result of going to Kilcoo and his experiences helped him grow as a leader and develop confidence in himself. As he says, "My best friends are from Kilcoo."

Mike Sherwood echoes Bob's comments about lasting friendships and states that from his first year as a camper in 1971 he realized that "Kilcoo was something special and would forever be a part of me." He also mentions the value of mentors from Kilcoo with his main reference to Chief, John Latimer. Perhaps a testament to the life long influence of Kilcoo on Mike can be taken from the fact he has been sending his son to camp and is now involved with the catering service for the camp through Nellas Canada, a food service in which he has an ownership stake.

Long before he succeded John Latimer in 1982 to become Kilcoo's third director, **Hal Hannaford** had gained a firm grasp of what Kilcoo was all about. In referring to his experience at Kilcoo as being the most influential aspect of his life Hal's message to present staff embodies how we have all been affected by Kilcoo. As Hal admonishes today's staff, " Focus on peoples' strengths and don't dwell on their weaknesses. Remmeber the influence you will have, don't forget the value of a name, the little things do count, strive for excellence, and above all, remember that each of you on your own has the power to make a difference in the life of a child."

When **John Harrison** describes his years at Kilcoo in the late 60's and how the camp experience influenced his life, he talks about mentors and the trust that leaders at camp placed in other staff and in campers. In commenting on the role a Kilcoo staff member can have on a camper he urges present day staff to "mentor a child, listen to a child, hold out a hand to a camper, and make a difference in someone's life." Obviously, a staff member did that for him. John also asserts that the people and leadership skills he gained at camp enabled him to have a successful business career.



Jim Howe, in commenting on his days at camp in the late 50's-early 60's, talked about the people and values that surfaced in the Kilcoo community. In doing so Jim pointed to mentors, inclusive fellowship, challenge and discipline. Like many, or most others, Jim felt he was given the freedom to learn from his mistakes in a supportive environment and states that the feedback and guidance he received were fair, interested, beneficial, sincere and honest.

Like many of the others, **Don Story** talks of mentors at Kilcoo. Lamenting a little at the distance from his present home in

Saskatoon to his time in the mid 60's at Kilcoo. Don comments that the role of being a mentor was one which everyone on the staff felt obligated to play. As Don states,"We all had a role to help make others responsible, contributing adults."

This commitment to a role is reflected in **Barry Hoffman's** message as he refers to the Kilcoo staff of his days from 1961 to 70 as being "immersed in Kilcoo's traditions" and eager to pass them on. Barry, as a camper, sensed the staff were "involved totally with the campers 24/7" and alludes to the fact that simple every day occurrences in his life often draw him back to his memories and the influences of Kilcoo on his life.

John Kennedy, possessing still vivid memories of his summers at Kilcoo in the 1950's puts respect at the top of his list of values and influences. As he says, in every aspect of life at Kilcoo he and others were encouraged "to respect and try to understand the feelings, sensitivities, and perspectives of everyone else. – a great lesson" he adds.

And so in 2007 the staff at Kilcoo, led by David Latimer, embraced what Kilcoo has stood for over the previous 75 years and worked to pass on the traditions and values to this year's campers and to each other.



Perhaps the camp hymn sung at flag lowering, "Maker of Men" voiced much of the message just as the firm handshake with a look in the eye accompanied by an enthusiastic and friendly greeting symbolizes much of what Kilcoo has been and continues to be today. The message is relevant and timely and is perhaps part of the reason why so many of us maintain our contact with Kilcoo today long after our summers on Gull Lake have passed.

KILCOO CAMP: THEN AND NOW

Snapshots to show how things have changed - and how they stayed the same!

Kilcoo Camp has evolved a lot in the past 76 years! While the buildings, landscape, and programs have changed, so much has also stayed the same. A visit to the camp in the summer (you are always welcome to pop in for a tour!) may surprise many of you. Some things just never change! If you have a photo that you would like to share, send it to the Gull Rock Gazette and we will try to find a current match!



The tents of Plewman's day gradually got more leaky, and the floors more warped. Can you imagine the bugs in the spring and early summer?!



This is the "new" Kremlin, built in 2006, replacing the previous cabin which was built in 1946. Not only is the view magnificent, but no bugs either!

KILCOO TRIVIA

Test your knowldge of Kilcoo Trivia (from page G4)

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1/ 148 Ring3; 454-3271; 286-1091

2/ In Mohawk Park where Cabins 7 and 8 are located

3/ a) 3 times: 1957, 1961, and 1968
b) England/Great Britain 10 times

4/ the camp's main Kybo; the "5 holer"

5/ the unveiling of the camp rosters from 1932 to 1962

6/ 1947 – the Polio outbreak
1957 – Opening day floods, a fire in the kitchen, 2 campers run over by a truck in Beaverton(they survived)

7/ Batchelor's Bungalow



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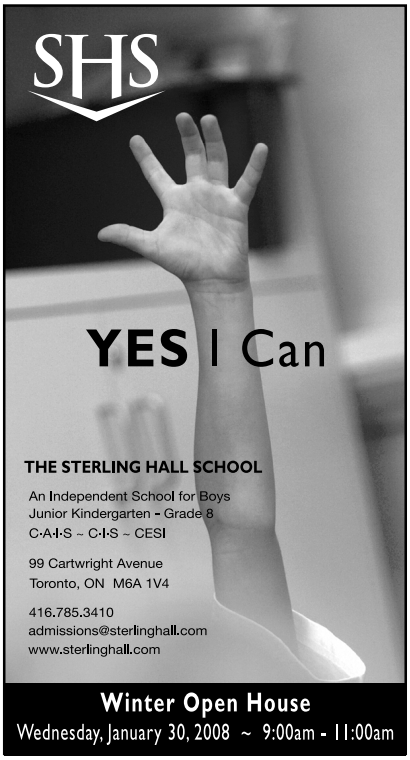
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