

# CHIKOPI CHANT

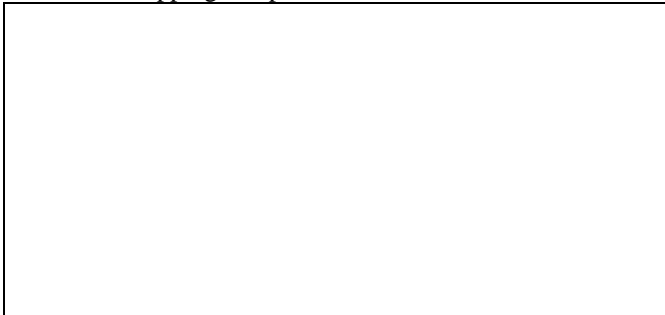
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## 1997 SEASONS GREETINGS EDITION

### BEEF-O-BOB

#### GOODBYE 1997 SEASON HELLO 1998 SEASON

This is our first formal contact since last summer and boy has the time gone by quickly. It didn't take long to transform Chikopi from the vibrant, exciting camp of July and August into a sleepy, dormant, camouflaged field ready to hibernate for the winter. That is the only way Chikopi can survive the harsh Ahmic Lake, Canadian winter...make like a bear and sleep away the cold, snowy surroundings. After everyone left in mid-August, a whole new group of kids came in for the Two Week Swim Development Camp. It rained a lot more during this time than it did during our summer camp, but the water remained warm throughout the duration. Then Glen Belfry returned with his students from the University of Western Ontario (Brian Crockett is swimming on the team with Glen at the university) for a one-week canoeing, sailing and canoe tripping camp.



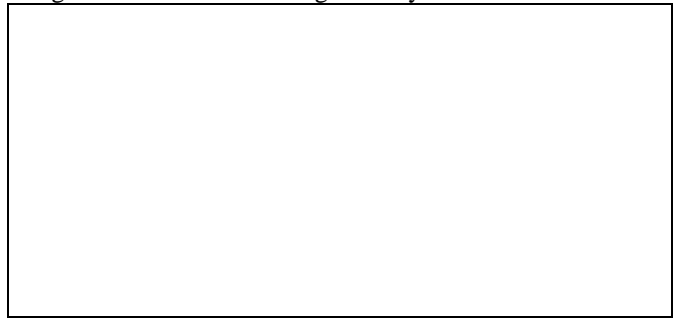
Chikopi campers show Glen's college students how to portage. Whose legs are those anyway?

Ak-o-Mak conducted the canoeing camp and Chikopi housed the sailing camp. After one day of preparation, Glen took off with his canoe trippers and paddled up at Killarney, one of Canada's most beautiful parks. Some of you know Killarney; we have paddled there a few times over the years.



By September 18<sup>th</sup> the green grass returned, the trees at Rocky Reef were brilliant orange and the lake became a placid mirror.

After everyone left camp in September, there was only Neil, Carl, Oreo, Colette and Bob at camp. They spent all of the days cleaning up, making repairs and completing new additions to Chikopi. Head Chef Jean stayed on for a few weeks, but didn't do any cooking. He, along with Roman and Ami from Germany, completed a new addition onto the kitchen. You'll notice it as soon as you walk into the Buck and RoseMary Dawson Mainhouse. A new window cut into the wall will serve as the depot to place your dirty dishes. The window leads to the new dishwashing area, complete with new dishwasher and counters. It doesn't sound like a big deal, but it is something which will make the serving of the meals much more efficient and hygienic. Jean is as good with a skill saw as he is with a kitchen knife. You should see him cut through a piece of wood. He cut to fit the wall pieces just as good as if he were cutting a turkey.



Chef turned Carpenter, Jean, straightens the wall to the new dishwashing room on the Buck and Rosemary Dawson Mainhouse.

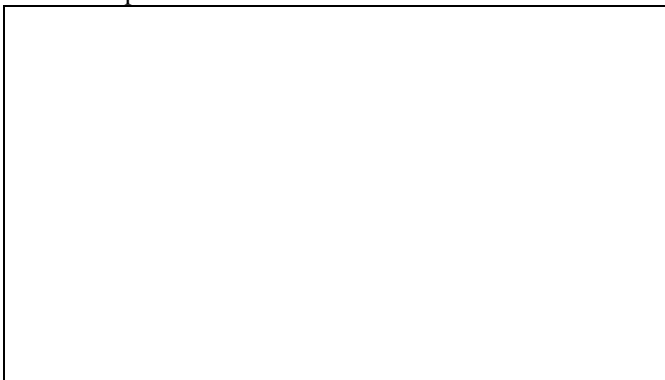
It was all under the direction of Roman, who many of you will remember, visited us the previous two years from Germany. He is really a neat person and we hope can return to Chikopi many more times in the future. He spent almost three weeks with us this time with his fiancée, Ami, as they prepared for a four-month trip across the States including their official wedding ceremony to take place in Hawaii probably right at the time we are reading this newsletter. Roman and Ami, as you read this, we wish you all our Chikopi love and affection and hope to see you many more times. They left camp a few weeks before Bob and Oreo left camp and stayed in Bob's house in Ft. Lauderdale for those few weeks before Bob returned. From there, they bought a car for their travels across country.



The Paul Jackson Library and Game Room nears completion.

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The other big project at camp was the completion of the new Paul Jackson Library and Game Room. Because we were doing much of the work ourselves, nothing much was finished during the summer, as you all noticed. But after everyone had left, we had much more time to complete the building. The electrical wiring, which Al had started, was completed. Carl and Bob hooked up the power at the source, dug the trench to lay the power wire, and hooked up all the lights. Neil and Jean put up the outside walls, window frames and porch. Colette stuffed the insulation into the walls and helped put up the inside walls and started to paint them.



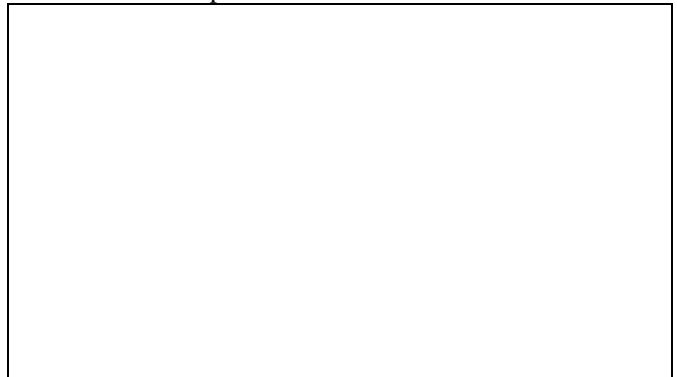
Carl, Roman and Neil hard at work inside the P.J. Library? Oh – they're on their break.

The windows arrived late, so Carl and Neil are putting them in as this newsletter goes to print. You will all be proud of this building and it will serve as a fine tribute and memorial to Paul who spent all of his adult life working with and helping kids, many of those years spent at Chikopi. We are looking for games, etc to place into the building for use. So far we have collected foosball games, air hockey, Ping-Pong and table games (monopoly, backgammon, chess, checkers, etc. If any of you have any of these types of games sitting around the house and collecting dust, please consider donating them to Chikopi. We can use more of what we already have as well as anything other. We will have the dedication of the facility next summer.



Oreo "The Inspector" leaves the Library and Game Room to go chase a few more Chipmunks.

Next summer we will also be dedicating the tennis courts to Harvey Muller. Harvey was Matt Manns' assistant swimming coach at the University of Michigan and spent many years as the tennis coach at the United States Naval Academy. He spent decades at Camp Chikopi teaching tennis and other sports.



With the addition of the new tennis fence on the west court, the complex will be dedicated to Harvey Muller next Summer.

Under Harvey's direction, the clay tennis courts of old received constant use each summer, unless of course it rained and the wet clay could not be walked upon. Our transformation to lime stone courts has made our courts much more accessible. In September, Neil, Roman and Bob added the fence to the west side of the court, completing the enclosure of the three courts. Other than the ten feet high fences on the other three sides, this fence is four feet high to allow for better viewing of tennis matches from the hill that comes down from Cabin Three. It will also have two access gates. You're going to love it. After all, in tennis that is what everyone tries to win by – love.

Even though we are busy with wintertime, school and work activities, Chikopi misses you very much. Now is the time to make a commitment for Summer 1998 and sign up for camp. Special offers are being made. Read through this newsletter to see what they are and take advantage of them. Remember, at one point last summer, all the bunks in camp were full. Don't be left out.....reserve your bunk today. Place yourself in the historical camp photo of 1998.

The next newsletter will be mailed out during the end of January. Let Bob hear from you so that he can include information about you in the newsletter. Besides the mail or telephone, you can contact him via e-mail using the address "Chikopi@aol.com". He checks the messages about every other day, but now that Colette is working in the office, the messages may be checked even sooner.

Happy Holidays to all, enjoy the newsletter, work and study hard and drop a note sometime during the next month. Bye for now.

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## CHIKOPI ACQUIRES FOUR NEW SUNFISH SAILBOATS



Four new Chikopi Sunfish are added to the fleet.

During September, Bob and Colette drove the P.J. Mobile to New Hampshire to the summer home of Bob Barney. Bob is a faculty member with Glen Belfry at the University of Western Ontario, directs the Centre For Olympic Studies and conducts the Western Sailing Camp at Chikopi in September. Bob set up a deal where we traded three of our old, heavy sailboats for four newly refurbished sailboats, boats that were re-conditioned by one of the finest sailboat makers in the New England area of the U.S. They are light in the water, fast as all-can-be (but not as fast as the Nicky), and beautiful colors. This will enhance our sailing program for next summer so that everyone has the potential to become good sailors. Thanks Bob Barney for setting up the boat exchange. It was also a beautiful ride for Bob and Colette to pick up the boats. The White Mountains of New Hampshire are a majestic view. They also drove right around Magog, Quebec. Sorry Olivier (Haman).....there wasn't time to stop to say hello. Next time!



Pro, never at a loss for words.

## 1997 CHIKOPI CAMP PHOTO A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



Chikopi's Class of 1997

At last!!! The 1997 Camp Photo is here. You have all heard the expression; "A picture is worth a thousand words". Well, that's true. When you look at this photo, it brings back memories of events and things that happened around each person. There are ninety-seven of us in the photo – ninety-seven different stories, ninety-seven different achievements, ninety-seven different personalities, but above all ninety-seven different faces who all contribute to what makes Chikopi a unique experience. Thanks to Jack Levner's mom and dad for taking the photo and doing the processing. Oh – by the way – we have a special prize for everyone who can name all the faces in the photo. See the column CONTEST in this newsletter. Enjoy!

## 1998 CHIKOPI APPLICATIONS ARE HERE

We are almost at the halfway point between Chikopi 1997 and Chikopi 1998. That is why we are sending out the 1998 Applications now with this newsletter. In order to keep current with costs of food, supplies, etc., we have had to slightly raise the tuition fee. But as a returning camper (that's you), we are offering a special return rate for you only – your same fee from last year. You may want to show this part to your parents: 1997 Campers come at the 1997 Rate for 1998. Simply make a note of it on the application form. However, you must sign up by February 15, 1998. See the application for dates, etc. But do not delay. Mail back your application today or as soon as possible so as to qualify for the discount. We also have second family member discounts. Encourage your friends to come with you. We always have new faces at Chikopi and we want you to have first chance to invite your friends from school, sports team or neighborhood to spend time with you at Chikopi, too. Special discounts are available for those of you who do. Send Bob their names and he will contact them or send in their names yourself. Don't wait...do it now!!

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## CHIKOPI CHANT CONTEST

Here's the contest... You answer the following two questions and send your answers to Bob (by mail, fax or e-mail). If you have the answers correct, you will receive a nice mystery prize:

1. Roman and Ami (visiting from Germany) bought a car to drive across country. What kind of car do you suppose it was?
  - a. 1996 Austin Healy
  - b. 1986 Volkswagen Beetle
  - c. 1984 Cadillac
  - d. 1994 Ford Ranger
  
2. What color did Colette paint the inside walls on the Paul Jackson Library and Game Room?
  - a. Dark Green
  - b. Light Green
  - c. Light Blue
  - d. White

### SPECIAL QUESTION

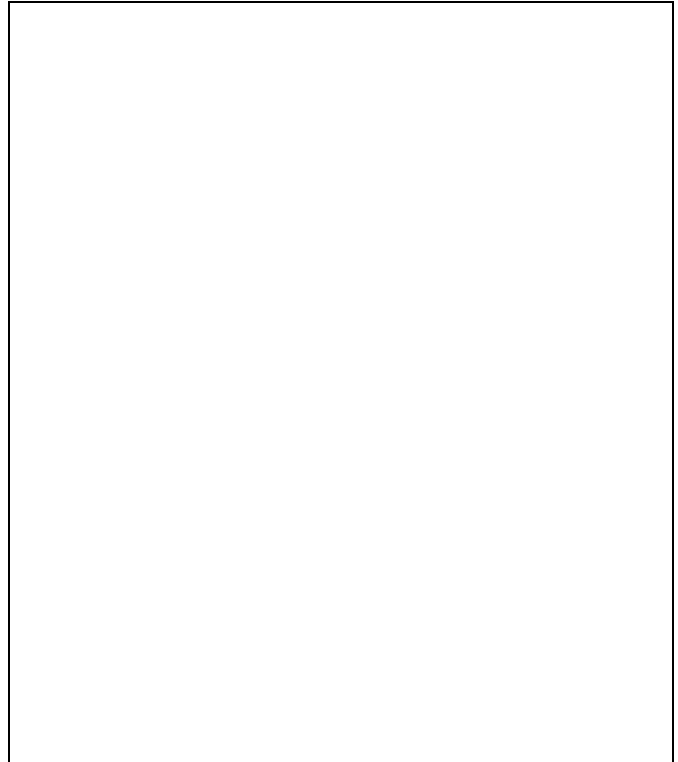
**(FOR A SPECIAL MYSTERY PRIZE)**

Can you name everyone in the camp photo, which is enclosed with this newsletter? Just call them off by rows, last names are not necessary if you don't know them. The entry with the most correct names wins. Call off as many as you can.

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## WANTED

### WHEATIES CEREAL BOXES



Here's one with Dan Marino.

Here is something that all of us can help to contribute to the P.J. Library and Game Room – empty Wheaties Cereal Boxes from your area of the world. True, those of you from Europe, Mexico, Australia, etc., may not be able to buy Wheaties cereal (made by General Mills) in the store, but take a look anyway. Every box has a sports figure on the cover and makes a good item to frame and hang on the wall of the Game Room. Those of you living in the Boston area of the U.S. can probably find a box with the New England Patriots on the cover, those of you in the Los Angeles area can probably find a box with the Los Angeles Rams. And so it is around the country. There are hundreds of different boxes that have been designed and are in the stores, collect what you can. Save the whole box. Simply separate the box at the glued seam so it becomes flat, mail it to Bob or bring it to Camp next Summer. Along with your name, we will hang them on the wall. Let Bob know which ones you can find. The cereal tastes great, too.