

## 1960's *continued*

Brant Ford	68
Jerry Porter	63
Mike Hughes	68
Iak Mc Guire	68
Pat Wang	68
Dave Duncan	61,62
Phil Crissman	62
Doug Markwardt	66,68

Cabin 1 of 1966 (?): Lien Olsen, Lon Greenberg, Leo Sulentic, Dave Garling, Bob Brooks, Howard Kurtman, Chuck Argersinger, John Levy, Doug Markwardt, Al Bankin, John Rottman, Jeff Bladester.

## 1970's

Ben Huot	75,76,77,78,79,80
D. Tiernan	70,71
Hector Berron	73
Brett Scanlon	77,78,79,80,81,82
Doug Robinson	73
Paul Pyfrom	76
Mark Mallory	72,73
Jamie Savage	78,79,80
Jerry Porter	73
Pascal Marcotte	77
Alfonso Agvine	73
Jeff Johnson	74
Mike Mullins	70,71
Mike Yacabucci	73
Carlos Contro	75
Dave Morris	77
Scott Mershon	79
Juan Jose Nunez	77,78
Greg Nagy	74,76
Andy Tod	76
Mike Weideman	74
Greg Obst	75,77
Rob Mac Kay	71

Cabin 1 of 1971: Ken Mange, Dave Tiernan, Bob Gooz, Mike Mullins, Mike Polmer, Fred Brickman, Ray Hartmen, Tom Robinson.

## 1980's

Dabber Benson	83,84
John Snyder	80
Craig Radney	80,84
Chris Anderson	83
Ian Rumens	88,89,90,91
Jason Adams	86
Peter Huigenbos	88,89,90,91,92
Kurt kaler	82,84
Ken Staples	83
Scot Michaud	81,82,83
Tim Kennedy	84,85,86,87,88,89
Pat Kennedy	84,85,86,87,88,89,90
Roger Abramson	80
Jon Feldman	80,81,82,83
Malcolm Macaulay	83
Alfonzo Riba	83,84
Chris Nellen	81,82,83
Alberto Winkelman	80

Cabin 1 of 1982: Mac Teskey, Ed Tremblay, Tom Watson, Dave Chernos, John Gould, Brian Kitograd, Chris Nellen Brett Scanlon, Joaquin Zaglul, Alejandro Naide, Angel Preciado.

## Names With No Dates

TD Butzbaugh	Rob Magaziner
Joe Wright	Mike Shutt
Dean Witting	Al Campbell
C. Wacsher	H. Donovan
John Calvin	Brad Wayburn
Shane Scanlon	Phil Blane
Jim Nelson	Pablo Barbachano
John Fisher	Tony Cordero
Chic Muller	Scot Kozeny
Dick Quick	Ed Dawson
Rory McIntyre	Glen Carlson
Jack Beattie	Danny Wald
Tony Barnes	David Brooks
Mike Perkins	

# THE CHIKOPI CHANT



Camp Chikopi Newsletter

March 2007

## Beef-O-Bob

Greetings to everyone. Seems like light years ago we were running around Chikopi enjoying the warm lake water, field sports, overnights and each other. The good thing now is that we are over the half-way point and there is less time to go before Chikopi opens for 2007 than there was when Chikopi closed for 2006.



*The old Cabin 1 Boathouse... walls and roof are ready to come down.*

*Les and Teagan laugh it up as another wall comes crashing to the ground.*



Since last summer, we have made some exciting additions to Chikopi's campus. Les and Bob removed the old boathouse down by the Chikopi dock by sawing it into sections and pulling it over to crash to the ground. It's amazing what a hand-held saws-all can actually cut – everything in its path. A few trips to the local dump with Chikopi's huge trailer (the one we used as a float at the Ahmic Harbour Parade in early July) and the entire building was gone. From the walls, we wrote down all the names that had been written over the decades. Many of the names are included in a special section of this newsletter.

Then with Jack Crossman and Jim doing most of the work, a new boathouse was constructed. It will hold all of our competitive canoes and serve as the "changing room" for swimmers during the early bird morning swims. Construction was delayed in October as heavy rains made it difficult to work outside, followed by snow storms from which we had to wait until the snow melted from the lumber before continuing work. This was the first time in our war

canoes history that snow covered the hulls as they waited outside under the big pine tree for winter storage in the new building. With only four of us, we "carried" the heavy boats into the building for their "winter resting spot" under the new roof.

While this work was being completed, Malcolm Macaulay came up to camp with eight of his carpentry students from high school to erect a new canoe-tripping addition to the side of the barn. Malcolm and his students had designed and fabricated the new building at school. We helped transport the wooden structural sections to Chikopi from Milton, Ontario, and the students nailed and screwed it all together. What a difference it will make in keeping our canoe tripping and camping gear in clean working order. Everything will now have its place for storage.

We also worked on the new golf green – leveling and de-stoning. It was too cold to plant the special "bent" grass golf green

*The new boathouse... the walls and roof are up.*

*Malcolm's high school students construct the new canoe tripping room on the side of the barn.*



seed. So we will "sow the seed" in late May so as to have it ready for use as soon as possible. Geoff Cloud's family has already donated the golf green putting cups, ready for installation. Yes, we sow the seeds on the golf green but we don't sew seeds on belts.

Other projects included general upkeep and maintenance. You'll see the difference next summer.

## The History of Chikopi's "C" - Boat House

During October, 2006, Chikopi's C-Boathouse was demolished to re-build a bigger and more secure building. The heavy winter snow of 2006 had caused the roof to collapse and walls bulge to the outside. A new boat house was constructed.

This C – Boathouse (C – represents competitive canoe) began as an original Chikopi Bunkhouse Cabin built circa 1922. Originally positioned on the lakeshore where the canoe racks are currently located, the cabin was divided on the inside into sections



Chikopi boys brushing their teeth on the rock in front of Cabin 1 (now the Bob Barney Sailing Pavilion rock) (l to r) Hugh McVicker, Marshall Green, Tom Gasteneau, Matty Mann - 1939



Bunkhouse Cabin 1 was only a few steps from the swimming pool in the lake where Matt Mann gives a lesson - 1956

by eight foot high walls. At that time being so close to the lake, campers would brush their teeth in the lake and take a cooling-off swim at night before going the four steps from the water to the cabin at bedtime.

Around 1955, a few years after the original Chikopi Mainhouse burned to the ground and the present Buck and RoseMary Dawson Mainhouse was built, all the cabins along the shoreline of the lake were moved to their present location on higher ground so as to be able to see the lake with an unobstructed view from the Mainhouse. On the north side of camp were Cabins 1, 2 and 3. Cabin 3 remains in place today.

Move ahead now another 26 years to 1981 when Chikopi



Lining up for picture-taking day at Cabin 1 - 1967

became seriously involved with the war canoe and competitive paddling program. A boathouse for the long 35 foot boats was needed. Carl Crossman, Chikopi's caretaker and fix-all person and for whom the Chikopi Physical Plant is named, suggested moving Cabins 1 and 2 to the lake, placing them end-to-end and cutting a hole in the middle walls to make one long boathouse. Thus, emerged the present-day (until October 2006) C – Boathouse at Chikopi and served in that role for another 26 years.

For our alumni, the following names were taken from the walls in the cabin. Most of the names are from the 1960's to 1980's but a few were readable going back to the 1930's. Names are not permitted to be written on the walls today, but records are kept for everyone.

### Sharing Chikopi

Those of you who have spent a summer or more at Chikopi know the value and importance of friendships that are made there. Having friends to share experiences, to compete with and against on teams, to talk with at night, to eat with during meals, to carry on conversations and to just be around are a valuable part of what helps make Chikopi a one-of-a-kind camp. Many campers come to Chikopi for the first time not knowing anyone, nervous, apprehensive and maybe a little bit homesick. But by the end of the first day, those anxieties begin to subside as each one gets right into the program. One of the reasons for feeling better is the making of friends and it grows as the summer grows, until, by the end of camp or usually sooner, campers feel like they have their own set of Chikopi friends.

When traveling and talking with campers, we find more and more campers who would rather not share Chikopi with families from their home-town community. They feel like Chikopi is their special place and they wish not to share it. In many ways, that makes Chikopi feel very proud.

Chikopi is not interested in having all of any camper's friends join them at camp as we know that part of Chikopi is making new friends. But part of Chikopi is also sharing it with a friend or relative as the act of sharing will also create many, many long-term memories. New campers are needed each year to replace those campers who graduate from the Chikopi ranks. It is much better for you to bring a friend with you who you know will fit into the Chikopi program. It is much better for you to introduce Chikopi to

## President Gerry Ford 1913 - 2006

With the passing of U.S. President Gerald Ford, so too is the passing of one of Matt Mann's star swimming pupils who knew of Camp Chikopi well. Ford, a standout football player at the University of Michigan in the 1930's, was a student in Matt's swimming classes at the University. His football coach was Wally Weber, who spent 45 summers as Chikopi's athletic director. In 1977, with Buck playing host, Ford visited the International Swimming Hall of Fame and he and RoseMary had a very interesting conversation at the Matt Mann Display:

President Ford: "RoseMary, what ever happened to that camp that old Matt had up in Canada – Camp Chikopi?"

RoseMary: "It's doing just fine, Mr. President. It's going on 70 years....You should come up and see us."

President Ford: "I always wanted to go. Most of my friends did, but I couldn't afford it. I had to keep my regular summer job so I could go to college."



President Ford asks RoseMary "What ever happened to Matt's camps in Canada?"

### Did You Sleep in Old Cabin One ??

The following names were taken from the walls from the C – Boathouse, that used to be Bunkhouse Cabin 1, before it was demolished last Fall, 2006. Some of the names and dates were illegible; these are the names which could be identified. They are grouped here by decades: 1930's-1950's, 1960's, 1970's, 1980's and no dates given, followed by the year.

Can you find your name? We have very few addresses on these Chikopi alums. If you know any of these or any other Chikopi alum, please let us know.

#### 1930's to 1950's

Bill Schultz	50, 51, 73, 74
Joe Clark	56
Fred McCain	49, 50, 51
Kurt Muller	57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62
Roger Gauntlett	56
Terry Williams	59
Andy Morrow	54, 55, 56
Steven Lester	49, 50
Steve Winder	47, 48, 52, 53
Bob Cullen	35, 39
M. Read	39
Mike Taylor	33
Bob Noser	41
Ed Oviatt	54
Roy Hasbrow	55
Bill Schuflye	50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 73
R. Reinhaard	47
Art Shidler	56

#### 1960's

Mike O'Brien	62
Leo Sulentic	62
Perry Kirkpatrick	68, 69, 70
Bruce Sharmet	61
Dod Fraser	62, 63, 64
Levelhead	62
Taite Darlington	67,68,69
Tom Feewellon	64,65,66,67,68
Bill Ryan	62
David Duncan	61
Ted King	68
Dennis Kritzmacher	65,66,67,68,69
Bruce Lacker	60,61,62
John Jastatt	67
Mark Preston	67,68
Steve Kuzma	64,65,66,70
Ted King	69
Stephen Chanock	69