

CHIKOPI CHANT

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Beef-O-Bob

Colette, Teagan, Oreo and I are back at Chikopi's winter headquarters in Ft Lauderdale, where I work during the off-camp season at the International Swimming Hall of Fame. Shortly after Canadian Thanksgiving in October we closed up all the buildings for the winter and made the long drive south.

With only 5 short months until camp starts again, preparations for this summer are well underway. As mentioned in the last newsletter, Cabin 9 was damaged when the snow caused a huge tree to fall through the roof. As soon as the snow melts, construction will begin on a new cabin.

At Chikopi we never let anything go to waste, so the good half of the old Cabin 9 will be moved and used as a new tool shed. The dirt created by the construction of the new bocci ball courts will be moved to the golf range to make a new putting green.

Besides new facilities, we are looking forward to an action packed summer—complete with all the events of last year, and lots of new ones too. Lee will be back to fill duties at the pool. Bill Griffin will also be back for an even longer time this summer. Bill has already sent in the plans to construct a circuit of fitness exercises,

which will include tire running, over-under bars, hanging ladder climbs, tube crawls and more. This will be a great addition to fitness training and team comp.

We can only hope the weather is as good this summer as last. Hot dry days made the water of Ahmic Lake the perfect refreshment after activities on the field. And the cool nights provided ideal sleeping conditions.

Hopefully everyone received his individual camp button with the last Chikopi Chant.

Wear it proudly or display it on your shelf as a reminder of good experiences and good friends.

Remember to apply the lessons of Chikopi in your daily lives. Always try your best at everything that you do. Work to improve yourself every day. We hope everyone leaves camp more self confident, more skilled and

better able to make life's tough decisions. Although a lot of you might be experiencing cold weather right now, summer is just around the corner. We have already heard from many campers and counselors that will be returning to camp this summer. Also, make sure all your friends know about Chikopi...we can always use more Chikopi boys. Enjoy the latest news and photos from the summer. See you in June.



Bob and Teagan With Legendary Chinese Diving Coach Xu Yiming At The International Swimming Hall of Fame 2003 Ceremony

Chikopi Spirit



David Boersma - Living the Chikopi Spirit.

In October David suffered an eye injury while playing paintball. The injury was serious enough to require surgery. Fortunately David's vision is returned and, after the proper recovery, he will be ready for camp this summer. Throughout this ordeal David has been brave and patient. In order for his eye to heal David had to go 6 weeks with almost no physical activity—we all know how hard that would be. Don't worry David, we'll make up for it this summer.

The Chikopi family always sticks together. David, we're glad you are on the road to recovery and please let us know if we can help. You are a great ambassador of Chikopi and we hope to see you and your brother this summer.

As we all know, RoseMary Dawson, swim coach, 50-year Ak-o-Mak director and daughter of Chikopi's founder Matt Mann passed away on May 3rd 2003. Last summer many members of the Chikopi and Ak-o-Mak family gathered at Ak-o-Mak for the RoseMary Dawson Memorial Service. On January 3rd another memorial service for RoseMary was held in Ft Lauderdale, Florida. The large attendance reflected RoseMary's contribution to competitive swimming and



RoseMary With Her Father,
Chikopi and Ak-o-Mak Founder Matt Mann II
And Her Husband Buck.

her impact on the life's of countless young women.

Chikopi alumni underwater explorer Joe MacInnis attended the service. We will always remember RoseMary for her love and

Chikopi is working to update its website. www.campchikopi.com, so check it regularly for new info.

RoseMary Dawson

Chikopi Alumni Spotlight: Peter Michienzi

dedication for Ak-o-Mak and Chikopi.

Chikopi's friend and long-time wrestling coach, Pete Michienzi, was inducted into the London Ontario Sports Hall of Fame in November 2003. We know Pete as a skilled coach and motivator, but few know his incredible story.

Pete emigrated from Italy in 1949 and arrived in London, Ontario with no one in his family able to speak English. In order to help support his parents and four siblings, Pete took a job at the bowling alley instead of attending school.

At 15 Pete was introduced to wrestling at the YMCA. At the time it was a way for Pete to learn English and make new friends.

But wrestling would soon become a love and life-long passion for Pete.

Taking only three months of formal instruction Pete trained himself to eventually capture a record-setting 15 Canadian national championships.

He represented Canada at the Commonwealth Games in 1962 and 1966, earning silver and bronze medals, respectively. Pete was also a member of the 1963 and 1967 Canadian Pan-Am team and was selected for the 1968 Olympic team, but dislocated his shoulder before competition.

Balancing his career as a printer and wrestling was not always easy. In 1958 a printing press accident left Pete with a shattered hand and forearm. After surgery and months of rehabilitation and

determination Pete returned to wrestling in championship form, surprising the doctors who were treating him. After retiring from competition Pete continued as an international referee and founding member of the London-Western Wrestling Club. Pete was the 2002 honorary co-chair of the Commonwealth wrestling championships and is a member of the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Pete has survived his wife Margart who spent many summers at Chikopi with Pete. He has three children Piero, Mario and Marina. Mario and Marina were at Chikopi at the end of last summer to help with camp items. Congratulations, Pete, on a great addition to an incredible career and thank you for all your work at Chikopi. We're all really proud to call you our friend.

News From Alumni

Chikopi's past Assistant Director Chad Cradock visited Bob, Colette and

Teagan at the International Swimming

Hall of Fame. Chad is head swimming coach at the University of Maryland Baltimore County and his team was on a winter training trip to the keys. His wife Christy and young daughter Amanda also came for some warm Florida sun.

Emil Byrne and Simon Hartz also visited Bob at the ISHOF with their families in December.



Pete with the other 2003 inductees to the London Sports Hall of Fame

JP Whyte is enjoying the University of Toronto and continuing to play for the varsity water polo team. JP's team, the Toronto Varsity Blues, finished 4th in Ontario University Athletics championship. Hopefully JP can share his skills on Chikopi's water polo course this summer.

Swim coach Hans Mesker decided against moving to Switzerland and, instead, will be a snowboarding instructor in western Canada. Email Hans at his new address to see how the slopes are treating him.

Chad Thompson, Chikopi's Professor of Enthusiasm, spent two weeks on the sunny island of Trinidad for business. Besides his day job, Chad continues filming for his online movie, which can be viewed at www.deadenddays.com.

Joe Breedon traveled with the band of another Chikopi alum, Matt Kiegelmann, to New York and California. Joe is also training to become an Ontario police officer, so buckle up and drive carefully—Joe is watching.

Jaime Vazquez competed in an Olympic distance triathlon (2 k swim, 42 k bike, 10 k run) and finished 5th in the 18-24 age group. All those early morning runs and swims at Chikopi really paid off. Congratulations, Jaime!

Stephen MacDougall was married in October. Once a Chikopi man, always a Chikopi man—Stephen was wearing his Chikopi t-shirt under his wedding tuxedo!! Congratulations to Stephen and Kim. Hope we get to see a lot more of them at camp each summer.

Following her twin brother, longtime Ak-o-Maker and Chikopi coach, Stephanie MacDougall is engaged to be married. Congratulations Steph!!

Dermot O'Brien is earning a degree in leisure management at a college in Ireland. Dermo is competing with the school's cross country team, and playing for the gaelic and hurling clubs.

Gerrard Murphy is studying Health and Exercise Studies at university and is in the last stage of selection for the Irish police force.

Chris Richardson is teaching biology and French at a high school in Victoria, British Columbia. Chris is applying for entrance into the University of British Columbia's nursing program.

Pancho Walsh is studying at an international school in Hong Kong and traveled to Thailand for Christmas. He is meeting people from all over the world and spreading the word about Chikopi overseas.

As Bob Looks On, Stephen MacDougall Shows Off His Chikopi T-Shirt Worn Under His Wedding Tuxedo.



Jersey Joe Davies is headed for a longboard surfing competition on the Caribbean island of Tortola. Hang ten, Joe, and send us the pictures!!

Make sure we know what you're up to. Send us an email (campchikopi@aol.com) about school, sports, travel—or just write to say hi.

Continue the Chikopi Tradition Send In Your 2004 Chikopi Camp Application Now

Be sure to reserve your bunk for the 2004 summer. The registration form was previously sent out in August, but if you need another copy contact the office and we will email one to you

Corrections

Malcolm Macaulay, Chikopi's canoe tripping expert, is moving to a town near Brisbane, Australia, not Melbourne as reported in the last Chikopi Chant. He and his family will be there for one year on a teacher exchange program. Malcolm's sons Braydon, Nathan and Devin will have lots of stories to share when they return to camp.

Donations

Steve Accardi donated a sunfish sail boat and other boat parts, oars and various tools.

Thanks Steve. Chikopi will put them to good use.

Email and Address Changes

Keep your Chikopi address list up to date!! Add these changes and let us know if your contact information changes.

Hans Mesker has a new email address:
hansmesker@hotmail.com

Brian Tracey has moved:
2382 Twin Lakes Dr
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

JP Whyte has moved and has a new phone number:
20 Lacroix Court
Whitby, ON L1R 2B4
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Triathlon

Below are the results of the 2003 triathlon. Good work to everyone that competed. Record your time, so you have a goal to beat for next year. If your time is not listed, don't worry, we know you competed and have your times in the Chikopi archives.

Surname	First	
Smith	Ryan	47.41
Whyte	J.P	48.05
Gaskill	Cameron	48.28
Simpson	Lee	49.12
Vasquez	Jaime	50.00
Davies	Joe	50.12

Wales	Craig	50.30
Okhuysen	Enrique	52.17
Faraday	Steven	55.43
Byrne	Emil	57.02
Doheny	James	1.00.53
Currah	Lucas	1.04.31
Bridges	Adrian	1.04.45
Macaulay	Brayden	1.06.39
Marback	John	1.08.01
Randall	Zane	1.08.04
Suarez	Arturo	1.12.04
Suarez	Diego	1.14.36
Paul	Wyatt	1.19.26
Macaulay	Nathan	1.20.46
Anderson	Max	1.24.13
Dolman	Blair	1.26.09
Colliard	Peter	1.28.23
Barba- Luna	Francisco Daniel	1.32.40
Lloyd	Tosh	1.34.43
Dolman	Colin	1.35.07
Ponce	Alvaro	1.41.41
Dubrovsky	David	1.41.49
Alducin	Diego	
DiRaimondo	Anthony	
Hartz	Simon	
Haugh	Zack	
Hernandez	Francisco Jose	
Jackson	Bill	
Menter	Joe	
Mercier- Linteau	Alexandre	
Mesker	Hans	
Molnar	Adam	
Palma	Luis	
Pariser	Stephen	
Parkhurst	William	
Patino	Jose	
Reid	Mark	
Rumsey	Robert	
Sansores	Alejandro	
Spence	Jamie	
Thompson	Chad	
Walsh	Pancho	

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