

From beginning to end, Agawam's eighty-fifth summer was special. Kicked off in fine fashion by the largest Main Idea ever, the season hummed along through June, July, and August, culminating in a most pleasant gathering during the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion Weekend. Ten weeks of activity that positively affected almost 300 children and a like number of adults!

The key ingredients for successful camping at Agawam are always: happy campers; motivated counselors and staff focused on those campers; and cooperation from Mother Nature.

As Sachem of the Agawam Tribes, I am often seen (especially before Council) communing with the gods of the Four Winds to determine the fate of our program! To the extent that I can take credit for it (?!!), this summer weather worked in our favor. Though a little rainier than normal, even most of that came at good times. And, the cool temperatures made for a healthy camp – very active during the day and able to sleep at night!

We are fortunate that so many of our campers grow up to be counselors! The 2004 staff was one of the finest I've seen – ably led by several senior statesmen who were well supported by a wonderful group of younger folks eager to learn. The group's strongest common theme was a dedication to the welfare of the children in our care. It was clear to me that our staff's focus last summer was to create the most positive growth and learning experience for our campers. They should all be commended for a fine effort.

And, the boys!! Spread across our age spectrum from 8-15, a total of 140 Agawam campers brought energy, enthusiasm, laughter and fun to the shores of Crescent Lake. The stability of our camper group again showed its value, as 16 fifteen-year-olds led the way, joined by 82 other returning campers and 42 boys new to our camp family. Agawam enjoys an annual camper return rate in the neighborhood of 80%, providing a fine base upon which to preserve our tradition and culture. The annual influx of 35 to 40 new campers keeps us fresh and growing. The leadership of the Upper Campus (14 and 15 year-olds) was exceptional, and it was recognized by an organized "Switch Day" near the end of the season, during which older boys performed the duties of the counselors throughout the day!

Understandably, when speaking of the summer, a focus falls on the seven-week session. But, there is so much more to an Agawam season!

The Main Idea week is near and dear to our hearts each season. In 2004, we welcomed the largest group ever to Camp – 93 campers – with a return rate similar to Camp Agawam, providing consistent and continuing opportunity to these Maine boys. Since its inception, the Main Idea has welcomed campers from nine to thirteen years of age, and made an effort to retain them throughout that span. In recent summers, we have offered special programming for our oldest boys and built a loyalty to Camp in that group. It's exciting to report that, at the 2004 summer meeting of our Board, an expansion of the Main Idea was approved. In 2005, we will be adding about 15 fourteen-year-olds to Main Idea, creating a target population of 105! The more boys we can reach through this program, the better, and plans are afoot to grow Main Idea even more.

For the last 15 summers, after Camp Agawam concludes, we have hosted a performing arts camp from the Portsmouth Academy of Performing Arts in Portsmouth, NH. Last summer, their PAPA Camp flourished, with 95 boys and girls enjoying one of the finest parts of the summer at Agawam.

We continue to reach out to the broader community, as well. Coincident with the PAPA Camp, we provide athletic field space (on the former White/Bailey/Turner Farm) for two weeks of soccer camp for prep school boys' and girls' teams in the Northeast. And finally, getting back to our local children, for three falls now, Agawam has hosted the Raymond Youth Soccer program. We enjoy the echoes of more than 200 children each week for two months after Camp "closes"!

The evolution of our programming has resulted in a significant increase in our outreach to children – all with an emphasis on our core values, maintenance of tradition, and an awareness of our broader community and our place in it.

'til we meet again....

"Chief" Garth Nelson  
(85-'04)  
Camp Director

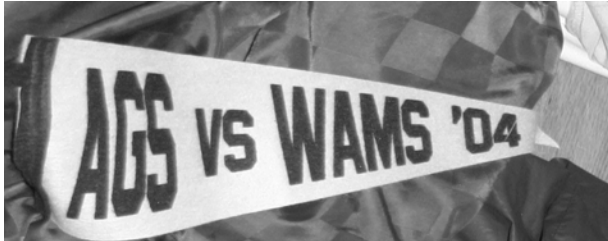


If you would like more information on Camp Agawam or Agawam Council, please feel free to contact "Chief" Garth Nelson at the camp's Winter Office: 30 Fieldstone Lane, Hanover, MA 02339; 781-826-5913 or visit the camp website:

[www.campagawam.org](http://www.campagawam.org)

## AGS v. WAMS 2004

Ag Captain – Zach Rioux of Cape Elizabeth, ME  
Wam Captain – Spence Pollack of Short Hills, NJ  
Final Score: Ags ~ 59 Wams ~ 58  
Total Wins since 1927:  
Ags ~ 36 Wams ~ 41 Tie ~ 1



### IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

Agawam Council Winter Meeting: 2/5/05~2/6/05  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alumni Work Days: 6/4/05~6/5/05  
35<sup>th</sup> Main Idea Program: 6/18/05~6/24/05  
86<sup>th</sup> Camp Agawam Season: 6/29/05~8/16/05  
9<sup>th</sup> Golf Marathon: 8/18/05  
Agawam Council Annual Meeting:  
8/20/05~8/21/05

On Awards Night on Monday August 9, 2004 the following boys were recognized:  
GOVERNOR TROPHY  
Spence Pollack of Short Hills, NJ

CARGILL TROPHY  
For Sportsmanship  
Nick Norena of Old Brookville, NY

MASON TROPHY  
For Service  
BJ Grondin of Mechanics Falls, ME

AGAWAM COUNCIL TROPHY  
For Leadership  
Peter Iskyan of Wilton, CT

The following boys were selected as members of the Totem Society:  
Spence Pollack  
BJ Grondin  
Mike Colt of Groton, MA  
David Feig of Newton, MA  
Si Rioux of Cape Elizabeth, ME  
Zach Rioux of Cape Elizabeth, ME  
Hunter Sprole of New Canaan, CT

Please join us next year for our Awards Night  
Closing Ceremonies on Monday August 15, 2005

### MAIN IDEA CONTNUES TO SERVE AND SUCCEED

The 34<sup>th</sup> Main Idea began on June 12<sup>th</sup> with a higher than usual 93 boys enrolled. Parents and boys rolled down the hill and were greeted by 70 smiling and eager counselors under sunny blue skies (not a traditional Main Idea opening day!). The boys, 75% of whom were returning from previous summers, got right back into activities, even though the water was

still cold for their swim tests. Assigned and optional activity periods were enjoyed during the week along with traditional evening activities including Frisbee Tag, Pom Pom Pullaway, Buzz Ball, Cops and Robbers, and the ever popular Main Idea camp fires. As has become custom now, the 13 year old "graduating" Main Idea campers enjoyed an evening out on the town at a Portland Seadogs minor league baseball game, including plenty of spending money for sodas and snacks, all courtesy of Main Idea volunteer and Agawam Council President, "Coach" Bob Demont and his colleagues at Demont and Associates. Our campers and their families also continue to enjoy a closing night family barbecue with hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken off our grill. Through the years the success of the Main Idea has grown not only because of the great financial support of our alumni and friends, but because our network of referrals really understands the type of boy who deserves, and will help make, a positive Main Idea week. Over the last several years our oldest Main Idea campers (aged 13) have really shown that they would love to have more time at Agawam, so we are pleased to let you know that our goal for next summer is to be able to invite those outstanding 13 year olds back for another Main Idea week as 14 year olds in 2005. The program will grow to serve those boys with new program elements and service opportunities. In addition, the Agawam Council hopes to develop a Main Idea Alumni committee to help keep Main Idea campers involved with Agawam either as counselors or supporters of our program. This is really an exciting prospect!

We want to finish off by thanking not only our 2004 summer staff, but the Main Idea volunteers, without whom we would not have had such a successful week:

"Admiral" Eric Bergh  
Dave Bowman  
"Commissioner" Eduardo Cardenas  
"Coach" Bob Demont  
Peter Donahue  
Bob Dow  
Maria Felipe  
Jimmy Forbes  
"Lt" Bob Fryer  
Bill Glass  
"Cutter" Adam Hall  
Deb Hemer  
Eduardo Herranz  
Nathan Levin  
"Admiral" Stephanie Long  
Kim Mason  
Pat McLellan  
Stuart Ryan  
Loren Sands-Ramshaw  
Josh Smith  
"Sarge" Russell Sprole  
Andrew Steers  
"Cox'n" Nick Tatar  
Drew Wilkis



## ALUMNI WORK DAYS: "CAMP IMPROVEMENT" AT ITS BEST

Middle Campus cabins really looked great this summer thanks to all of the alumni and friends who volunteered at our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual alumni work weekend. Twenty-five eager volunteers joined with Director of Operations, "Capt" Diehl Estes in Middle Campus to paint the cabins of Bowdoin, Columbia, Amherst, and Princeton. In addition, steps and posts were painted on other buildings around the campus. Gallons of "Pioneer Brown" and "Agawam Green" were purchased from Sherwin-Williams and a plentiful supply of paint brushes, buckets, and ladders were on hand to make the work go quickly. The camaraderie of everyone "do(ing) your share of the work" combined with a sunny warm weekend, helped everyone enjoy their time at Agawam. We encourage you all to consider joining us on June 4 and 5, 2005 for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual alumni work weekend, when we will attack Wesleyan, Colby, Harvard, Springfield and Bates! Once again a big thank you to all of the 2004 alumni work weekend volunteers:

"Nurse" Janice Bowers  
 "Sparks" Amy Butler  
 "Bos'n" John Calhoun  
 "Capt" Diehl Estes  
 "Colonel" Matt Gardner  
 Emma Gaws  
 "Admiral" Fred Gerson  
 "Cox'n" Simon Gerson  
 "Cruiser" Meg Greenberg  
 Cathy Griffiths  
 Rick Griffiths  
 Will Griffiths  
 BJ Grondin  
 Ron Hall  
 "Ranger" Melanie Hemer  
 Benjamin Holland  
 "Bos'n" Bob Holland  
 Kirsten Holland  
 "Trapper" Brad Johnson

Maddie Johnson  
 "Colonel" Mark Jones  
 Emily Levan  
 "Admiral" Stephanie Long  
 "Bowman" Scott Malm  
 "Mander" Steve Murray  
 "Ensign" Allison O'Leary  
 "General" Jared Patton  
 "Ranger" Chase Rosenberg  
 "Cox'n" Nick Tatar  
 Ramey Tatar  
 Teresa Telander



## FIFTEEN YEAR OLD CAMPERS PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND POSITIVE EXAMPLE

Agawam continues to thrive and succeed because of an important contribution from our 15 year old "senior" campers. These 16 boys, who this year averaged over 5 seasons at Agawam, contributed so much to Camp as team and tribe leaders, Camper Council officers and representatives, waiters, vespers speakers, sportsmen, friends, and so much more during the 2004 season. This class was held in such high regard that they, and camp, were rewarded with a "camper/counselor switch day" with Upper Campus campers taking on the roles and responsibilities (with careful supervision, of course!) of the Agawam staff. Campers awoke to Zach Rioux playing "Chief", Spence Pollack pinch hitting for "Bowman" and Mike Colt in the tower on the waterfront standing in for "Doc" Pragoff! The younger boys had a fun change of pace and the older campers learned how much work it really takes to make an Agawam day exciting. The year was capped off with our moving "Senior Tribute" ceremony honoring each of our 15 year-old campers, and on the final night 8 of the group were selected for Trophy or Totem honors. One last thanks to the 15 year-old class of 2004! Below are some interesting facts about this outstanding class:

### NAME: AGAWAM YEARS:

Ulises Borrell	3
Mike Colt	5
Billy Craft	3
Travis Faust	5
David Feig	6
Will Griffiths	6
BJ Grondin	5
Peter Iskryan	4
Nick Norena	3
Spence Pollack	6
Seb Reetz	5
Peter Reilly	4
Roger Richardson	3
Si Rioux	9
Zach Rioux	9
Hunter Sprole	8

Total Summers: 90  
 Average # of Summers: 5.3

### TRIBUTE WRITTEN BY:

"Dusty" Hilton  
 "Cruiser" Greenberg  
 "Bos'n" Auerswald  
 "Ranger" Hemer  
 "Swampy" Barhydt  
 "Doc" Pragoff  
 "Corp" Potyranski  
 "Mode" Peters  
 "Major" Locke  
 "Doc" Pragoff  
 "SuperCoach" Hogan  
 "Dodger" Phillips  
 "Mander" Alpern  
 "Bowman" Malm  
 "Ace" Auld  
 "Bos'n" Auerswald

### WOODCRAFTER IN:

Woodshop  
 Swimming  
 Challenge  
 Ranger Trail  
 Basketball  
 Baseball  
 Basketball  
 Photography  
 Tennis  
 Basketball  
 Lacrosse  
 Soccer  
 Tennis  
 Tennis  
 Sailing

## AGS v. WAMS – 2004 Season Recap

AGS	EVENT	WAMS
	Middle Scavenger	3
3	Lower Middle Basketball	
5	Swim Relay	
5	Base Relay	
	Upper Track	3
	Lower Baseball	3
3	Upper Scavenger	
3	Lower Treasure	
	Upper Middle Basketball	3
	Upper Baseball	3
3	Lower Middle Soccer	
3	Middle Tug-O-War	
	Upper Middle Track	3
3	Upper Volleyball	
	Lower Tennis	3
	Lower Basketball	3
3	Upper Tennis	
	Lower Track	3
3	Lower Middle Baseball	
	Upper Middle Soccer	3
5	Archery & Riflery	5
	Lower Soccer	3
3	Middle Scavenger	
	Upper Basketball	3
3	Sailing	
3	Lower Middle Tennis	
	Upper Middle Tennis	3
	Lower Scavenger	3
3	Lower Middle Track	
	Upper Middle Baseball	3
3	Upper Soccer	
	Upper Treasure	3
5	Camping	
—	Pony Express	5
59	FINAL SCORE	58



## WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE...

The conclusion of the 2003 season saw the demise of the old water storage tank located behind the wood shop, which had for many years provided water for irrigation throughout the lower part of our campus. This problem provided us with an opportunity to meet one of our long range goals, which was to get water to the new fields at the top of the camp road. The Plant committee worked on several proposals and decided on a multi-year, multi-phased installation of an irrigation system starting with the installation of an appropriately sized pump in year one and ending with irrigation of the upper fields in year five. But thanks to the generosity of three special donors, and the creativity of our budgeting committee, we were able to make great strides in completing well over half of this project in just one year. The end of May saw the installation of a high-capacity pump submerged in Crescent Lake. In the beginning of June, pipe was laid throughout the campus for an in-ground irrigation system providing water for the tennis courts, Forbes Field, the middle

campus, flagpole area, the lawns around Governor Hall and Mason Hall, as well as for the many faucets we have around campus. The system was first tested the day before Main Idea began, and throughout the summer our lawns received all the water they needed between 2 and 5 am. The lawns never looked greener or healthier! This fall will see the system extended towards the upper soccer fields as well. Our thanks go to the three generous donors whose gifts help us make all of this possible: first to the Forbes Family, whose many years at Agawam and devotion to athletics and our campus prompted them to provide leadership for this project; second to Team Prep, our “post-camp” partners, who organize a soccer camp to train high school boys’ and girls’ soccer teams, who provided additional support; and, finally, thanks to an anonymous donor whose offer of a matching gift enabled us to solicit the gift from Team Prep. Because of the generosity of these friends, Agawam will forever have green and healthy playing fields for all to enjoy.

## 211 GATHER TO CELEBRATE AGAWAM'S 85<sup>th</sup>! Sunny Saturday Secures Success



There was a marvelous celebration for Agawam's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday held at camp on August 13 to 15, 2004. Over 200 alumni, friends, and family gathered to show their support and to catch up with friends young and not so young! The weekend was book-ended by the remnants of hurricanes Bonnie and Charley, which dampened our sneakers, but not our spirits.



Everyone gathered on a misty Friday afternoon and enjoyed lots of socializing, while some of our brave Braves actually went swimming and sailing despite the raw weather. As large crowds gathered towards the dinner hour the weather improved slightly, allowing us a dry, but gray social hour and chicken barbecue. Dinner was followed by a family campfire with s'mores and stories and a more "grown-up" opening ceremony, complete with camp songs and remembrances, led by "Lt" Bob Fryer. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a new book about Agawam entitled, "Braves Give Ear: Voices from the Great Central Fire," compiled by Agawam Dad, Dave Griffiths. The book puts in writing the many stories which are so important to the fabric of

Agawam's traditions. Copies of the book signed by the author were purchased by most of the attendees, and can be ordered by other members of the Agawam Family through the Winter Office (781-826-5913 or [chief@campagawam.org](mailto:chief@campagawam.org))

The celebration and socializing continued well into the night, but that did not prevent many from venturing to the waterfront for an Ags v. Wams Morning Dip competition (the Ags won, by the way) just after reveille on Saturday. The day had dawned with blue skies and lots of sun, some might have even called it an "RMD" (Real Maine Day!). Everyone gathered around the flagpole for flag raising and morning announcements, which led into a fun-filled day of activities, including swimming, sailing, canoeing, kayaking, tennis round-robins, nature walks, camp tours, rides on the Zip Line, arts & crafts, soccer and basketball games, and of course lots and lots of socializing. The Agawam Council committees even managed to get in some abbreviated working meetings during the afternoon.

Late Saturday evening brought a festive social hour under the big tent, including our traditional auction which, this reunion, benefited the Alumni Gift to Agawam, the replacement of all the chairs in Mason Hall. Under the comic leadership of our auctioneer, "Lt" Bob Fryer, the auction exceeded our expectations, and all will be happy to know that all of the new chairs were delivered to Agawam in October, thanks to the generosity of so many at our auctions. Thanks to all who donated items and those who were the winning bidders.





After a delicious Maine Lobster Dinner, all the braves donned their tribal feathers and honor bands and marched into the Council Ring for our traditional Saturday evening Council Fire. Sachem Masconomo ("Chief" Garth Nelson) welcomed all returning braves and began Council with a rouser, "Apples and Bananas", before the gods of the Four Winds lit the Council Fire. Stories, Nature Reports, Commendations that included recognition of Founding Members of the Hiawatha Society, Challenges, and even a reading of a letter about the origins of camp written by Mother Mason followed, before the addition of a new tradition to the Alumni Council Fire. In an effort to recognize service and devotion to Agawam above and beyond the call of duty, the Agawam Council began awarding the Sachem Award to alumni whose service and actions have greatly benefited the Agawam Tribe both at Agawam and as alumni. Selected to receive the first Sachem Awards were: Peg Mason, Connie Mason, Bill Glass, Al Bowen and Peter Gould. *How! How!* Council ended with the election to Katiaki of all alumni and staff present, and as the Council Fire burned low, the singing of the Omaha Tribal Prayer signaled the end of another fine alumni Council.



Sunday dawned a rainy breezy day, but despite that, several braves participated in Sunday's Ags v. Wams Morning Dip (the Ags won this one, also!). After breakfast everyone gathered in Governor Hall for Vespers, which had been well organized by "Colonel" Mark Jones, and included participation from a variety of alumni representing a cross section of

Agawam years, highlighted by Dave Mason's reading of "Be the Best, Whatever You Are", and a fine Vespers talk by "Colonel" Matt Gardner. Vespers was followed by a well attended Annual Meeting of the Agawam Council Board of Directors, a few activities between the raindrops, a great luncheon buffet, and then everyone said their good-byes and headed home knowing that we would be gathering again on the Agawam Campus in 2009!



Thanks to all the attendees who made the weekend so much fun and to the hard working Agawam Reunion Staff who made the weekend such a success.

#### 85<sup>th</sup> Reunion Attendees

Ken Abele and Patricia Moore  
 "Admiral" Dave and Tanya Ames  
 "Bos'n" Frank, Pam and Helen Anthony  
 "Commander" Elmer and Mary Bartels  
 "Colonel" Keith Baxter  
 "Slugger" SJ Baxter and Shelby Sundgren  
 "Skipper" Fred Beddard  
 Lang and Judy Bell  
 "SuperGuide" Dick and Pam Bensen  
 "Capt" Gary and Rosie Bensen  
 "Major" Julia Bensen  
 "Guide" Howard, Leah, and Hynda Blum  
 Scott, Skylar, and Savannah Blum  
 Al Bowen  
 "Capt" Pete and Suzy Caesar  
 "Bos'n" Eric Calhoun  
 "Yeoman" Erik Calhoun  
 "Bos'n" John and Charlotte Calhoun  
 "Colonel" Sandy Campbell and Anne Dayton  
 "Cox'n" Tim and Sandy Carnes  
 "Ranger" Jim, Mary Beth, Jay, and Erin Carroll  
 "Chips" Alex Cobb  
 "Lt" Chip, Katy, Elizabeth, Caroline, and Gil Connolly  
 "FM" Tim and Louise Crane  
 "Bowman" Jake Creem  
 "Skipper" Eric Degerberg  
 "Mander" Scott Degerberg  
 "Coach" Bob Demont  
 Bob Dow  
 Alex, Shellea, Katie, Tripp and Charlie Ewig  
 "Colonel" Will Fleiss  
 "Lt" Bob, Liz, Katrina, and Kenneth Fryer  
 "Capt" Tom, Henry, Alice Gammill and Sandy Gillis  
 "Colonel" Matt and Judy Gardner  
 "Cox'n" Simon Gerson

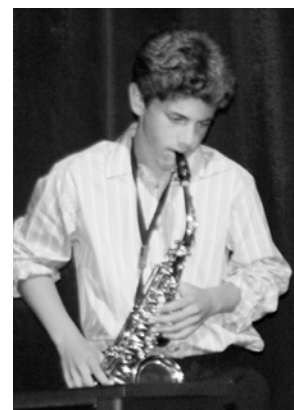


"Skipper" Jack Gorby  
 "Mander" George and Kitty Gould  
 "Cutter" Peter Gould  
 Andy and Liz Greene  
 "Commodore" Bob Gregg, Jr.  
 "Commodore" Bob, "Swampy" Kathy (Dorr), Ellie and Ruby Gregg, III  
 "Cutter" Adam Hall  
 Kathleen Hayes  
 "Ensign" Tad Hershey  
 "Colonel" Bill Hogan  
 "Bos'n" Bob, Dana, Benjamin Holland, Brad and Eric Przedpelski  
 Adam Jonas  
 "General" Doug Jones  
 "Colonel" Mark Jones  
 "Gunner" Chris, Debbie and Taylor Kniffin  
 "Lt" Josh Lemaitre and Catherine Hall  
 "Admiral" Stephanie Long  
 "Scout" Ian Luckhurst  
 Connie Mason  
 Dave and Peg Mason  
 "Gunner" George Mason and Jeane Broadus  
 "Cruiser" Jim, Felicity, Louise, and Rachel Mason  
 "Capt" Peter and Lynne Mason  
 "Capt" Tony and Caroline Mason  
 "Major" Baird McIlvain  
 "Doc" Peter, Ted and Andrew Moran  
 "Ensign" Skip Morse  
 Barbara (Mason), Neil and Marianne Murphy  
 "Commodore" Basil Murray  
 "FM" Morgan, Sarah, Emmet and Connor Murray  
 "Lt" Parker Murray  
 "Mander" Steve, Sarah, Sam, Maggie, James, Grace, and Henry Murray  
 "Capt" Russell, Lissette, Russell Neale, and Marie Friese  
 "Skipper" Tim and Laura Nelligan  
 "Ensign" Allison O'Leary  
 "Corp" Steve O'Leary  
 Frank and Janet Patterson  
 "Sarge" Russell, Quynh and Sydney Pearson  
 "Capt" Mike and Kiki Pescatello  
 "Guide" Dave and Tina Pragoff  
 "Skipper" John, Meg, Bryce and Keefe Rafferty  
 "Trapper" Oliver Reid  
 "Gunner" Hanson, Evan, Charley Reynolds, Sharon Gray, and Amber Shon  
 "Cruiser" Jon Sands  
 Mase Saunders  
 "Capt" John, Sara, Emily, and Maggie Schmidt  
 Marsh and Kinnie Schmidt  
 "Guide" Karl and Kyle Schoen-Rene  
 "Coach" Sam Shechtman  
 "Major" Ben Small  
 "Colonel" John Somers  
 "Coach" Alex Spence  
 "Admiral" Matt Strobeck  
 "Major" Charlie Towers  
 "FM" Ed, Katrina and Christopher Tufaro  
 Paul Tufaro

"Gimpy" Karin Whitten  
 "Admiral" Peter Wilson  
 "Skipper" Benj Wolff  
 "Admiral" Chris Wolff  
 "Cruiser" Patrick and "Cruiser" Jen (Carnes) Wright

Kudos to our Reunion Staff who not only were gracious and hardworking hosts, but also stayed after the Reunion to break down camp and put everything away for the winter (in record time, no less!).

"Bos'n" Bill Auerswald  
 "Ace" David Auld  
 Tarra Boulden  
 "Nurse" Janice Bowers  
 "Sparks" Amy Butler  
 "Chips" Holly Carriere  
 "FM" Rich Denoncourt  
 "Dodger" Dana Dube  
 "Capt" Diehl Estes  
 Chris Hayes, SC  
 "Ranger" Melanie Hemer  
 "SuperCoach" Mark Hogan  
 "Lt" Scott Lohmeyer  
 "Mander" Karen Malm  
 "Bowman" Scott Malm  
 "Skipper" Dru McMullan  
 Barbara Nelson  
 "Chief" Garth Nelson  
 "General" Jared Patton  
 "Doc" Scott Pragoff  
 "Trapper" Nathaniel Read  
 "Cox'n" Ben Rogers  
 "Ensign" Emily Soden  
 Allie Thayer  
 Janet "JVP" Ver Planck



### **REUNION AUCTION GARNERS \$7,550 FOR ALUMNI GIFT**

Thanks to the auction donors and bidders, the Agawam Family was able to present an 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Alumni Gift to camp. The generosity at the auction, combined with donations from other members of the Agawam Family through special gifts to the annual appeal, has enabled us to replace the old, wobbly chairs in Mason Hall with brand new bentwood style chairs – what an improvement! Here is a run down of auction items, donors and winning bidders:

### **AUCTION ITEM**

Sacred Sands  
Red Sox Tickets  
NY Giants Tickets  
"You Know You're an  
Agawam Wife When..." Poem  
Retired Mason Hall Chair  
Photography Services  
Katiaki in a Box  
Two Chief Starefest  
Piece of Old Governor Hall  
Korona  
"Be The Best..." Poem

### **DONOR**

"Gods of the Four Winds"  
Billy Hogan/Red Sox  
Andy Greene  
  
Charlotte Calhoun  
Camp Agawam  
Oliver Reid  
Sachem  
Camp Agawam  
Camp Agawam  
George Gould  
Elmer Bartels

### **WINNING BIDDER**

Kathie Hayes  
Alex Cobb  
Neil Murphy  
  
Barbara Nelson  
Dave Mason  
Sandy Campbell/Jim Carroll  
Baird McIlvain  
Matt Gardner  
Pete Caesar  
Ben Small  
Jeane Broadus

### **IN MEMORIAM**

We were saddened to learn of the passing of these Agawam alums, and pass our sympathies on to families and friends.

George G. Mason, Sr. ('20-'39)  
Frank E. Foss ('22)  
Robert T. Reynolds ('26-'27)  
Paul S. Goggi ('28-'33;'36-'39)  
Richard D. Wade ('30-'31;'33)  
Samuel S. Scott, Jr. ('35)  
Charles B. Forbes ('35-'38;'39-'41)  
Robert L. Hallock, Jr. ('37)  
Seward W. MacDonald ('41)  
Chester W. Pursell ('44)  
Frank W. Higgins, III ('47-'50)  
Richard W. Morton ('52-'55)  
Geoffrey C. Sturm ('52-'56;'58-'59)  
Kenneth P. Forbes, Jr. ('58-'59;'60-'61)  
Robert S. Law ('33-'37, '38)  
Charles P. Esty ('44, '46-'48, '50-'54)

### **NEWS OF ALUMNI**

**BOB CORNELL ('36,'37,'39)** – writes to us that he and his wife, Pat, sold their home of 46 years in West Hartford, CT and moved to Duncaster, a retirement community in Bloomfield, CT. They were pleased to have had the chance to visit Agawam and Arcadia (Pat's camp) while staying at the Poland Spring Inn at the end of August.



**WILL HUBBARD ('37-'43)** – sent us this interesting remembrance from his early days at Camp Agawam: "Everyone should go to summer camp, because it teaches you the things in life that are really important, including how to gain control of a pillow fight and how to make a pie bed. The camping experience includes many important areas of living a full life – learning to swim, how to dive, and believe it or not, housekeeping (you don't want to be kept away from the waterfront for a few days!). Up until 1937, we had been going to Ocean City, MD for our summer vacation, but some of our friends on Woodlawn Avenue in Larchmont, NY told us about Camp Agawam on Crescent Lake, Maine where boys could develop physically, mentally, and spiritually – I think my friends thought that I needed help! The camping experience did not begin in Maine, but at Grand Central Station in New York City, where hundreds of boys and girls boarded trains for the overnight trip to various camps in Maine. Because of the large number of boys and girls on the concourse, finding your camp sign was not an easy task. Excitement was running high, because we had not seen our camp friends for a year. There was much discussion about who would be our counselor, in which cabin we would be living for eight weeks. Just before we boarded our Pullman, our parents wished us well (there were more tears shed among the parents than among the campers, I recall). After about 50 boys and several counselors had settled into our Pullman, we could feel the momentum of the train picking up – we were on the Maine Express, trying to determine who would sleep in the upper berth and who would sleep in the lower. Whoever slept in the lower berth would have control over the inevitable pillow fights that were a part of our "camping experience". There was not air conditioning back in those days, and we knew we were in Maine when the scent of pine permeated our Pullman car. After our 30+ mile trip from Portland to Crescent Lake, we were greeted by the Camp Director, who welcomed us to camp and assigned us to our cabins, after we had eaten breakfast. (It is interesting to note that the Pullman cars were not used after 1941 to take boys to camp; they had been pressed into service to carry our troops). To give you some idea of our daily routine at camp, each day



after breakfast, we were divided into groups to maintain the campus in perfect condition by removing all unwanted debris from the campus. Activity period was supervised by counselors who had expertise in all sports. Only those campers who had passed the swimming test could use a boat or swim in deep water. After swim period, there was a one-hour rest period, which was followed by lunch. Most of the activities in the afternoon were optional, but there was another one-hour rest period, followed by more optional activities and an afternoon swim. In the evenings, campers could spend their time in the library, play table tennis in Governor Hall, or go boating. Some chose to sit on the dock and watch others sail or canoe on the lake. Of course there were trips, some by car, others by canoe. These trips could last as long as one week. Some of the older campers would climb mountains in Maine and in New Hampshire. At the end of the first four weeks parents weekend was an important event, although few, if any, wished to return home after four weeks. In late August, the nights would turn very cool and we would sleep under three blankets. On Sunday nights, Vespers in Governor Hall was a must for all campers to attend. Counselors would talk on important values of life such as honesty, courtesy, sportsmanship, self-reliance and leadership. Music was provided by the Winkler twins, both of whom played the violin, accompanied on the piano by Johnny Phillips. Now we come to the pie beds (sometimes referred to as "short-sheeting"). Unsuspecting campers were introduced to a new way of sleeping. To make a pie bed, you fold the bottom of the top sheet up to the top and then fold it back slightly, which gives the appearance that the bed had not been disturbed since it had been made after breakfast. Most boys went along with the prank, but one boy was so upset that he put his feet through the sheet, ripping it apart! At the end of the eight-week camping season, a banquet was held in the dining room, awards were presented to the campers who had excelled in all sports. There were also awards for leadership, courtesy, and the most improved campers. After the banquet, a candlelight procession would wind from the dining room to the Council Ring where a final solemn ceremony was held before returning home the following day. All of the campers were driven to Portland, where we would say our goodbyes to our counselors and board the Pullman trains to resume our pillow fights. When the train returned to New York City in 1942, our parents surprised us by taking me, along with some friends to see Tommy Dorsey and Frank Sinatra at the Ansley Hotel. We told our parents that we were impressed, but we were more impressed with the "Pullman, Pillow Fights, and Pie Beds!" (If you would like to share your memories of "camping days", or would like to add your story to our history archives, please contact Agawam: 30 Fieldstone Lane, Hanover, MA, 02339 or [chief@campagawam.org](mailto:chief@campagawam.org))

**MURRAY CAMPBELL ('44-'48;'52)** – is still calling Belle Mead, NJ home while he builds a retirement home on Newfound Lake in Bristol, NH. He hopes to move up to his new home in the summer of 2005. He writes: "Best regards for a super 85<sup>th</sup> season and anniversary celebration!"

**JOHN FOSTER ('45-'48;'50-'54)** – has retired to Sun City Center, FL where he is active in the community theatre, teaching bridge and playing golf. He was very disappointed that one of Florida's many hurricanes kept him from joining the crew at the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reunion in August.

**PETER ESTY ('46-'57)** – Has accepted a job as head of the School Year Abroad program in Viterbo, Italy. The school serves 60 high school students from every part of the US, where they study classics, Italian language, and history. Peter and his wife, Happy, are truly enjoying the cuisine, history, and Italian way of life. If you would like to contact them in Italy, please email: [ptst@comcast.net](mailto:ptst@comcast.net).

**MATT GARDNER ('50-'61)** – lives with his wife, Judy, in Yarmouth, ME. He recently completed four years as President of the World Affairs Council of Maine, a non-profit, non-partisan organization providing public education in international affairs to individuals, schools, and businesses. He recently enjoyed becoming a grandfather!

**WILLIAM SCATCHARD ('52-'53)** – writes: "Life is good. Still practicing law part time. Health is okay! Florida in the winter and New Jersey in the summer. Enjoying playing tennis and golf, exercising, boating, and gardening. Would love to see the 'new' Camp Agawam someday!"

**GEOFF STURM ('52-'56;'58-'59)** – passed away at Waterbury Hospital on April 3, 2004. His family knew he revered his Camp Agawam experiences and associates and asked us to share the following with the Agawam family: "Geoffrey Charles Sturm, 62, of Scott Road died on Saturday April 3. Mr. Sturm was born 9/13/41 in Bryn Mawr, PA son of the late Herman and Jean Sturm. He was a 1959 graduate of Scarsdale High School in New York. He attended the University of Pennsylvania from 1959 to 1963 where he played varsity baseball and basketball and received a degree in Economics from the Wharton School of Business. After Penn, at the start of the Vietnam era, he proudly served his country as a Lieutenant in the US Navy. He leaves a son, Douglas, of Chandler, AZ; a daughter, Patricia, of Goodyear, AZ; two younger sisters and three adoring grandchildren. Contributions in lieu of flowers and sympathy cards can be made in his name to the Connecticut Chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Association, 27 Allendale Drive, North Haven, CT, 06473."

**GEORGE "TERRY" HUBBARD ('57-'59;'61)** – calls Savannah, GA home where he reports: "All is well in the south, but each year as the temperatures climb, my thoughts go north! Have a great summer."

**CURT SCRIBNER ('57;'58;'63)** – keeps himself very busy, having recently been named a Director of Banknorth, NA. In addition he is the principal of C.M. Scribner & Co., a real estate holding company, the past Chairman of Hurricane Island Outward Bound, as well as serving on boards for Rufus Deering Company, Maine Committee of Newcomen Society, Maine Medical Center, the Maine Community Foundation, and North Yarmouth Academy.



**GEOFFREY SMITH ('62-'66)** - lives in San Francisco, CA, where he is involved with the Saybrook Graduate School and Research Center.

**TOM VAN BENSCHOTEN ('63-'66;'70-'72)** – is involved with broadcast radio in Colorado Springs, CO. He is now developing a radio software company called R2R.

**MIKE FORBES ('65-'68)** – the former Congressman wrote to us from his home in Quogue, NY, that he could not be more proud to be a new grandfather to Noah Andrew Kasky, who joined this world on April 22, 2004.

**WARD RAFFERTY ('65;'74-'75;'77)** – is happily living in Santa Ynez, CA, where he was married to Laurie Kingsley on May 22, 2004.

**COOKIE READ ('67-'69;'74-'75)** – and his wife, Sheila, now live and work in Chapel Hill, NC. Cookie remains in private practice psychotherapy. He is very pleased to report that his son, **NATHANIEL ('90-'92;'94-'95;'98-'99;'01;'03-'04)** completed his 10<sup>th</sup> summer at Agawam in 2004.

**PETER SLOVENSKI ('69-'72;'74-'76;'82-'84)** – recently penned a book entitled "Old School America: 511 Reflections on the Traditional and Patriotic Values that Best Define America". The book is selling well and getting some great reviews on Amazon.com. He told one Agawam alumnus, "The book could be called 'Everything I learned at Camp Agawam'". Peter lives in Brunswick, ME, with his wife, **DUGAN ('82-'84)** and their sons. He continues to work as Track Coach for Bowdoin College.

**DAVID LIONE ('70-'74;'76)** – writes to us from his home in Clifton, VA: "All is well! I just started a new job as Director of Sales for Opera Telecom – a wireless content company. My wife, Cate, and daughters, Cara (15), and Tess (12), are all fine. I have many fine memories of Agawam and hope to visit with my family one of these summers!"

**FRANK "BUDDY" BLAUVELT ('72-79;'81-'82;'85-'86)** – has taken a new position that was created by the Border Patrol in Rangeley, ME. He is presently a supervisor out of that office. He was recently recognized in the "Portland Press Herald" for the work he and his colleagues did in detaining and deporting eleven undocumented workers employed by the Grand Asian Buffet in Waterville, ME. Buddy moved back to Maine with his new wife, Michelle Kanaealii, a native of Hawaii, who had never seen snow before moving to Rangeley!

**CHARLES PHILLIPS ('72-'75)** – wrote to us from his home in Summit, NJ, about his new business venture, NantucketGiftCo.com, an online retailer incorporated in 2003, which features a broad range of nautical gifts and home décor for kids and adults.

**ANDY GREENE ('72-'75)** - Congratulations to Andy and his wife, Liz, on the birth of their second child, a son, Quincy. He writes, "A future camper – book him a spot for 2013!" The Greens live in Mattituck, NY on Long Island.

**SCOTT CLARK ('73-'75)** – On Saturday May 1, 2004, Scott was in the first group to be inducted into the newly created Princeton (NJ) High School Hall of Fame. Scott works as an anesthesiologist in Tucson, AZ.

**STEPHEN BOYER ('74-'76)** – has been a PE teacher in Dobbs Ferry, NY for 18 years; in addition he serves as the varsity football and baseball coach at Edgemont High School. His daughter, Lindsay, is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and his son, Alex, is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, in the Edgemont School System.

**CHARLIE TRITSCHLER ('75-'78)** – wrote to us from his home in Los Altos, CA: "Dale and I now have three children – Katie (8), Sarah (6), and Will (1). We love California, but miss Maine summers!"

**RUSSELL NEALE ('77-'80;'83)** – lives with his wife and children in Foxboro, MA. He started a small storage integration company, called More Group Inc., which provides computer backup solutions. He can be reached by email: [rneale@moregroupinc.com](mailto:rneale@moregroupinc.com)



**BILL AUERSWALD ('77-'82;'87-'91;'93;'98-'04)** was married to **EMILY SODEN ('03-'04)** at a beautiful oceanside ceremony at the Lighthouse Inn in Dennis, MA. In the wedding were **CHRIS MARSH ('96-'03)** and **LIVY HASKELL ('82-'86;'89-'94)**. The wedding was well attended by Agawam alumni. Bill and Emily are living in Baltimore, MD, but will soon be house hunting in and around Hanover, MA, as Bill has recently accepted the newly created Business Manager position for Camp Agawam and Agawam Council.



**SCOTT HOBBS ('77-'79;'81;'85)** – is still running Hobbs, Inc. in New Canaan, CT with his brother, **IAN HOBBS ('81;'83-'84)**. He lives in New Canaan with his wife, Lisa, and their twin boys, Jack and Charlie (5), who are growing fast and taking good care of their little sister Ellie (2).

**JEFF ROSE ('77-'79;'81-'82)** – lives with his wife and family in Greenwich, CT. He wrote to us: "Congratulations on your continued success! From a distance, Camp Agawam appears to be doing better than ever. I'm sure that from up-close you're doing even better." He recently enjoyed a family excursion to Alaska, which unfortunately kept him from attending the 85<sup>th</sup> reunion celebration in August.

**TAD HERSHEY ('79-'84; '87-'88;'90-'91;'97)** – has moved to Chadds Ford, PA and is now a 2 Dimensional art teacher at Upland Country Day School in Kennett Square, PA.

**BOB GREGG, III ('79-'82;'84-'90;'92-'93)** – was recently appointed Lower School Head at St. Edwards School in Vero Beach, FL, where he lives with his wife, **KATHY ('90-'92;'98)**, their daughters Ellie (4) and Ruby (2), and their chocolate lab, Mousse.

**ADAM MCMANUS ('80-'82;'84;'86;'88)** – is back on the airways hosting a political and religious radio talk show in San Antonio, TX, called "Take A Stand". You can check out his show and contact him through his website: [www.takeastand.net](http://www.takeastand.net). He enjoyed reconnecting with family and friends at the wedding of his cousin, **TIM NELLIGAN ('87-'90;'94)**.

**MARK MORTENSON ('80)** – enjoyed running into **SCOTT MALM ('76-'80;'82-'86;'88-'04)** and **BILL AUERSWALD ('77-'82;'87-'91;'93;'98-'04)** at a Tabor Academy reunion on-board the Schooner *S.S.V. Tabor Boy* in Portland, ME (a vessel visited by Agawam's Acadia National Park trip). He continues to teach at the Peck School in Morristown, NJ.

**JOHN ('80-'84;'90-'91;'99) and SILVANA ('99-'00) CLARK** – recently welcomed a second son into this world. Russell Carl arrived on June 4, 2004. He joins his brother, Nicholas Charles, at the family home in Washington, DC. John is working hard to complete his Ph.D. after returning from a year spent in Ecuador on a Fulbright Scholarship.

**TIM MASON ('80-'81;'92)** – is living in Virginia Beach, VA, where he is working for NCIS (Navy Criminal Investigative Services). His wife, Kim, and daughter, Maddie (3), are very happy that he has not yet been deployed to Iraq. Kim has served the last several summers as a Main Idea volunteer.

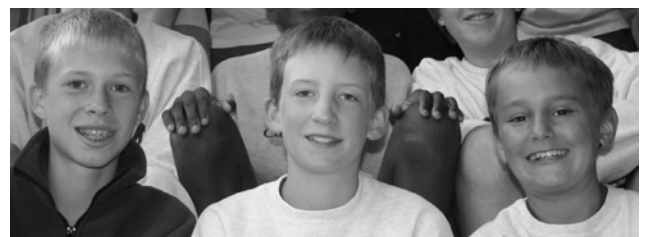
**ALEX EWIG ('80-'81;'83;'86)** – lives in Basking Ridge, NJ, with his three children, Charlie, Tripp, and Katherine Elizabeth. He remains involved with the international shipping business.

**JOHN MCMANUS ('81-'85;'87-'88)** – lives with his wife, Melissa, son, Jack (3) and daughter, Olivia (1) in Arlington, VA. He continues to work on Capitol Hill and can be seen from time to time on C-SPAN discussing prescription drug laws.

**KEITH GARDNER ('81-'87;'89)** – wrote to us last January from his home in Silver Springs, MD: "Amy and I are expecting our first child in July. We won't know until the big day if it will be an Agawam or Wawenock Camper – How! How!"

**DEREK KOUWENHOVEN ('81-'83)** – recently welcomed twins into his family! He continues his work as an ER triage RN in Bristol, VT.

**WALTER GREGG ('81-'85;'87-'89;'90;'92-'96;'00)** – and his wife, Melinda, welcomed their first child, Racey Stream Gregg to the world on August 12, 2004 at 4:12pm. She weighed in at 8lbs, 5oz, and stands 21 beautiful inches tall! Walter continues his work at the Hyde School in Bath, ME.





**MICHAEL FLANAGAN ('82-'86;'88)** – writes to us from his new home: “We settled into our own place on Boston’s waterfront recently. My wife and I now await the arrival of our first child – a little girl due in November. Hope everyone is well. I hope to make a visit to camp someday soon. PS – does anyone know of a camp as wonderful as Agawam for girls?”

**ADAM YONKERS ('82-'84;'91)** – is now living in Palo Alto, CA, where he has returned to Stanford University training to be a history teacher.

**GEORGE CONNORS ('82-'83)** – enjoyed a visit to Agawam this summer with his son, Geosh, while on their way to drop him at his summer camp in New Hampshire. George is involved with founding a new bank in Washington, DC, WashingtonFirstBank. You can contact him by email: [gconnors@washingtonfirstbank.com](mailto:gconnors@washingtonfirstbank.com). He lives with his family in Arlington, VA.

**TIM MCMANUS ('83-'86)** – is now living in Oakdale, CA, with his wife Holly and their one-year-old son, Max. He is the Chief Operating Officer at a Doctors Medical Center in Modesto, CA. They live in a beautiful home about an hour from Yosemite National Park. You can reach him by email: [timothy.mcmanus@tenethealth.com](mailto:timothy.mcmanus@tenethealth.com)

**JAMES NELLIGAN ('83-'85;'86;'88)** – lives in Redondo Beach, CA, with his wife, Claudia, and sons Cameron (3) and Dylan (1). He is keeping busy as a freight forwarder through his new business “Pacific Pet Transport”. He ships dogs, cats, and other domesticated pets all over the globe. His clients range from everyday people to movie stars and diplomats.

**BRIAN SPENCE ('83-'88;'90-'92)** – Lives with his wife Kirsten in Post Mills, VT. He is looking forward to finishing his residency at Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital in Hanover, NH. Kirsten stays busy working as a Veterinarian. In his spare time, Brian is an avid hunter.

**FRED ('83-'88;'91) and CATHERINE ('91) DOCKERY** – love life in Charleston, SC with their family, Carlisle (9), Evan (5), and Emma (3). Fred keeps busy shrimping, harvesting farmed clams, crabbing, oystering, horseshoe crabbing, peeler fishing, being on the DNR Crab Advisory Committee, playing soccer in an over 35 Men’s League, and coaching Evan’s 4-5 year old team. Catherine survived turning 40 this year and still sings in the Church Choir, serves on the search committee, is participating in a 2 year cardiac study, and volunteers each week at Carlisle’s school library.

**DAVE AMES ('83-'86;'88-'89;'91)** – and his wife, Tanya, have purchased a home near the Agawam Winter office in Hanover, MA. Dave is in his second year as a science teacher at Cohasset High School, and is taking graduate classes at Tufts University in Medford, MA.



**TIM CARNES ('84-'86;'89-'94;'04)** – and his wife, Sandy, recently completed construction of a new home on Norway Lake in Norway, ME. They have both finished their residencies and have taken jobs in Norway; Tim as an internist with Oxford Hills Internal Medicine/Western Maine Health and Sandy as a doctor in the ER at Stephens Memorial Hospital. We were very lucky to have Tim join us at Agawam this summer. Tim taught swimming, led trips, and delivered a fantastic vespers talk. Their new address: 51 Holman Lane, Norway, ME, 04268.

**BAIRD MCILVAIN ('84-'86;'90;'95)** – graduated from an MBA program at Villanova. He continues to be involved with his growing family lumber business. He lives in Ardmore, PA and enjoyed catching up with so many alumni at the 85<sup>th</sup> Reunion in August.

**CRAIG HAIMS ('85-'86)**– started an Outdoor Education program at a school called Future Builders, in Raymond, ME. He lives in Portland and he and his wife, Jane, have two daughters, Wilson (3) and Emma (1). He has been an educator for years working in both private and public schools in Maine and Oregon.

**SEAN SPENCE ('89-'91;'93-'95)** – was married to his wife Susan this past year. The two of them live and work in Boulder, CO. He sells houses and works as a glassblower at Glassroots Studios.

**ALAN ENOS ('86-'90;'93-'97)** – calls Boulder, CO, home, where he works as a rocket scientist designing spacecraft. Congratulations to Alan and his fiancée on their recent engagement.

**SJ BAXTER ('86-'92;'94-'97;'99-'00)**– Congratulations to SJ and his fiancé, Shelby Sundgren, on their September 2004 engagement. SJ was able to spend part of the summer volunteering at Agawam before moving to Washington, DC, where he has accepted a job as a headhunter, helping companies search for Chief Financial Officers. His brother, **KEITH ('87-'96;'98)**, recently left his job in Boston and moved to Washington, DC to begin a new job in financial services.

**KARIN (JOHNSON) WHITTEN ('86;'90-'92;'93-'95)** – Congratulations to Karin and her husband, Donny, on the birth of their first child, Jenna Rebecca, born April 26, 2004, weighing in at 8 pounds, 9 ounces. After taking maternity leave at the end of the last school year, she is now back on duty as the Athletic Trainer for Hanover (MA) High School. The Whittens live in Brockton, MA.

**TIM NELLIGAN ('87-'90;'94)** – was married to Laura in May of 2003 and was very pleased to have **BILLY HOGAN ('87-'90;'93-'95)** and **BEN SMALL ('86-'95)** in attendance. The couple has purchased a home near the beach, midway between LA and San Diego. Tim works as an Environmental Engineer. He and Laura are avid surfers and are looking forward to a chance to take time to travel through Europe before starting a family. You can email him at: [jlnelligan@yahoo.com](mailto:jlnelligan@yahoo.com)

**DAMON FRANCIS ('87-'93;'96)** – moved from Boston to San Diego, taking a month to drive cross-country visiting 14 national parks. He recently wrote a book about lacrosse called “Ripping Rope”. He is pursuing a career in sports journalism.

**JAY DAVENPORT ('87-'92;'96)** – reports from his home in New York City that all is going well and that he was married on June 12, 2004 in Annapolis, MD. He works in New York as a government bond trader for Morgan Stanley.

**BILLY HOGAN ('87-'90;'93-'95)** – was engaged in early June in Vieques, PR, to Jennifer Martinelli. The couple is planning a July 2005 wedding on Cape Cod. Billy continues to work in sports marketing for the Red Sox organization, living in Brookline, MA.

**CHRIS GARGIULO ('88-'90)** – bakes “the best cookies and brownies available anywhere” through Chris’s Cookies, the company he founded after graduation from Cornell University. What started as a dream in a basement under an Italian restaurant, has grown into a full service bakery and mail order business. You can sample Chris’s goodies by ordering from his website: [www.chriscookies.com](http://www.chriscookies.com)

**MATT KERR ('88-'92;'94)** – has moved to Pasadena, CA, where he is now taking classes in hopes of becoming an EMT. He spent this past summer touring Alaska.

**MIKE SMITH ('88-'91;'93-'97)** – was married on April 3, 2004 in the Princeton University Chapel to Enakshi Bose, also a Princeton Graduate. All of his Agawam cousins, **CHRIS WOLFF ('89-'95;'97-'98)**, **BENJ WOLFF ('93-'01)**, **MATT COOMBE ('93-'98;'00;'03)**, **ANDREW COOMBE ('94-'98;'00-'03)**, and **DAVID COOMBE ('94-'00)** were in attendance for the beautiful ceremony.

**JAMEY WATERS ('88-'95;'01)** – works for the Bush Administration in the Presidential Scheduling Office. He recently bought a new home in Arlington, VA.

**MIKE VERMYLEN ('89-'90;'92-'93;'95;'97;'00)** – is in the middle of his second year of law school at the University of Chicago. Chicago winters, he tells us, make him think fondly of summers on Crescent Lake in Maine!

**CHRIS WOLFF ('89-'95;'97-'98)** – lives in New York City where he recently started a new job as a financial analyst for Exis Capital, a NYC based hedge fund company.

**JOHN NEUBERGER ('89-'96;'99)** – recently accepted a full time job with an environmental consulting firm in NJ. He is particularly pleased that the company is willing to pay for his graduate studies that began in September. He still enjoys surfing and snowboarding in his free time.

**MIKE BENSEN ('89-'96;'98;'00)** – continues his work at Aspen Country Day School in Colorado. This year he is teaching science to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and skiing when the conditions are right!

**JORDY RAPP ('89-'97)** – graduated from Princeton University in 2002 with a degree in Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering. He rowed varsity crew for 4 years and was in the comedy club. He is now training to be a triathlete.

**TRAVIS LANGER ('90-'97)** – graduated from Fairfield University in May of 2004 with a business degree in Marketing. He lives in Upper Brookville, NY.

**RICH CALHOUN ('90-'96;'99-'00)** – left Aspen Country Day School and accepted a position as Physics and Astronomy teacher at Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, CT. In addition to teaching he will coach football and squash.

**JOSH LEMAITRE ('90-'98;'00-'01)** – lives in Aspen, CO, where he continues to work at the Aspen Health Club. He is contemplating a return to the east coast.

**JIMMY HUTCHINSON ('90-'92;'97)** – After recovering from injuries sustained in the early days of operations in Iraq, Jimmy continued to serve the country as a Marine, and spent the last six months in Kabul, Afghanistan. His four-year commitment to the Marines has ended, and although he remains on a high reserve list, he has begun a hunt for a job in the “real world”.

**TIM KERR ('90-'94)** – is completing his second year of law school at the University of Pennsylvania. He spent the last summer completing a law internship in NYC. When not at school he lives with his family in Wilmington, DE.

**ED TUFARO ('90-'95;'97-'99)** – Congratulations to Ed and his wife Katrina on the birth of their son, Christopher Besch Tufaro, on April 29, 2004. Christopher was born at 9:51am and weighed in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Ed and Katrina live in Newton, MA, and he works in Boston for a mediation firm while Katrina finishes her graduate studies.

**ALEX SPENCE ('90-'95;'97-'00;'03)** – lives in Somerville, MA, while teaching English at Concord Carlisle High School in Concord, MA. He spent this last summer working on his Master's Degree at Boston College.

**NATHANIEL READ ('90-'92;'94-'95;'98-'99;'01;'03-'04)** – spent the summer as head of the Ropes/Challenge program at Agawam before moving to England to begin graduate studies at the University of London. He hopes to become a teacher.

**TED FORBES ('91-'92;'95-'97;'98)** – graduated from Eastern Kentucky University where he also served as a fireman with the local fire department. He is living in Montclair, VA, and entered a graduate program in loss prevention this fall.

**SAM BEGIN ('91-'96;'97)** – continues to love living in Tasmania, an island off of Australia, where he is pursuing graduate studies.

**DREW HIMSWORTH ('91-'96;'99)** – is working as an intern with the Hagerstown Suns, a single-A baseball team affiliated with the San Francisco Giants, located in Hagerstown, MD.

**JOHN MCCORMICK ('93-'98;'01)** – has moved to Chicago where he and some friends have founded a theatre troupe after graduating from Trinity College.

**LOWELL PALMER ('93-'99)** – is in his junior year at Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL. He is studying Civil Engineering and would love to hear from any Agawam alums. His email: [imp02@garnet.acns.fsu.edu](mailto:imp02@garnet.acns.fsu.edu)

**ADAM JONAS ('92-'97)** – has stayed on at Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT, after graduation, to finish a combined BA/MA program, earning his advanced degree in psychology. He is enjoying the chance to do some original research and to wrestle for one more year.

**PAUL TUFARO ('92-'93;'95-'98)** – reports that his senior year at Emory University in Atlanta, GA, flew by. After his May graduation he spent a couple of months exploring Europe with friends and is now working in New York City for CSFB doing investment

banking work. He would love to hear from Agawam friends: [Paul.Tufaro@bus.emory.edu](mailto:Paul.Tufaro@bus.emory.edu)

**DREW WILKIS ('92-'97)** – still calls South Portland, ME, home, but has spent the year after his graduation from Georgetown University back in Washington continuing his studies in preparation for enrollment in medical school. After completing his pre-requisite courses and taking the MCAT he is headed to the Rockies for a winter of skiing, anticipating a fall 2005 enrollment in medical school.

**FRED BEDDARD ('92-'00)** – after his May 2004 graduation from Skidmore College, he has moved to New York City where he is working in international investment banking.

**JUSTIN DLUHY ('93-'97)** – is living in Washington, DC, and works as an award-winning mechanic for Euromotors, the top Mercedes dealer in the capitol region.

**SCOTT RICKARDS ('93-'97;'02)** – graduated from Columbia University in May of 2004 and has now begun graduate studies at the School of Advanced International Relations at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. He will spend the first year of the program situated in Bologna, Italy.

**NICKY BROCKET ('93-'94)** – has moved across the “pond” and across the country to accept a nursing position in an ER in Oceanside, CA. She has a visa that will allow her to work as a nurse in the US until March 2005. You can email her: [nbrocket@hotmail.com](mailto:nbrocket@hotmail.com)

**BOBBY FLEISS ('93-'94;'97-'98;'01-'02)** – After returning from a year teaching English in Quito, Ecuador, he is living in Lexington, MA, and working in Boston helping schools plan educational tours and field trips.

**DRU MCMULLAN ('94-'98;'00-'01;'04)** – hails from Cape Elizabeth, ME and has begun his freshman year at Alfred University in Alfred, NY.

**MIKE AULD ('94-'01;'03-'04)** – After his graduation from Philips Andover Academy in May he has joined the class of 2008 at Duke University. His brothers will both be finishing studies this year. **DAVID ('92-'99;'02-'04)** will graduate from Stanford University in June and **BRIAN ('89-'92;'94-'00)** will complete his MBA at Harvard Business School. The Aulds all call Aspen, CO home.





**BEN ROGERS ('94-'02;'04)** – After graduating from the University of Richmond in May 2004 and spending the summer as a unit head and director of sailing at Agawam, Ben has accepted a position with SunTrust Bank of Greater Washington. He works as a commercial management associate in their credit administration department. You can email him: [benjamin.rogers@suntrust.com](mailto:benjamin.rogers@suntrust.com)



**TED MARSHALL ('94-'90;'02-'03)** – has moved to Washington, DC where he is working and taking classes at George Washington University.

**CHARLIE SIMPSON ('94-'96)** – was recently engaged to someone he met working at a summer job at a ranch in Wyoming. The couple plans a June 2005 wedding. Charlie is currently living at home in Brookline, MA, and applying to dental school.

**ANTHONY LANE ('94-'98;'00)** – left his reporters job in Colorado to learn Spanish and travel through South America with the South American Explorers club. He ended his travels with an adventure along the Inca Trail and Machu Picuh. He spent the fall working for the Appalachian Mountain Club as a “hutman” at the Greenleaf Hut.

**NICK TATAR ('95-'96)** – and his wife, Ramey, have just moved to Needham, MA, since he has completed a Philosophy of Education Ph.D. program in Boston. Ramey is in her second year of a Pediatric Nurse Practitioners program.

**PETER SIMPSON ('95-'98;'02)** – spent last school year studying in Denmark. He is still active with his singing group at Dartmouth College, spending time touring the country and putting on concerts. He would love to hear from Agawam friends: [mode@dartmouth.edu](mailto:mode@dartmouth.edu)

**WILL WETZEL ('95-'00;'02)** – After finishing his sophomore year at Williams College in Williamstown, MA, he spent the summer rock climbing in the Tetons in Wyoming, and is currently on a junior year abroad program in New Zealand.

**STUART RYAN ('97-'03)** – spent a month this summer on a challenging NOLS mountaineering program. Fellow Agawam trip graduate **ERIK**

**ANDREWS ('95-'03)** was also a part of this program. Both received the best grade in the group, and gave due credit for their success to the Agawam Trip Program and “Bos’n” Bill Auerswald, Agawam’s Trip Director.

**JON HUGHES ('98-'03)** – is a junior in high school in Portland, ME where he is one of the highest ranked divers in the state. He spent the summer studying Spanish in Spain with **MARK ANDREWS ('95-'03)**.

**CHRIS MARSH ('96-'03)** – and his wife, Amy, have just finished construction of a new home in Gypsum, CO. His new address: PO Box 3553, Eagle, CO, 81631. Chris continues to serve as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and coach in the Eagle School System. Chris and Amy are expecting their first child in June.

**GREG GABROY ('96-'99;'02)** – lives in Swarthmore, PA, and took some time away from Tulane University in New Orleans to spend his junior year studying abroad in Madrid, Spain.

**FRED SYKES ('96-'99)** – lives in Rye, NY, and took a year off after graduating from high school to travel around Spain and to use his Ranger Trail skills on a NOLS Baja sea kayaking trip. He is now in his sophomore year at Harvard University, where he has performed in a number of plays and participated in a variety of intra-mural sports. He spent the past summer golfing and playing tennis while traveling through Chile as a write/researcher for “Let’s Go” guides. He would love to hear from any Agawam folks: [fsykes@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:fsykes@fas.harvard.edu)

**DAN SCHUKER ('96-'04)** – after spending the summer as counselor in the Cabin of Harvard, he began studies at Harvard University in September.

**DAVID HYSON ('97-'99;'01)** – spent several weeks traveling around Europe with friends from Colgate University. He visited Berlin, Prague, Vienna, and Munich before beginning a semester abroad program at the University of Freiburg in Germany.

**JON SIMPSON ('97-'02;'04)** – after a May graduation from Milton Academy (MA) and spending a summer at Agawam, Jon has begun studies at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. He joins a long list of Agawam alumni, including his brother **PETE ('95-'98;'02)**, **AIDAN DONAHUE ('99-'01)** and **TIN HA-NGOC ('01)**.

**DAVE BOWMAN ('97-'98;'00-'02)** – writes to us from his home in Martha’s Vineyard, MA: “I have enjoyed a wonderful year off from school. I have had two successful surgeries, pursued independent studies, and worked while living at home with my family. I will be spending several weeks traveling by myself in England, but look forward to returning to the States to volunteer for the Main Idea program. I look forward to returning to Agawam this summer!”

**KIM BRYAN ('97-'00)** – is now living in Deering, NH, having accepted a position at the Bluff Elementary School in Claremont, where she is supervising a “Reading First” program, a part of the “No Child Left Behind” program. This is a welcome shift for her from the classroom to more of a leadership role, including teaching students (K-3), conducting professional development seminars, practicing management skills by overseeing teachers who are implementing this program, and serving as a liaison between the teachers, the administration, school board, and parents.

**BROOKS BARHYDT ('97-'02;'04)** – enjoyed his first year as a full staff member this past summer before he began his college career at Trinity College in Hartford, CT.

**SCOTT LOHMEYER ('97-'01;'03-'04)** – enjoyed a second year as the counselor in Mason this past summer, before heading off to his first year of college at the University of Rhode Island, in Kingston, RI.

**RYAN MCLEAN ('98-'99,'04)** – lives in Canton, MA, and after working as a counselor at Agawam this past summer, is in his sophomore year at Merrimack College in North Andover, MA, studying communication and film, and cheering on their hockey team. He spent summers during high school working with 4 to 6 year olds at the Canton summer recreation department.

**SAM ROGERS ('98-'04)** – has left St. David's, PA, behind to begin college at Dickinson College where he joins **MATT BENSELER ('94-'02)** and **ADAM HALL ('93-'02)**.

**MARKUS POTYRANSKI ('98-'01;'03-04)** – ran the Basketball program at camp this summer before joining the freshman class at Suffolk University in Boston, MA.

**PETER FORD ('98-'02)** – is in his sophomore year at the University of Georgia in Athens, GA. He is a member of the Chi Psi fraternity and serves as student manager of the UG football team.

**BRENT LOCKE ('98-'02;'04)** – is from McLean, VA and is currently a first year student at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA.

**JULIA BENSEN ('99-'00)**– left her teaching position at Aspen Country Day School to teach in an outdoor program in Switzerland this fall. She will then return to Aspen to waitress and ski.

**TIMOFEI SOLOVIEV ('99-'00)** – is in Australia at university doing a double degree in finance. He is hoping to get a job “down under” after he finishes. He reports that his Agawam experience helped him get a job with Camp Australia and also jobs coaching soccer at a private school and for a social club team. He hopes to stop by camp again someday, but in the

meantime you can reach him by email: [Agawam@yandex.ru](mailto:Agawam@yandex.ru).

**ANDREW PHILLIPS ('99-'01;'04)** – has begun studies at the University of Richmond, following in the footsteps of Agawam alums **BEN ROGERS ('94-'02;'04)** and **JON ALPERN ('95-'00;'04)**.

**JIMMY FORBES ('99-'03)** – is enjoying his senior year in high school running track and playing guitar. He spent the summer working as a lifeguard at a local pool in his hometown of Alpharetta, GA.

**FRAN MANRIQUE ('00-'02)** – lives in Cadiz, Spain, where he is preparing to enter university, coaching a youth soccer team, and studying to be a certified soccer official through the Spanish Soccer Federation.

**STEPHANIE LONG ('00-'02)** – was living Dorchester, MA, managing the Patagonia retail store on Newbury Street, but recently moved to St. John's, USVI to work on the crew of a charter boat. She has enjoyed travels recently to Maine, Vermont, Cape Cod.

**ARAM ASLANIAN-PERSICO ('00-'04)** – A junior at the Horace Mann School in New York City, Aram was recently honored as the winner of the Langfan Oratorical Competition with his persuasive arguments against the Electoral College. According to an article in his school paper “Aslanian-Persico swept the audience and the judges with his dynamic condemnation of a stable but antiquated system that contradicts the alleged equality amongst citizens. Arguing that every citizen should have the right to be heard regardless of his or her home state, Aslanian-Persico called for a direct election by popular vote.”

**CHRIS HAYES ('02-'04)** – Congratulations to Chris who pitched the first no-hitter in the baseball history of his high school, The Out-Of-Door Academy in Sarasota, FL, in what was his first pitching start of the 2004 season.



**BRAVES GIVE EAR...**  
Voices from the Great Central Fire

Camp Agawam  
1919-2004



Compiled by  
Dave Griffiths

**“BRAVES GIVE EAR: VOICES FROM THE GREAT CENTRAL FIRE”**  
**Get your copy today!**

This entertaining paperback compilation of interviews with Agawam alumni chronicles Agawam’s history from its founding in 1919 to the present day.

Dave Griffiths, an Agawam parent and accomplished journalist, collected prime source oral interviews and photographs for this 75-page paperback, which was published in time for the 85<sup>th</sup> Reunion at Agawam this summer. Included are anecdotes from Ap, George, and Dave Mason, present day camp leadership and alumni such as Matt Gardner, Marsh Schmidt, Peter Esty, Bob Dills, Lester Graves, and many others.

Excerpt: **MARSH SCHMIDT:** *“I was an only child, and in that sense, Agawam was very good for me. In the middle ‘30’s, being able to go to a private camp was not an option open to a multitude of families. I kept getting humbled. They had a questionnaire at the end of camp every year – favorite trip, favorite counselor, song, activity, etc. It also had the one who is handsomest or smartest and the one who thinks he’s the handsomest or smartest camper. I got the last two several times. This is what Agawam was able to do. It taught me a lot.*

*“One week, Ap delivered to me a basic lesson in sportsmanship which has stayed with me all these*

*years. On returning from a baseball game with neighboring Hawthorne, I explained to Ap that the Hawthorne ump had robbed us of an early-inning home run down the left field foul line. Ap then inquired what had been the final score. When told the score was eight to one in Hawthorne’s favor, he pointedly inquired whether the eight Hawthorne runs were also unfairly recorded. I felt positive I flunked sportsmanship that week.”*

Please contact the Agawam Winter Office using the form below, or just by sending a check for \$20 made out to Agawam Council to us at 30 Fieldstone Lane, Hanover, MA 02339, and we’ll get your copy in the mail right away!

Please clip and send this order form to  
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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SHIPPING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ copies of  
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shipping)

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Payable to Camp Agawam Book)

Send this form and your check to: Camp  
Agawam Book, 30 Fieldstone Lane, Hanover,  
MA 02339

**AGAWAM’S NEW WEBSITE A BIG HIT**  
**[www.campagawam.org](http://www.campagawam.org)**

Thanks to the efforts of the communications committee, the Agawam staff, and especially “Admiral” Steve Nash, we were pleased to launch our new (and vastly improved!) website over the past Memorial Day weekend. Working with web designer Dave Rossignol and Time Warner of Maine, we think we have produced a website which serves Agawam well – attractive to prospective camper families and staff members, informative to our alumni, and kept current for our campers’ parents and interested alumni. During the summer the daily schedule was posted in both abbreviated and complete (pdf) formats and pictures of happy days at Agawam were changed every third day on our slide show. Look for off-season updates and changes to the slide show each “off-season” month. Check out our website at: [www.campagawam.org](http://www.campagawam.org) to see what is new, to stay informed and to get information about alumni activities, supporting Agawam or to refer camper or staff prospects.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT AGAWAM!!

Agawam Council is seeking to increase the size of our full time professional staff.

Currently, we have a full-time Executive Director/Camp Director and two full-time staff, filling the roles of Business Manager and Director of Operations and functioning seasonally as Assistant Camp Directors.

It is our plan to add to this group and to focus on our fundraising and alumni relations programs. Desired candidate qualifications include a Bachelors Degree (or higher) in related fields; understanding of, and experience with, fundraising; strong verbal and written communication skills; a desire to be a positive and flexible member of a dynamic team; a sense of humor and a love of children. Proven leadership skills and prior experience in summer camping and/or other youth-related activities, such as teaching or coaching are pluses.

If you are interested in pursuing work with Agawam Council, please send a resume and cover letter to "Chief" Garth Nelson, Camp Agawam, 30 Fieldstone Lane, Hanover, MA 02339. You may fax material to 781-829-0208 or email them to [chief@campagawam.org](mailto:chief@campagawam.org)



## FINANCIAL REPORT

"Bos'n" Bill Auerswald ~ Business Manager  
Excited to be taking on another new challenge at camp, I began working in May 2004 as Agawam Council's Business Manager and as one of Camp Agawam's Assistant Directors. Agawam Council is a non-profit corporation with assets of nearly \$3,000,000.00, which operates a child care facility in an increasingly complex and regulated environment. As I help to shift some of the burden of day-to-day business operations away from "Chief" Garth Nelson's desk, my role is to protect and preserve our assets and our strong financial position, and to maximize the extent to which we bring those assets to bear on our mission – helping children and young adults to learn and grow in a supportive and safe outdoor setting.

Regarding the stewardship of camp's valuable assets, the Council has long made fiscally prudent decisions that leave us with very low debt levels, well invested and self-sustaining endowments and a history of successful development campaigns to address needs at camp. We are currently engaged in the financial planning necessary to complete maintenance and refurbishment projects to several camp buildings, including Tall Pines, Clausen House, Esty House, the Infirmary, Wood Shop, and the Boathouse. Through careful budgeting we hope to generate the funds needed to complete these projects through several years of camp operations, allowing our development efforts to target support for camperships and the Main Idea, or more major capital projects.

As we try to maximize our ability to use Camp's resources to advance our mission, we will attempt to enroll our summer sessions to a slightly higher level and will increase the number of boys attending Main Idea to approximately 105, for the first time opening our upper campus cabins to Main Idea's oldest boys. By reinvigorating the Agawam Ski and Snowboard Week, so popular in the Agawam Kezar days, and by considering ways in which to use our property for the benefit of school, sports, and youth groups in the beautiful month of September, we may soon see the Agawam experience reach more boys and girls as we better spread the costs of maintaining and improving our property.

Below is an abbreviated balance sheet (reviewed by our independent accountants) that shows our financial position at the close of our 2003 fiscal year. Fiscal 2004 was a strong year that contributed to even greater financial health. Finally, I know that among our Agawam Alumni, there is much wisdom and expertise – I welcome your ideas and suggestions as we continue to make sure we have the financial strength to continue our good work and to further extend both its breadth and depth. I can be reached at [bosn@campagawam.org](mailto:bosn@campagawam.org).

September 30, 2003

## ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	\$113,891
Accounts Receivable	
Camping Programs	\$20,573
Fundraising and Alumni Activities	\$31,780
Total Accounts Receivable	\$52,353
Other Current Assets	\$19,423
Total Current Assets	\$185,667
Fixed Assets	
Property and Equipment	\$1,704,397
Investments	
Main Idea & Campership Endowment	\$709,456
Mary W. Gregg Endowment	\$84,064
Total Permanently Restricted Endowments	\$793,519
Preservation Trust	\$75,701
Other Restricted Funds	\$13,866
Funds Awaiting Release from Restrictions	\$8,464
Total Temp. & Perm. Restricted Funds	\$98,030
Total Investments	\$891,549
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$2,781,613</b>

## LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$25,778
Credit Cards	\$345
Other Current Liabilities	\$86,719
Total Current Liabilities	\$112,841
Long Term Liabilities	\$51,106
Total Liabilities	\$163,947
Equity	
Board Designated-Preservation	\$50,000
Net Assets	\$2,447,098
Net Income	\$120,568
Total Equity	\$2,617,666
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$2,781,613</b>

## 8th ANNUAL GOLF MARATHON FOR MAINE CAMPERSHIPS

Golfers Dodge Raindrops And Exceed Marathon Goal!



Tee Time	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Score	Total
9:00	DAVE PRATTE	2	9	11	9						37												
9:10	TAD HERSHEY	2	9	11	9						37												
9:15	RUSSELL SPURK	2	9	9	9						37												
9:30	SCOTT PRAGOFF	3	9	9	9						36												
9:45	BEN ROGERS	3	9	9	9						36												
10:00	CHRIS BRAYMAN	3	9	9	9						36												
10:15	DAVID AYLD	3	9	9	9						36												
10:30	JIM CARROLL	4	9	9	9						31												
10:45	STEVE MYRAN	4	9	9	9						32												
11:00	PETER WILSON	4	9	9	9						32												
11:15	BOB FRYER	5	9	9	9																		
11:30	KAREN MAIA	5	9	9	9																		
11:45	PETE CAESAR	6	9	9	9																		
12:00	JOHN	6	9	9	9																		

August 12, 2004 dawned damp and dreary, but a group of Agawam golf marathoners and volunteers descended upon Val Halla Golf Club none-the-less, in an effort to once again raise money for

Camperships so that deserving boys could continue to attend the seven-week Camp Agawam program free of charge. This year's 100 Hole Golf Marathon was chaired by "Coach" Bob Demont and "Ranger" Jim Carroll and golfers and volunteers came in all ages (from 16 to 66!) and golfing abilities. Especially impressive were the number of non-Agawam folks who golfed and volunteered and the number of former recipients of Golf Marathon Camperships who either golfed or volunteered to help future Agawam campers.

The rains began to taper off mid-morning and as the weather improved so did the golfing (and the shape of the golf course!). After lunch the sun was shining on our golfers and that encouraged everyone to once again meet their goal of golfing at least 100 holes in one day. Golfers enjoyed the services of our many volunteers who drove carts, found lost balls, replaced divots, kept scores, and provided much needed snacks and drinks. As always, everyone had a great time, despite a lost club (accidentally flung into the pond on the second hole during the early morning rains), wet clothes, and only a few sore muscles!

At the end of the day, at a celebratory barbecue hosted by "Coach" Bob Demont and his daughter, Katie, we were pleased to announce that our Golf Marathoners raised over \$48,000.00 to benefit both our Maine Campership and General Campership Program. We invite any interested golfers to consider joining us in 2005 for our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Marathon for Maine Camperships on August 18, 2005. For more information please contact the Agawam Winter Office at 781-826-5913 or [chief@campagawam.org](mailto:chief@campagawam.org)

#### THANKS TO OUR GOLFERS

"Ace" David Auld (103 Holes)  
 "Colonel" Keith Baxter (100)  
 "Mate" Chris Bravman (119)  
 \* **"Capt" Pete Caesar (114)**  
 "Ranger" Jim Carroll (103)  
 \* **"Coach" Bob Demont (112)**  
 Bob Dow (102)  
 \* **"Lt" Bob Fryer (103)**  
 \* **"Colonel" Matt Gardner (100)**  
 "Cox'n" Simon Gerson (108)  
 "Ensign" Tad Hershey (105)  
 \* **"Mander" Karen Malm (103)**  
 Pat McClellan (106)  
 "Mander" Steve Murray (103)  
 \* **"Guide" Dave Pragoff (109)**  
 "Cox'n" Ben Rogers (100)  
 Ted Smith (100)  
 "Sarge" Russell Sprole (120)  
 "Admiral" Peter Wilson (107)  
 \* = **have participated in all 8 golf marathons!**



#### THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Tarra Boulden  
 "Sparks" Amy Butler  
 Charlotte Calhoun  
 "Bos'n" John Calhoun  
 "Chips" Holly Carriere  
 Laura Young Connelly  
 Chrissy Coyle  
 Kate Demont  
 "Guide" Christopher Drake  
 "Colonel" Will Fleiss  
 Will Griffiths  
 BJ Grondin  
 "Ranger" Melanie Hemer  
 "SuperCoach" Mark Hogan  
 Misha Isnardi  
 "Lt" Scott Lohmeyer  
 "Admiral" Stephanie Long  
 "Skipper" Dru McMullan  
 "General" Jared Patton  
 Tina Pragoff  
 "Trapper" Nathaniel Read  
 Roger Rioux  
 Si Rioux  
 Zach Rioux  
 Allie Thayer  
 Drew Wilkis



#### THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!

Amerasport – Golfer's Shirts  
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 Hannaford – water and energy bars  
 National Distributors – Snapple and other juice drinks  
 Seltzer & Rhydhholm – water and sports drinks  
 Shaws – energy bars and other snacks  
 Standard Baking Company – molasses cookies  
 Wal-Mart – golf balls  
 Whitney Corporate Promotions – volunteer t-shirts

#### CAMP AGAWAM, STINSON LAKE, RUMNEY, NH

Did you know that Camp Agawam was not always in Raymond? It's true! In 1919, when The Governor took to the idea of possibly running a summer camp, he was not sure if it was the right thing for him and his family. Instead of rushing headlong into the camping business, he took a more measured approach and rented land on Stinson Lake in Rumney, NH, a beautiful setting in the foothills of the White Mountains. The Governor decided after three years on this rented property, that camping was for him, and decided to purchase property where Agawam could plant permanent roots and grow. The Stinson Lake property was a possibility, but the steep climb from the waterfront and ballfield back to the living area was considered too much of a chore for the campers and staff alike. Dr. Meylan, a colleague of The Governor at Columbia, and the founder of Camp Arcadia and White Mountain Camp for Boys (now Camp Wohelo), helped the Masons find our current site on Crescent Lake in Raymond, Maine.

On October 14, 2004, Dave and Peg Mason were joined by "Capt" Diehl Estes and "Bowman" Scott Malm for a return trip to the Stinson Lake site to see if we could find the original Camp Agawam. After a stop at the desolate looking, but still operating Stinson Lake Store (with what is fondly known as the country's smallest Post Office inside), they took a trip around the lake until they came upon the only surviving building from Agawam's days in New Hampshire.

The building which had housed The Governor and his family, and which served as the Infirmary for the camp, is still on that hillside overlooking Stinson Lake. The building is now a private home, and Dave left a note for the owner asking if they had any information on the history of the house or the property. From old pictures in the original camp brochures, the group was able to reconstruct the location of the sleeping cabins, tennis courts, dining room/recreation lodge, ballfield and waterfront. All agreed that it was indeed a steep climb up from the waterfront and that our current site in Raymond is a much better location for a summer camp. It was a



beautiful autumn day with blue, sunny skies lighting up the changing leaves. It was easy to see how life on this hillside motivated The Governor and Mother Mason to continue to chase their dream of running a boys' summer camp. If Dave learns anything about the history of the property since Agawam ruled that hillside, we will be sure to share it in a future issue of the Alumni News.

## NEWS OF THE MASONS



**Connie** greatly enjoyed returning to Agawam for the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reunion, joined by so many in her family, including brother **Mase Saunders**. She lives in an independent living facility called The Beverwyck near Albany, NY. She enjoys playing bridge and visiting with her neighbors. **Tony** continues medical work as a physician at The Albany Medical Center, and wishes he could find more time to spend at Wahn-Noh-Te on Crescent Lake. **Tim** and **Kim** live in Virginia Beach, VA with their daughter Maddie. Tim is a contracted security agent for the U.S. Navy. Kim has enjoyed several volunteer experiences at the Main Idea program. **Tony, Tim, Kim** and Maddie recently enjoyed a trip to Walt Disney World! **Sandy** and his wife **Mary** are happy with the completion of their new home in Driggs, ID. He is the President of a local land management and planning group. Mary works as and RN in Home Health care.

**George, Jr.** ([ggmason@duke-energy.com](mailto:ggmason@duke-energy.com)) continues to enjoy life in Texas and recently enjoyed celebrating 30 years of service with his company, Duke Energy. He is also pleased to report that his son, Nicholas, commenced his college education at University of Texas in San Antonio earlier this fall.

**Dave and Peg** flew to California in September to be with



brother, George, in his final hours. In October, during the Fryeburg Fair, they sold seat cushions at the fairgrounds and also out on Route 302, where traffic was bumper to bumper for hours, to benefit their church. A visit to Agawam's original site in Stinson Lake, NH with "Capt" Estes and "Bowman" Malm was a happy day. We found one original building. Their email is [dpmason@pivot.net](mailto:dpmason@pivot.net).

**Barbara** and Neil Murphy ([barbmurphy@comcast.net](mailto:barbmurphy@comcast.net)) live in Andover, MA and are happy to report that their youngest daughter is enjoying her first year at Elon University in North Carolina. They are also pleased that Agawam alums "Bos'n" Eric and Mary Calhoun are just around the corner, in case something comes up! Their oldest daughter, Katie, is studying business at the University of Colorado at Boulder and plans on spending her next semester in New Zealand. Neil continues to work importing fish in Gloucester, MA, and Barbara serves as the Human Resources Advisor in the Information Technology department at Gillette. **Peter** and his wife, Lynne are still living in Calgary, Alberta, where Peter has been for over 7 years. He left Royal Host Hotels & Resorts as Executive Vice President this past year and is pursuing other executive hospitality opportunities throughout North America. He can be seen on the tennis courts most days playing singles, men's doubles, and mixed doubles. Lynne continues to enjoy her retirement from the Orange County (FL) School System after 27 years. She is very active in the Calgary outdoors club. They celebrated their 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in October. If you are visiting Alberta, contact them at [pmmason@msn.com](mailto:pmmason@msn.com), as they would like to hear from friends of Agawam. **Jim** ([jdfmrason@charter.net](mailto:jdfmrason@charter.net)) continues to work and live in Worcester, MA at EDS, providing support for HP on their customer administration systems. His wife, Diane, has taken a year off from teaching to work on her Master's in Education. Their three daughters keep them very busy. Felicity is 10 and in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Louise is 7 and in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and Rachel is 3 and very much enjoys preschool.

## GEORGE GROS MASON

**January 4, 1916 to September 14, 2004**

George Gros Mason, who died peacefully in Berkeley, California, September 14, 2004, after a long illness, was born January 4, 1916 in New York City. The family soon moved to Larchmont, NY where he and his two brothers, Appleton A. Mason, Jr. and David W. Mason attended public schools until George began attending Pawling in upper New York State. He graduated from Amherst College in 1937 and almost immediately began working for W.R. Grace Co.

He was selected to work for Pan American-Grace Airways (Panagra) in 1939 in Sales and Traffic while Panagra opened up the west coast of South America, developing airport meteorological stations and other facilities. He trained with Pan American Airways. It was a colorful period in U.S. aviation. George lived

in many South American countries, as well as Panama. He lived for some years in Darien, CT, where he commuted to New York, South America and to IATA (International Air Transportation Association) conferences in Europe. When Braniff bought Panagra on orders from the U.S. Government in 1967, George transferred and worked for Braniff from Tokyo and Honolulu, as Director for the Pacific, until it became the first U.S. airline to go bankrupt in 1981. All in all, he spent 47 years in the international airline business.

Following his retirement, he moved to El Cerrito, CA. He traveled extensively, as long as he was able, and attended as many Agawam reunions as possible, always proud and supportive of the camp which he attended from its founding in 1919 until he went to work for Grace in 1939, first as a camper, then as a counselor, and finally helping to manage the camp after his father, The Governor, died suddenly in 1938. He always followed with great interest every development at the camp and referred to it often.

He leaves behind his wife, Virginia, his son, George G. Mason, Jr. of Houston, TX, his daughter, Wendy A. Mason of Jacksonville, OR, his grandson, Nicholas Adam Mason, who is attending the University of Texas, his brother, David W. Mason of Fryeburg, ME, and a large number of nieces and nephews, all of whom are supportive of Camp Agawam along with a host of alumni and their families.

He always said that the biggest influences in his life, in addition to his parents, were Camp Agawam, Pawling School, and Amherst College. In the words of a college classmate: "George was a natural friend-maker and soon became one of the best-liked members of our class." This comment could be said to fit exactly the pattern of his life wherever he went and whatever he did.

Everyone in the Agawam Family will miss George, his smile, and his genuine interest in the well being of Camp Agawam. Virginia can be reached at their home: 6919 Wilson Way, El Cerrito, CA, 94530 or [vmason@mac.com](mailto:vmason@mac.com)

## BOARD NOTES

The Board of Directors of the Agawam Council meets each summer at Camp Agawam for its Annual Meeting. This year's meeting was held in conjunction with the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Alumni Reunion Weekend. We want to keep you informed with notes from the Minutes of our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. If you would like a full copy of the Minutes from this meeting please contact "Chief" at the winter office: 781-826-5913 or [chief@campagawam.org](mailto:chief@campagawam.org)

The Annual Meeting was called to order by Council President, "Coach" Bob Demont. He thanked everyone for their hard work for the Council, and

extended a warm welcome to all our alumni visitors. After welcoming new Board and Committee members and recognizing those who were selected for Sachem Award honors at the Alumni Council Fire, "Coach" passed the meeting on to Staff Members and Council Chairs who presented their reports.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – "Chief" Garth Nelson "Chief" reviewed the 2004 goals set by the Executive Committee, including full camper enrollment (127 campers enrolled on a goal of 126), improving the quality of seasonal staff (an older group of staffers exercised excellent child centered judgments over the summer), and improving the quality of the program (progress reported in the area of vespers and weekly awards). He was pleased that so many board members had a chance to visit during the summer to evaluate the work towards these goals. He was also pleased to report progress on his own personal goals for 2004 including addressing non-seasonal staffing needs (added "Bos'n" Bill Auerswald as Business Manager to free "Chief" to pursue more of his Camp Director's responsibilities), getting more personally involved with program, campers, and staff (having a Business Manager helped free time which resulted in a more involved, energetic, and enthusiastic Camp Director), improving staff training (Agawam was involved with a national research project on training which will help to improve training in the future), and the definition of our Capital Projects (work was done on the Long Range Capital Plan with "Skipper" Jack Gorby and Bill Glass, separating longer term projects into three categories: maintenance of buildings, improvement of buildings, and replacement of buildings.) He concluded that the 85<sup>th</sup> season of Camp Agawam was a real success with happy campers, staff, and parents.



## DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS – "Bowman" Scott Malm

"Bowman" was pleased to report the end of another successful fundraising year with \$167,000 raised on a goal of \$150,000 for our Annual Appeal. He thanked all the donors and all the volunteers who helped by writing letters, making phonathon calls (Bob Fryer and Alex Cobb, chairs), or by playing in the Golf Marathon (Bob Demont and Jim Carroll, chairs). All were pleased that over 25 founding members of the Hiawatha Society, Agawam's planned giving recognition society, were inducted at the Alumni Council Fire. Twenty alumni and friends volunteered for the 34<sup>th</sup> Main Idea program and great success was reported regarding our updated

website. "Bowman" concluded by expressing his gratitude to all in the Agawam Family for their friendship, guidance, and trust through 27 wonderful years as camper, counselor, waterfront director, program director, development and alumni relations director and assistant camp director.

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS** – "Capt" Diehl Estes  
"Capt" reported the successful completion of the following projects: installation of an irrigation pump and sprinkler system for Forbes Field and the lower areas of our campus, installation of a berm near the waterfront to prevent erosion and storm water from affecting the lake, the successful completion of the renovations to the back road, and the impending improvements to the plumbing system in the Infirmary.



**BUSINESS MANAGER** – "Bos'n" Bill Auerswald  
"Bos'n" has begun to learn the business side of Agawam in order to lessen some of the burdens on "Chief" as our Camp Director. He has met with our Treasurer and Finance/Budget Committee, our insurance broker, and our accountants in order to get a more complete picture of camp's business environment. He has spent a lot of time learning about the 2004 budget as he works with "Chief" and the Board to plan our 2005 budget. He will also be working on extended season programming for our property in Raymond, refining our purchasing plans, and learning the development and accounting software that helps Agawam run.

**PLANT COMMITTEE** – "Skipper" Jack Gorby, chair  
The committee discussed two items over the weekend. The first involved deferred maintenance and capital improvements. They proposed that \$38,000 be spent in 2005 for routine maintenance and \$98,000 on capital projects including renovations to Arts & Crafts, the Boathouse, Clausen House, the Infirmary, Tall Pines and the Woodshop. They also agreed, in principal, to a three year \$261,000 deferred maintenance budget. The second item of business was approving further investigation of a forest management plan (including selective thinning of our own woodlands), to begin in the winter of 2005-2006. A sub-committee was formed and will be making a final recommendation at the Winter Board meeting.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE** – "Admiral" Peter Wilson, chair

The committee enjoyed the opportunity to review several camp program elements including the addition of the Track and Field program to the Ags v. Wams competition, the changes made to the weekly awards program dramatically shifting the focus to camper achievements rather than staff-centered skits, and the continued health of the Katiaki program. They will continue to monitor the inauguration of the new Agawam Ski and Snowboard week scheduled for Christmas 2004, and will work with staff to expand use of our facility during the shoulder seasons. They encouraged the board to approve the expansion of the Main Idea program to include 105 campers with the addition of a class of 14 year olds in 2005. The committee also discussed the half-season program and recommended that our primary goal be filling camp with 7 week campers, with some exceptions, and that new half season campers be focused on the lower campus. The committee looks forward to discussing staff housing needs at its next meeting.

**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** – "Ranger" Jim Carroll, chair

The committee expressed gratitude to "Bowman" Scott Malm for his expertise and energy, since 1988, in expanding our development programs, including the annual appeal, phonathon, golf marathon and other fundraising successes. The committee gratefully acknowledged the special gift given by the Forbes family, which honored their devotion to Agawam. This gift enabled us to install the wonderful irrigation system on Forbes Field and throughout the lower part of our campus. The committee set a goal of \$162,000 as our 2005 Annual Appeal goal, which was later approved by the full Board. The committee is pleased with the growth of the Hiawatha Society, with the improvements to the website, and with the growth of the Main Idea program. Bob Dow, a Main Idea camper and volunteer counselor, has offered to help us establish an outreach program for Main Idea alums, and Karl Schoen-Rene has offered to help Agawam assess the value of the many books in our library and storage areas.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – "Gunner" Tim Crane, chair  
The committee reports that finances continue to be orderly and well thought out, and welcomes the addition of a Business Manager to their staffing. They are pleased with how well the work is progressing on the 2005 budget thanks to "Chief", "Bos'n" and several committee members. They report that our financial review by our independent auditors went as expected, and all are hopeful that the addition of the Business Manager should solve any dual control issues. The Investment subcommittee, chaired by "Doc" Peter Moran, reported that our investment target continues to be 70% equities and 30% fixed income, and that our annual endowment draw of 4½% will occur as planned on September 30. Finally, the committee

proposed tuitions of \$5900 for seven week campers and \$3900 for half-season campers, which was approved by the full Board.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND ALUMNI RELATIONS – “Cutter” Peter Gould, chair

The committee was grateful to Priscilla Demont for all her hard work in re-framing the damaged Governor Hall Pictures and to “Capt” Estes, “Nurse” Bowers, and “Mander” Malm for their efforts in re-hanging these pictures in our new Governor Hall. The Camp’s new and improved website has been up and running since Memorial Day with very positive response from campers, parents, and alumni, and they extended thanks to all the staff who worked hard to keep it fresh during the summer season. In order to keep the website as current as possible, the committee requested an annual budget of \$500. The committee was very pleased with the publication of the book “Braves Give Ear: Voices From The Great Central Fire” compiled by David Griffiths. They recommended that camp purchase a second digital camera so that we can keep up with the digital photographic needs of the camp including website, calendar, slide show, and camper/staff recruiting materials. The committee suggested that the administration follow up with the practice of putting Main Idea group photos in Governor Hall. The committee looks forward to working with “Chief” to develop a marketing plan for campers and staff, and to improve outreach of our alumni and friends.

#### EVALUATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES – “Mander” Steve Murray, chair

The committee is instituting a new evaluation of “Chief” in his role as Camp Director (as opposed to Executive Director of Agawam Council) drawing on three areas including a self evaluation, Parent Questionnaires, and Senior Staff feedback. Both “Chief” and the committee are looking forward to working with this new format. The committee will also continue to collect board member evaluations on their own board service, and will continue to evaluate the work and success of our board in comparison with other peer institutions. They look forward to interpreting the results from Agawam’s involvement with the American Camp Association’s national study of camper participant outcomes.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE – “Capt” John Schmidt, chair

The committee nominated and the board approved the following:

- Board Officers: President – Bob Demont; Vice President and Treasurer – Frank Anthony; Secretary – Bob Fryer
- Elected to second three-year Board terms: Andy Greene, Bob Demont, Bob Fryer, and Peter Wilson
- Elected to first three-year Board terms: Scott Degerberg, Steve Slovenski, and Karin Whitten

The committee extended grateful thanks for the service of retiring Board Members Peter Esty, Tim

Crane, and George Gould. The committee nominated, and the Board approved, the election of Elmer Bartels to the status of Life Director of the Agawam Council. The committee is pleased that the Agawam Council Association is now fully functioning and that retiring members Tim Crane and George Gould will be among the first members. Others who wish to stay connected to Agawam in a manner less formal than Board or Committee membership, should consider participating.





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from Maine!

Agawam's recent 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary could not have happened without alumni, parent, and grandparent support. If you have ever made a gift, told others about Agawam, or referred a camper or staff member to us, you have made an important contribution that is very much appreciated.

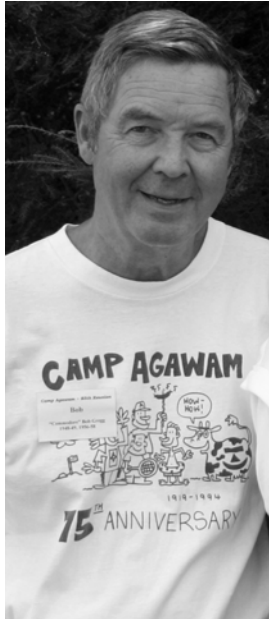
Still, you may wonder what else you can do to make a difference, or what Agawam currently needs to ensure its continued service to young boys in the future. Here are just three more ideas for you to consider:

- 1) Volunteer a few days for the Main Idea program so we can increase the number of boys we serve from last year's 93 to next year's 105. You will find it fun, rewarding, and a great way to reconnect with camp if you have been away for a while;
- 2) Join the Agawam Council Association to share your ideas and perspective and support Agawam on a more informal basis than would otherwise be the case as an Agawam Council Board or Committee member;
- 3) Just keep on doing what you are doing or do more if you have the time and resources!

We cannot afford to rest on our laurels, so I can assure you that the Board and full-time staff are working diligently to provide the resources to develop the best seasonal staff possible, to recruit campers, and to strategically plan for the future. We will keep you informed as Agawam moves forward. Meanwhile, thank you for the many ways you are helping us fulfill our mission.

Sincerely,

"Coach" Bob Demont ('74)  
President, Agawam Council





**AGAWAM COUNCIL  
2004-2005**

**OFFICERS:**

Bob Demont ('74) ~ President  
Frank Anthony ('68-'73;'75-'76;'78) ~ Vice President  
and Treasurer  
Bob Fryer ('70-'74;'78-'79) ~ Secretary

**LIFE DIRECTORS:**

Elmer Bartels ('50-'60)  
Pete Caesar ('58-'61;'63;'65-'71)  
Matt Gardner ('50-'61)

**TERM DIRECTORS:**

Lang Bell ('48-'50)  
Sandy Campbell ('58-'62;'65-'69;'71;'73)  
Jim Carroll ('81-'83)  
Alex Cobb ('85-'88;'90-'92)  
Scott Degerberg ('68-'74;'76-'77;'84)  
Jim Durrell ('62-'66;'69-'73;'76;'80)  
Jack Gorby ('47-'48;'50;'55)  
Peter Gould ('72)  
Andy Greene ('72-'75)  
Mark Jones ('75-'82;'84;'86;'88;'91;'97)  
Tony Mason ('50-'56;'58-'59;'64)  
Steve Murray ('74-'76;'80-'81)  
Steve Nash ('70-'72;'75;'80-'81)  
Rich Schaberg ('78;'80;'83)  
John Schmidt ('65-'69;'71-'74)  
Steve Slovenski ('63-'67;'69-'70)  
Karin (Johnson) Whitten ('86;'90-'92;'95-'96)  
Peter Wilson ('79-'82;'84-'87)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Dave Ames ('83-'86;'88-'89;'91)  
Howard Blum ('71-'76)  
John Calhoun ('54-'55;'59;'60-'62;'00)  
Bill Glass ('61-'67;'69)  
Bob Gregg, Jr. ('48-'49;'56-'58)  
Bob Gregg, III ('79-'82;'84-'90)  
Bob Holland ('70-'72;'75-'77)  
Peter Mason ('66-'74;'76-'80)  
P.D. Merrill ('54-'57)  
Steve O'Leary ('67-'68;'71-'72)  
Mike Pescatello ('53-'54;'56-'59;'62)  
Dave Pragoff\* ('87-'89;'91-'92;'94-'99;'01)  
Oliver Reid ('70-'72;'76;'88)  
Ed Tufaro\* ('90-'99)

\* = *young alumnus representative*

**AGAWAM COUNCIL ASSOCIATION:**

SJ Baxter ('86-'92;'94-'97;'99-'00)  
Eric Calhoun ('57-'62;'67;'69-'70)  
Tim Carnes ('84-'86;'89-'94;'04)  
Tim Crane ('49-'59)  
Simon Gerson ('93-'00;'03)  
George Gould ('57-'71)

**TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS EMERITI:**

Bob Clausen ('34-'43;'47)  
John Esty ('38-'39;'41-'42;'46-'50)  
Dave Mason ('25-'41;'44-'85)  
Peg Mason ('55-'85)

Marsh Schmidt ('36-'41)

**STAFF:**

Bill Auerswald ~ Business Manager  
( '77-'83;'87-'91;'93-'95;'98-'04)  
Bob Bailey ~ Caretaker ('56-'04)  
Judy Blodgett ~ Winter Secretary ('87-'04)  
Diehl Estes ~ Director of Operations ('73-'04)  
Barbara Nelson ~ Bookkeeper and Assistant to the  
Director ('85-'93;'95-'96;'99-'03)  
Garth Nelson ~ Executive Director ('85-'04)  
Janet Ver Planck ~ Summer Secretary ('87-'04)





**THE HIAWATHA SOCIETY**  
**Continuing a tradition...creating a**  
**lasting legacy**

As you plan ahead, please remember Camp Agawam. We invite you to consider leaving your own legacy at Camp Agawam.

Whatever your connection to Agawam, your planned gift will help sustain the dreams of The Governor and Mother Mason, Ap, George, Dave, and so many generations of Agawam campers, staff, and parents.

A planned gift can take several forms. Your financial or estate planner can help you sort out the many tax advantages of each.

- *Leave a gift in your will to Camp Agawam – a specific dollar amount, or a percentage of your assets. Your gift can be in the form of cash or a different asset – real estate, mutual funds, stocks, bonds or other items of value. Often, these non-cash gifts can provide tax savings.*
- *You can name Agawam as a beneficiary of your pension or retirement account.*
- *You can name Agawam as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy – one you hold now, or a new one you purchase specifically for this purpose*
- *Some people give a close friend or relative suggestions for their own memorial service – favorite songs or reading – along with important details for their obituary. You can request that gifts offered in your memory go to Camp Agawam. These instructions should not be part of your will, which is often not consulted until after a memorial service.*

We were very pleased to recognize and commend founding members of **THE HIAWATHA SOCIETY** at our 85<sup>th</sup> Reunion Alumni Council Fire. Please join with these founding members. We look forward to recognizing founding and sustaining members at future Alumni Council Fires.

To become a member of **THE HIAWATHA SOCIETY**, please notify Garth Nelson at the Agawam Winter Office (30 Fieldstone Lane, Hanover, MA, 02339; [chief@campagawam.org](mailto:chief@campagawam.org)), of your intention to include Camp Agawam in your estate plan. Those who join **THE HIAWATHA SOCIETY**, by making a lifetime financial commitment to Agawam, honor the legend of **HIAWATHA**, as well as the Agawam Family.

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