

I always feel challenged when I start to prepare my annual greeting for the *Alumni News*. How am I going to capture the essence of an increasingly busy Camp season in a space small enough to beckon readership? An advantage we have as an institution is stability and tradition. I feel it's incumbent on me to reassure you that our programs and traditions at Agawam remain strong and meaningful. Those key aspects of Agawam, combined with alumni involvement, continue to produce the desired affects on young people we seek in our mission.

One of the high points of each summer, the Main Idea week (our 36<sup>th</sup>) was especially satisfying in 2006. Our largest camper group ever, 107 boys, aged 9 – 14, arrived on June 17, met by a fine seasonal Agawam staff and 24 alumni volunteers. This was the second season for 14 year olds at the Main Idea. We have started to establish the same leadership role for them in the Main Idea community as our 15 year olds hold at Camp Agawam, and we enjoyed watching them rise to those challenges. There are many more boys from our neighboring communities who we would like to serve at the Main Idea, and we are seeking new ways to expand that part of our programming.

Camp Agawam's 87<sup>th</sup> season was a huge success, hosting a somewhat bursting camper group and supported by a fine and very hard working summer staff. The diverse camper group included 108 returning campers (78%), 32 sons, grandsons or other relatives of alumni, 17 international campers (12%), and 28 boys supported by our campership program (7 of whom started at Agawam as Main Idea campers). The program was very busy, with trips, intercamp competitions, Ag-Wam events, Councils, Vespers, Awards Ceremonies regattas and Korona runs accenting the daily assigned, specialty and optional activity periods. Seven quick weeks flew by and Camp became eerily quiet again on August 15!

But, as has been the case now for 17 summers, service to youth continued as Agawam hosted the coed performing arts camp run by the Seacoast Repertory in Portsmouth, NH. Their program, PAPA Camp, brought together 100 talented boys and girls for 11 days of performance and enjoyment of our campus. It was a difficult not to move about Camp in syncopation with the rhythms of their singing, dancing and percussion groups!

Coincident with PAPA Camp, and separated from it by Mawaga, Agawam extended the use of its newly-irrigated Upper Fields to Team Prep Soccer Camp for the fourth season. Team Prep brings both male and female prep school soccer teams together for five day training sessions during the two weeks after Camp Agawam ends. We are attracted to this camp because it blends good training and competition with excellent presentations regarding nutrition, injury prevention and

treatment, and extensive programs on sportsmanship for the participants.

Community involvement and support has always been central to Agawam's tradition. Agawam's campers and staff are exposed to several community service opportunities in neighboring Raymond and Casco during the summer. But, at this point, the best example of being a good neighbor is the continuing cooperation between Agawam and Raymond Recreation. For four falls now, we have hosted practices and games for over 300 Raymond children who play in the Raymond Rec. Soccer program. So, while peace and quiet reign on the main campus at the end of August, the shouts and laughter of happy kids still echo on our Upper Fields until November!

This year, in addition to the youth services Agawam provided, our organization made important strides with an eye to the future. The Board of Directors of Agawam Council has commenced strategic planning, focused on several key areas, including possible youth development program expansion, increased community partnerships, enhanced alumni relations and activities, and efforts to further bolster the Council's financial capacity and stability. With a keen eye to the critical importance of preserving Agawam's core programs, the Main Idea and Camp Agawam, the Board has asked me to focus my efforts in these areas. To attain other goals, the Board has also realized that a new full time Executive Director was necessary. In the spring, they recruited and hired a fine person, with an extensive camping career, who we welcomed to Agawam in June.

"Guide" Peter Claypoole and I will work closely together to assure that Agawam and its existing initiatives remain vibrant, and to effect the planning and wishes of the Board in other areas. I certainly look forward to reporting our progress and successes in next fall's *Alumni News*!

*"Chig" Garth Nelson*

Garth Nelson ('85-'06)  
Director, Camp Agawam  
Director of Development,  
Agawam Council



## Ags v. Wams 2006

Ag Captain – Kyle Headley of Brooklyn, NY  
Wam Captain – Michael Anderson of Manhasset, NY

### 2006 Season Recap

<u>Ags</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Wams</u>
	Base Relay	5
3	Lower Middle Basketball	
3	Lower Treasure	
3	Upper Middle Track	
5	Swim Relay	
3	Upper Scavenger	
3	Middle Tug-O-War	
3	Upper Track	
3	Lower Middle Baseball	
	Upper Baseball	3
3	Upper Middle Soccer	
	Lower Basketball	3
6	Tennis	6
	Lower Scavenger	3
	Middle Scavenger	3
	Lower Track	3
3	Lower Middle Soccer	
	Lower Middle Track	3
3	Upper Basketball	
	Lacrosse	3
	Sailing	3
	Lower Baseball	3
	Middle Treasure	3
3	Upper Volleyball	
	Lower Soccer	3
3	Upper Middle Baseball	
3	Upper Middle Basketball	
5	Riflery	
5	Archery	
	Upper Soccer	3
	Upper Treasure	3
5	Camping	
<u>6</u>	Pony Express	<u>—</u>
71		50

TOTAL WINS SINCE 1927:

Ags ~ 37      Wams ~ 42      Tie ~ 1



*Ag Captain Kyle Headley and Wam Captain Mike Anderson, were responsible for leading their teams through one of the most exciting Ag / Wam seasons in recent memory.*



*Wam Manuel Barnes awaits the go sign for the base relay on Forbes Field.*

## 2006 Ag v. Wam Season

By "Trapper" Dan Cluchey

The 2006 Ag-Wam season furthered a seventy-nine year old tradition of sportsmanship, spirit, and passionate competition that has long been one of Agawam's most treasured institutions. Thirty-three hard fought events over the course of seven weeks determined the ultimate outcome, but, as always, the most crucial successes of the contests were the gentlemanly conduct and attitudinal excellence exhibited by the boys. Now in the books, the '06 season will be remembered as one of persistence, excitement, and fun.

Leading their teams into battle this summer were long-tenured senior boys Kyle Headley and Mike Anderson of the Ags and Wams, respectively. Anderson's Wams took the Fourth of July Base Relay – Ag-Wam's traditional inception event – in dramatic fashion, the culmination of sixty-four runners from each team coming down to less than a two second differential between the captains when all was said and done. The Ags responded in no uncertain terms, taking each of the next eight events and building an impressive twenty-six to five lead heading into "corn dog Sunday" and the old-timer and upper campus baseball games. Despite the bleak deficit, the Wams refused to quit, taking ten of the following thirteen three-point events – including a three-for-four effort on Super Sunday – and eventually tying the score at fifty points apiece with only four events to go. The Ags, having witnessed their once commanding lead dissolve to nothing, saved their best work for the finish, sweeping Archery, Riflery, the always exhilarating Camping, and Agawam's celebrated zenith, the Pony Express, to close the season with a seventy-one to fifty victory.

Having competed hard and well, the Ags took home their "pennants dear" while the Wams took home the promise of 2007. Another season of collaboration, competition, and brotherhood has come to a close, with the men of Agawam stronger and better friends for it. And so it goes...

## A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Agawam Friends,

The successful 2006 Agawam season is over, our new fiscal year is just beginning and I am thrilled to be entering my first full year as the Executive Director of Agawam Council. It seems like a great time to introduce myself more thoroughly to you and share a brief commentary on Agawam today and tomorrow.

It has been a privilege to meet so many of you over the past few months. For those of you who I have not yet gotten to know, it might be most revealing for you to know that, while I am new to Agawam, I started going to camp when I was eight years old and never really stopped. By now I have been a camp director or executive director for 21 years, served as a summer camp staff person for five years and enjoyed nine glorious summers as a camper, for a total of 35 years at summer camp (so far). Prior to my start with Agawam, I served camping organizations in Michigan and Minnesota. My family and I now live in Portland. We are gradually becoming accustomed to life here in Maine and enjoying it.

My Agawam life began on June 6, 2006 when I arrived at Camp, dropped off my bags and put on a white staff shirt. The plan was to spend the summer at camp and soak up the Camp Agawam experience by being part of the summer staff observing and assisting with Main Idea and the seven week program. It was also a chance to meet and get acquainted with campers, parents, alumni, members of Agawam's Board and even a few Crescent Lake neighbors. What I observed over the course of the summer was an even better run camp operation and tradition than I had expected, and I had expected an outstanding camp.

We have a camp to be proud of from top to bottom, starting with "Chief" Garth Nelson who has led us for 22 years and continues to be a consummate, highly respected camp director. No less significant is the talent, dedication and involvement of our Board of Directors as exemplified by our outgoing President "Coach" Bob Demont and our new President "Bos'n" Frank Anthony. We are supported by a strong team of year-round and seasonal staff. The camp itself is in great shape, maintaining a simple traditional campus with a strong collection of program equipment and facilities. The programs continue to set the standard for character building and personal development for boys. Both the Main Idea program and the seven week Camp Agawam season give boys extraordinary opportunities to learn skills, make positive life long friends, establish healthy habits and learn from the outstanding role models set by the camp staff and volunteers. There continues to be an extra special magic, wonder and joy that flows through each day of camp as manifested in inter-camp tournaments, awards, Ag/Wam competitions, the running of Korona and so many other daily activities and special events. Council Fires still offer mystery, humor and tradition, along with the reinforcing of the Wood Craft Laws, commendations for accomplishments and the affirmation that comes from achieving a Katiaki goal. Most of all, it is the boys themselves who make, as they always have, Agawam so special. It was sheer joy getting to know many of our campers by serving as an instructor at the high ropes course, archery range and even in a sail boat. I did indeed soak up a lot this summer, but I am humbly mindful of how much I have yet to learn and appreciate. I am also dedicated to seeing that these established programs continue and flourish for generations to come.

In addition to affirming the future of our long standing programs at Camp Agawam, I want to assure you all that "Chief" Garth Nelson is still firmly in charge of those programs. To summer camp staff, campers and parents, nothing about "Chief's" role has changed, and we are fortunate for that to be true. With the installation of a new Executive Director, "Chief" will have the opportunity to give even greater attention to assuring a high quality Main Idea program and seven week Camp Agawam season. "Chief" will also continue to serve as our point staff person for fund development. In fact, his role as Director of Development may continue to evolve as we move forward.

I am honored that "Chief" bestowed on me the camp title of "Guide." That title seems fitting for an Executive Director whose job has so much to do with strategic planning and overall management. The Executive Director position is intended to both complement "Chief's" now more focused role and be an expansion of the Executive Director role that "Chief" previously held. In terms of a chart of organization, the Executive Director is the head of all staff and is responsible for overall management, strategic planning and long term development of Agawam's programs, facilities, human resources, financial affairs and all other assets. Along with the Board of Directors, the Executive Director is the primary shepherd of Agawam's mission. Accordingly, much of my job is working with the Board of Directors to shape plans and policies and then work to turn those plans and policies into actions and accomplishments.

Speaking of plans and accomplishments, we have opened a new year-round headquarters located at the corner of Routes 302 and 115 in Windham, Maine. Most of the contents of the Hanover office have been moved to Maine. A smaller office in Hanover has been retained as a work place for "Chief." However, "Chief" will be at the office in Maine at least twice a month as well. The Windham office site was selected for various reasons including its location half way between Camp and Portland and its proximity to many of the vendors and other services we rely on throughout the year and especially during the summer. Look to the head of this letter for the complete address and phone number for the new office.

As we move ahead, you can expect that the Main Idea and seven week Camp Agawam programs that have defined Agawam thus far will continue and be well cared for. You can also expect that Agawam will seek out new and complementary ways to carry on in the spirit established by the Masons to provide exceptional character building, life shaping programs of fun and adventure. Over the coming months I will continue working with the Board and staff to refine a strategic vision and plan for Agawam Council and Camp Agawam. That plan will be a comprehensive one attending to existing and emerging programs, human resources, financial development, property, facilities, equipment, public relations and marketing.

I am always very happy to talk with anyone who cares about Agawam and I invite you to call, write or visit. I look forward to hearing your suggestions and concerns, responding to your questions and enjoying your Agawam stories.

Sincerely,



Peter A. Claypoole (Guide)  
Executive Director





## Awards Night Closing Ceremonies

On awards night on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the following boys were recognized:

Governor Trophy – Robert Reichenbach of Manhasset, NY

Cargill Trophy – Cam Panno of Larchmont, NY

Mason Trophy – Sam French of Rye, NY

Agawam Council Trophy – For Leadership  
Zach Ellin of Phoenix, AZ

The following boys were selected as members of the Totem Society:

Cameron DuPont Copeland Panno of Larchmont, NY

Zachary Scott Ellin of Phoenix, AZ

Robert Matthew Reichenbach of Manhasset, NY

Please join us next year for Awards Night Closing Ceremonies on Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007!



*The 15-year-olds performed the Indian Peace Pipe Ceremony at Grand Council.*



*Sinewa Tribal Chief, Carl Jones. Fellow 15-year-old Reed Miller smiles in the foreground.*



*The Great Central Fire*



*Sachem Masconomo calls to the Gods of the Four Winds.*



*Totem member "Slugger" Chris Hayes keeps a close eye on the braves as they enter Council.*



*Wingfoot Tribal Chief Guillermo Barnes leads his tribe into Council.*

Beauty

Truth



Fortitude

Love

## Important Upcoming Events

Agawam Ski Week: 12/26/06-12/31/06

For more information: [supercoach@campagawam.org](mailto:supercoach@campagawam.org)

Agawam Council Winter Meetings: 02/03/07 – 02/04/07

For more information: [guide@campagawam.org](mailto:guide@campagawam.org)

Washington DC Alumni Gathering: 03/10/07

For more information: [supercoach@campagawam.org](mailto:supercoach@campagawam.org)

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Work Days: 06/02/07 – 06/03/07

For more information: [supercoach@campagawam.org](mailto:supercoach@campagawam.org)

37<sup>th</sup> Main Idea Program: 06/16/07 – 06/22/07

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88<sup>th</sup> Camp Agawam Season: 06/27/07 – 08/14/07

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11<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Marathon for Maine Camperships – 08/16/07

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Agawam Council Summer Meetings: 08/18/07–08/19/07

For more information: [guide@campagawam.org](mailto:guide@campagawam.org)

## 36<sup>th</sup> Main Idea a “Great Week!”

By: Bob Dow, Main Idea Alumnus, Volunteer, and  
Agawam Council Board Member

The 36<sup>th</sup> week of The Main Idea at Camp Agawam started off as usual with volunteers and counselors finishing breakfast just as the first, very excited camper, rolled into camp! Shortly after the new cabin-mates and sometimes-old Main Idea friends, met each other and got re-acquainted, activities began. Any observer taking a quick look around Camp could see campers enjoying activities like: riflery, archery, basketball, lacrosse, soccer, volleyball, arts & crafts, and of course swimming, sailing, and boating in the refreshing Crescent Lake.

The next few days proved to be much of the same good fun until a brief but intense storm sent everyone up to Governor Hall for Skit Night! Cabins prepared skits and the campers sang many of the great old Camp Agawam songs until it was time for bed. Every morning the campers tried to outnumber the counselors at morning dip and managed to succeed on one occasion! In many evenings throughout the week boys played great games of Buzzball, Cops and Robbers, and Pom-Pom-Pullaway, which was a sure way to earn a “walk through” in Crescent Lake, in order to cool down before bedtime. For the 14-year-olds, one evening included a trip to a Portland Seadogs game, courtesy of Demont & Associates! The boys were good luck, as the Seadogs came back to win the game 7-3! This year also featured the first Main Idea Gathering for past Main Idea campers. The event was attended by 5 former campers who were excited to be back to enjoy dinner and attend the first camp fire!

Finally as camp was winding down we had our last of two Camp Fires during the week. Boys competed in many different challenges like two fingered pole balancing, cat on the back fence contests, and the much loved “Ring of Fire Songfest”, in which the challenger Reed Bridge-Konigsberg defeated “Skipper” Dru McMullan! Magician extraordinaire “General” Jared Patton wowed the boys with his disappearing banana...err...bandana. And volunteer “General” Keller Glass contributed by performing a song on his Guitar, not to be outdone by his father, Bill Glass, who wowed the boys with a story about a cow and a trumpet! The Camp Fire featured many nature reports, as well as commendations which were given by the staff in recognition of positive behavior shown by the boys during the week. Chief presented several awards, which were voted on by the entire staff, recognizing several boys for their achievements over the course of the week. Caleb Young was chosen as “Best Sportsman,” Nate Mefford was chosen as the “Friendliest” camper, Greg Locke was chosen as the camper with the “Best Camp Spirit”, and finally Dylan Haley and David Mead both received recognition for outstanding “Leadership” in the 14 year old class. All 25 volunteers received visors and Main Idea T-shirts and every camper also received a Main Idea T-shirt to take

home as a memento of their week, as well as a copy of the inaugural Main Idea Telegraph which chronicled the week.

Camp came to a close on Friday after a wonderful cookout dinner, which was attended by all of the boys and many of their family members. Anyone listening could hear boys talking about their favorite events of the past week, new friendships they made, and their anticipation for next year’s Main Idea! It’s clear that a great week was had by all! See you next year!

A special thank you to all our Main Idea Volunteers who took the time or of their busy schedules to help make the 36<sup>th</sup> Main Idea possible.

“Cox’n” Eric Andrews  
“Lt.” Mark Andrews  
“Bos’n” Frank Anthony  
“Major” Julia Bensen  
Bob Dow  
“Guide” Christopher Drake  
Mike Forbes  
Ted Forbes  
Bill Glass  
“General” Keller Glass  
Dave Griffiths  
Will Griffiths  
BJ Grondin  
“Scout” Bosco Li  
“Bowman” Scott Malm  
“Scout” Pat McClellan  
“Major” Baird McIlvain  
Nick Norena  
“Ski” Lorraine Olsheski  
“Scout” Craig Pattengill  
“Bos’n” Buffy Small  
Hunter Sprole  
Brian Ustas  
Peter Wilson, Sr.  
Cody Winde



*Mike Forbes and Bill Glass at the sandbar, while volunteering at Main Idea.*



*A Main Idea Camper, Staff, and Volunteers from left to right: Isaiah Charles, “Major” Julia Bensen, “Admiral” Stephanie Long, and “Scout” Bosco Li.*



*Campers, Staff and Volunteers at the 36<sup>th</sup> Main Idea*



## Fifteen-Year-Olds Say Goodbye on High Note

18 fifteen-year-olds arrived at Camp Agawam this June anxious to make the most of their final summer. Soon after they had settled into their cabins, they were off to Baxter State Park for the Acadia Trip. Over the next 3 days they would cook their own meals, climb 80 foot cliffs, hike, and bike mountain trails. But most importantly the Acadia trip provided a unique opportunity for the 15-year-old class to get to know each other better, and to gel as a group. The importance of the leadership provided by the 15-year-old class at Camp cannot be underestimated, and the leadership and performance of this year's class was a key ingredient the success of the 2006 summer. They were a busy group containing both Ag and Wam captains, 6 Ag and Wam lieutenants, 4 Tribal Chiefs, and each boy completed and was awarded his Woodcrafter. Once again they delighted Council by performing the Indian Peace Pipe Ceremony, competed in numerous inter-camp events, and traveled around Maine and New Hampshire on a number of hiking and canoe trips. It was a busy but fun summer, and each boy was sad to see it come to a close. Looking back over their time spent as campers at Agawam they can see a combined 95 summers spent on the shores of Crescent Lake, equaling 12 years and 10 months of loyalty to Camp. They will be missed, but we hope to see them back soon.



*2006 Camp Agawam 15-year-old class*



*2006 Camp Agawam Upper Campus*

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>AGAWAM YEARS:</b>	<b>TRIBUTE WRITTEN BY:</b>	<b>WOODCRAFTER IN:</b>
Michael Anderson	6	"Admiral" Stephanie Long	Baseball
Carl Jones	3	"Dodger" Andrew Phillips	Basketball
Richard Griffiths	5	"Dodger" Andrew Phillips	Soccer
Drew Shaeffer	5	"Doc" Joel Wylie	Challenge
Zach Ellin	7	"Doc" Scott Pragoff	Soccer
George Williams	7	"Skipper" Dru McMullan	Sailing
Andrew Moran	5	"Corp" Ted McDermott	Tennis
Robert Reichenbach	4	"Slugger" Chris Hayes	Baseball
Kyle Headley	4	"Swampy" Jimmy Forbes	Soccer
Morgan Phillips	7	"General" Jared Patton	Basketball
Guillermo Barnes	8	"Mate" Taylor Gotfredson	Soccer
Sam French	4	"Trapper" Dan Cluchey	Ranger Trail
Tim Jablonski	3	"Slugger" Chris Hayes	Baseball
Alex Liggett	3	"Mate" Taylor Gotfredson	Windsurfing
Reed Miller	6	"FM" Mike Hourigan	Lacrosse
Matt Reilly	6	"SuperCoach" Mark Hogan	Lacrosse
Cam Panno	8	"Major" Duncan Phillips	Soccer
Charlie Mosher	4	"Admiral" Sam Rogers	Challenge
Total Summers:	95		
Average # of Summers:	5.3		

## Alumni Work Weekend!

Sadly, our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Work Weekend was cancelled this year due to rain. As you'll remember early June saw much rain, which provided us with a green start to the summer, but also prevented us from working outside and painting, the two main activities at the work day! Between the drops though a few Alumni dropped by for a few hours of help, as Allie Thayer, and Dave and Cathy Griffiths all came by to lend a hand.

Please mark 06/02/07 – 06/03/07 down in your calendars so you can attend next year's Alumni Work Weekend and help out at camp, whether it's for a full two days or just an hour, any help is appreciated and we'd love to see you! Contact "SuperCoach" Mark Hogan for more information at [supercoach@campagawam.org](mailto:supercoach@campagawam.org) or 207-892-1200.

## In Memoriam

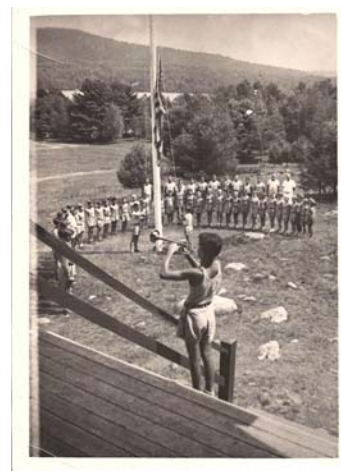
We were saddened to learn of the passing of these Agawam alums, and pass our sympathies on to families and friends.

Frank Foss ('22)  
Richard Betts ('48-'47)  
William H. Phinney ('47)  
Robert H. Clark ('25-'28)

We are also saddened to report the passing of **Connie Mason**, the wife of former Camp Agawam Director, Ap Mason. Ap and Connie were a dynamic team, that helped to run and shape Agawam as it grew and evolved into the organization it is today. Connie is remembered fondly by those that knew her. In 2004 Connie received the Sachem Award in recognition of over 50 years of service to Camp. Dave Mason, Ap's brother and Connie's brother-in-law, remembers that Connie was "a very kind and caring person who would go out of her way to help others." "Sarge" Bob Dills ('31-'41;'46) remembers that when Ap first brought Connie to Camp "all of us Junior Counselors fell in love!" In fact many people remember Connie's beauty, but she'll always be in our hearts for her friendly, warm manner, and her dedication to Camp.



15-year-olds Robert Reichenbach and Zach Ellin



*Flag Raising circa 1940. The bugle is being blown from the steps of Mason Hall. The flag pole has since been moved down to its present location by Center Field Rock.*

## News Of Alumni

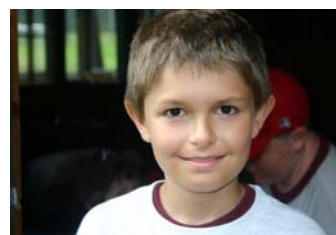
Let us know what you are up to so we can include your news in next years issue – [supercoach@campagawam.org](mailto:supercoach@campagawam.org) or write Mark Hogan, 744 Roosevelt Trail, Suite 103, Windham, ME 04062

**Bob Cornell ('36-'37;'39)** – has moved to a retirement community in Bloomfield, CT, which he and his wife Pat have enjoyed very much!

**John Todd ('38;'42-'44)** – writes: "still plugging along but not like I was twenty years ago as a volunteer at pre-camp and during Main Idea week! I go to the ranch one or two days per week, so keeping active!"

**John Duncklee ('39-'42;'44-'45)** – is an accomplished author of books for young adults which center on characters living in the Wild West. He has written many books which have received critical acclaim, and 6 are available on his website [www.home.earthlink.net/~jpduncklee/](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~jpduncklee/). John was kind enough to donate 6 books to Agawam this summer. They are available in the Mason / Yale Playroom Library.

**R. Murray Campbell, Jr. ('44-'48;'52)** – is living in Bristol, NH. He recently finished building his retirement home, an insulated concrete form home. He moved in in February of this year.



First year camper Peter Wilson, 10, is the son of "Admiral" Peter Wilson, Jr. ('79-'82;'84-'87).

**John F. Foster ('45-'48; '50-'54)** – reports having lunch with “Bos’n” **John Esty ('38-'39; '41-'42; '46-'50)** on his way to Agawam in August, 2005. He then watched the Annual Agawam Invitational Tennis Tournament with **Dave Mason ('25-'41; '44-'85)**. They reminisced about having initiated the tournament in 1954!

**Matt Gardner ('50-'61)** – has been appointed Co-Executive Director of the World Affairs Council of Maine. “Colonel” continues to live in Yarmouth, ME, with his wife Judy.

**Hanson S. Reynolds ('52-'54)** – rode in a 68 mile charity bike ride from Boston to Cape Cod in September, 2005, with his son Charlie. “Gunner” was the oldest rider, and Charlie was the youngest!

**Peter Truebner ('53-'58)** – welcomed his first grandchild into the world when his son **Stephen ('85-'87)**, who lives in Colorado and recently started a political consulting firm, and his wife had their daughter Clara (10mos.).



*Before there were 15 passenger vans to transport campers, there was “the truck!” This photo was taken in the summer of 1956.*

**A. Lawrence Barr ('61-'62)** – “Ranger” continues to live and sell real-estate in the Monadnock region of southwest New Hampshire.

**Tom Miller ('64-'67)** – has retired from RHR International after 20 years in management consulting. “Cox’n”, who lives in Colorado, is looking forward to some travel for fun!

**Thomas Castle, Jr. ('69)** – is still practicing orthopedic surgery in Bellevue, WA.

**Dan Esty ('69-'70)** – was named Hillhouse Professor of Environmental Law and Policy at Yale University.

**Peter Slovenski ('69-'72; '75-'76; '82-'84)** – is the Mens and Womens track coach at Bowdoin College, in Brunswick, ME. “Corp” is also the Director of the Bowdoin College Track Camp.

**Oliver Reid ('70-'72; '76;'88)** – was presented with the Presidential Scholars Teacher Recognition Award in

Washington, DC, this past June, for work he did at the Park School in Baltimore, MD. One of “Trapper’s” students, who was named a Presidential Scholar, nominated him as his most influential teacher!

**Paul Slovenski ('70-'80)** – is the Athletic Director at Bayview Glen School in Toronto, Canada.

**John Edwards ('71-'73)** – and his wife Debbie are now splitting their time between their home in Woodbridge, CT, and their second home in Hilton Head, SC. “Bos’n” would love to hear from friends from the '71-'75 summers!

**Nick Bearce ('72-'75)** – and his wife Amy welcomed Elizabeth Hope and Laura Ann on December 3, 2005. They both lead canoe trips at Cold River Camp. They recently took 3 and a half weeks off this summer and toured the East Coast.

**Frank Blauvelt, Jr. ('72-'79; '81-'82; '85-'86)** – has two children, a son, Buddy and a daughter, Kiana. “General” lives in Rangeley, Maine, with his wife Michelle and works with Border Patrol.

**Jim Jaeger ('72-'73)** – owns and operates a horse farm off of Rt. 114 in Gorham, ME, called Vienna Farm, with his wife. He is looking forward to visiting Camp when time permits.

**Mike Hering ('74-'77; '79)** – is living in Bethesda, MD, with his wife Elizabeth and two children, Grace and Caleb.

**Andrew Castle ('75-'78)** – recently moved to Berwyn, PA, from Rhode Island.

**Robert Koehler ('75-'79)** – currently lives in Redwood City, CA, working in international sales training and performance consulting for Hewlett Packard.



*“Mander” Jon Alpern, “Dodger” Andrew Phillips, and “Corp” Ted McDermott helped lead the 2006 Acadia Trip. This photo was taken at Otter Cliffs in Acadia National Park.*

**Scott Malm ('76-'80; '82-'86; '88-'04)** - continues to enjoy working on Sebago Lake as a Manager at Migis Lodge. Many Agawam families spend some time at Migis each summer and “Bowman” always enjoys sending camper prospects over to Camp for a tour. Agawam is well represented on the Migis Staff with **Jed Porta ('89-'90)**, “**Slugger**” **Tyler Peterson ('04-'05)**, “**Doc**” **Joel Wylie ('03;'05-'06)**, and “**Skipper**” **Dru McMullan**



(’94-’98;’00-’01;’04-’06). “Bowman” continues to be involved with camping, serving on the American Camp Association as an Accreditation Visitor and a member of the Section Standards Committee. He was also generous enough to lend his time and expertise at Camp throughout this summer. Whether he’s playing the Bugle or just lending a hand, it’s always great to see “Bowman” at Camp!

**Lorraine Olsheski (’76;’81)** – is living in Scottsdale, Arizona, where she is the Vice President of Care Management for Ab Mayo Health Care. “Ski” enjoys playing as many golf courses in the area as possible and also takes trips from the desert to the AZ Mountains in the summer to escape the heat. She really got away from the desert heat this summer by making it back to Camp for Main Idea!

**Bill Auerswald (’77-’82;’87-’91;’93-’95;’98-’06)** and **Emily Auerswald (’01-’05)** – have settled with new Golden Retriever “Igby” in Annapolis, MD. “Bos’n” left Camp Agawam’s Business Manager position in July to begin his new job as Business Manager at Indian Creek School, an independent day school in Crownsville, MD. He and “Ensign” are excited to have leadership roles at the school as they open a new Upper (High School) division. He can now be reached at [bauerswald@alum.colby.edu](mailto:bauerswald@alum.colby.edu).



*“Bos’n” Bill Auerswald enjoyed his last few weeks at Camp before heading off to start his new job at the Indian Creek School this past July.*

**Chris Cloney (’77-’79;’85;’88)** – has two children, Nicholas, 4, and Annabel, 2. “FM” writes: “The arrival of our two children has kept us pretty busy, but a Camp visit is in the works for next summer!”

**Scott Hobbs (’77-’79;’81;’85)** – is still involved in large scale custom home building in southern Connecticut. “Commodore” lives in New Canaan.

**Harold Van Lonkhuyzen (’77-’79;’81-’82)** – visited camp last summer with his son Nathaniel to visit his nephews **Andrew (’99-’05)** and **Will Gwozdz (’01-’06)**. “Lt.” writes: “It was great to see them flourishing, and also the Camp. I was impressed by the continuity of the additions as well as the appropriate innovations. It’s nice to know Agawam is still a place where good things happen.”

**Scott Barnard (’78-’81;’83)** – is enjoying traveling the West Coast as the regional sales manager for Orthofix, a medical device manufacturer. He would love to hear from others in the San Diego, LA area at [scottbarnard@orthofix.com](mailto:scottbarnard@orthofix.com). Scott has two sons, Ross and Pete, and both hope to be campers in a few years!

**Mark Ames (’79-’82;’84-’86)** – and his wife Alicia welcomed a baby girl named Anna Morgan Ames this past year. “Mander” is living in New York City and working for Lehman Brothers.

**John Booth, Jr. (’79-’82;’84;’88)** – continues work on his live music promotion site [www.fansurge.com](http://www.fansurge.com). “General” is looking to expand to several large US cities by designing a rep program.

**Tad Hershey (’79-’84;’87-’88;’90-’91;’97)** – was married to Margaretta Robertson on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006! “Doc” Scott Pragoff (’90-’95;’98-’02;’04-’06) and “Guide” Dave Pragoff (’87-’89;’91-’92;’94-’99;’01) were in the wedding party, and “Slugger” SJ Baxter (’86-’92;’94-’97;’99-’00) was in attendance. “Ensign” proposed in October, 2005 on the top of Rattlesnake Mountain, and then gave her the ring on the shores of Crescent Lake! He and Margaretta were able to make it up to Camp for a visit this summer. “Ensign” is an Art teacher at Upland Country Day School, in Pennsylvania, and lives just across the state line in Wilmington, DE.

**Matt Lovell (’79-’82)** – writes: “From San Francisco, Agawam seems far away, but it was great to visit during the summer of 2004. I hope “General” John Booth (’79-’82;’84;’88), “Swampy” Carter Holland (’79-’80;’82;’84;’88), “Commodore” Bob Gregg (’79-’82;’84-’90), Corky Walsh (’79-’82;’84), David Richards (’79-’82), “Mander” Mark Ames (’79-’82;’84-’86) and others are doing well!”

**Ben Wallace (’79-’83)** – is living in Philadelphia and writing a narrative non-fiction book, for Random House, about a cache of rare wine discovered in the 1980’s and said to have belonged to Thomas Jefferson.



*“Admiral” Sam Rogers and “Trapper” Dan Cluchey showcase their copious talents while hosting a skit night this summer. “Admiral” was the Lower Middle Campus Unit Head and Assistant Waterfront Director, while “Trapper” was an Ag/Wam Coordinator as well as the Head of Ranger Trail.*

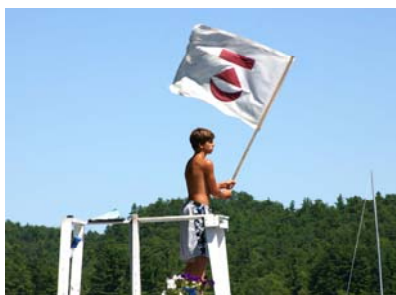
**Alex Ewig ('80-'81;'83;'86)** – is the proud father of 4 children, Trip, 9, Charlie, 8, Katie, 2, and Christian, 1! “Life is good! And Trip is interested in becoming a camper next year when he’s 10!”

**Dan Kane ('80-'83)** – is back living in San Francisco, CA, with his wife Katherine. They spent the last year and a half traveling in Patagonia and other places.

**Peter Basgaier ('81-'84)** – is working in and writing for the theatre, in New York City, as well as regionally. “I remember my Agawam days as some of the best days of my childhood.” He would love to hear from friends at peterbis@hotmail.com.

**John McManus ('81-'85;'87-'88)** – has just celebrated the second anniversary of his founding The McManus Group, in Washington, DC, which is a consulting and lobbying firm specializing in health care issues. His son Jack, 5, is looking forward to helping lead the Ags to victory in a few years when he goes to Agawam! “Sarge” sees “**Ranger**” John Clark ('80-'84;'87-'88;'90-'91;'99), “**Cruiser**” James Nelligan ('83-'86;'88), and “**Skipper**” Tim Nelligan ('87-'90;'94) often, accompanied by their growing families!

**Bill Kurtz ('82-'83;'87;'89)** – “General” and his wife Gretchen are living in Denver, CO, where “General” is the Head of School at the Denver School for Science and Technology (DSST), an 18-month charter school. The DSST was featured in the May, 2006 Newsweek cover story called, “What Makes a High School Great?”. The Kurtz’s have 3 children including their newborn, Caroline Sophia Kurtz. She was 7 lbs, 6 oz and 20 1/2 inches long. “General” jokes that he may soon have to stop running The DSST and begin running the Kurtz home school, as enrollment seems to keep going up!



**Rich Stanton ('82-'83;'85)** – has three children, Jack, Catherine, and Fiona. He is a realtor in Montclair, NJ, where he also lives.

**E. Hayden Thompson ('82-'83;'88)** – writes from Hendersonville, NC, where he lives with his wife Lois: “Our experience at Agawam was one of the highlights of our life! We enjoy every bit of news!”

**Yoshi Yamada ('82-'87)** – was married in July, 2005 and lives in Brooklyn, NY.

**Tim Coughlin ('83-'84)** – is living in Boston with his wife Kristine, and their one year old son Joshua. Tim works for Translations.com.



*The brothers Jablonski. Matt(l) spent the summer in Mason Lodge and Tim(r) was in the cabin of Cornell.*

**Fred ('83-'91;'94) and Catherine ('90-'91;'94) Dockery** – were able to make it up to Maine in mid-June for a visit to Agawam. “Doc” and “Major” brought their children, Carlisle, Evan, and Emma. The Dockery’s reside in Charleston, SC, where “Doc” is a fisherman.

**James Nelligan ('83-'86;'88)** – writes: “Life is good in Redondo Beach. Happily married for 8 years with two boys, Cameron, 5, and Dylan, 3. My brother “**Skipper**” Tim Nelligan ('87-'90;'94) just had a boy, Mason (that’s right!) in July, 2005. So Agawam will have a few Nelligans coming in the future!”

**Emile Rodrigue ('83-'87)** – “Swampy” and his wife Gale are doing well, living in Fairfield, ME. He is still teaching in MSAD # 49, and trying each day to enjoy the experience to the fullest. He says: “Teaching is one of those jobs which, if you do it well, gets harder and more challenging each year. I often think of my Agawam experiences, and those memories continue to bring a smile to my face, and even after nearly 20 years, to quote “Doc” Dockery, “they still make my heart sing!”

**Pierre Sorel ('83-'85)** – lives and works in London, England with his wife Mary Ann. They have 2 children, Natalie and Joseph.

**Brian Spence ('83-'88;'90-'92)** – and his wife Kirsten bought a farm in Orford, New Hampshire. “FM” is still working as an anesthesiologist at Dartmouth – Hitchcock Medical Center, and is also on the medical school faculty. He enjoys taking care of the other “FM” Spence, his daughter Fiona M.! Kirsten, who is a large-animal vet at the Lyme Veterinary Clinic, takes care of the cows, 2 cats, 2 dogs, 2 donkeys (“don’t ask”), and pony on their farm. What a bargain! In February Kirsten was featured in the Life & Leisure section of the Valley News in an article called “Day in The Life of a Large-Animal Vet!”

**Michael Rubinstein ('84-'89;'91)** – is an actor living in Los Angeles, California. He goes by the stage name Michael Weston, and has several major film and TV appearances to his credit. Among them, *Coyote Ugly*, *Hart’s War*, *Garden State*, *The Dukes of Hazard*, and most recently *The Last Kiss*, as well as *ER*, *Six Feet Under*, and *Monk*.

**Crawford Byers ('85-'87;'89-'91)** – is living in Breckenridge, CO, and working for Rocky Mountain Entertainment, booking concerts in Vail and Breckenridge. He writes: "I miss Agawam often, and hope to get back for a visit soon. I'll always credit Agawam with instilling so many of the values that serve me in adulthood. I grew a lot at Camp, especially during my years as a counselor. Please send my best to everyone!"

**Craig Haims ('85-'86)** – works for the REAL School in Windham, ME, an adventure-based alternative high school where he teaches integrated studies and facilitates outdoor programs. "Cox'n" lives in Portland with his wife Jane, and their two daughters, Wilson, 4 and Emma, 2. He writes: "I'm so glad to hear that Agawam and the Main Idea are still going strong! I frequently think of Agawam and my good days there."

**Philippe Marozeau ('85-'86)** – has been living in Geneva, Switzerland, for the past 6 years. He has 2 boys, the eldest is 7 years old, and he hopes he'll come to Agawam in 2008! Philippe and his wife founded the first wedding planning firm in Switzerland ([www.mariage-sans-soucis.com](http://www.mariage-sans-soucis.com)) and can be reached at [pm@mariage-sans-soucis.com](mailto:pm@mariage-sans-soucis.com).

**Ignacio Mendez ('85-'87;'92)** – is living in Miami, FL, and has 3 children. 2 sons, Santiago, 8, and Gabriel, 4, and one daughter, Senara, 5.

**Jesse Sunenblick ('85-'89)** – is living in New York City, where he is a journalist and writes for University Publications.

**Pierce Sunenblick ('85-'89;'93)** – lives in Portland, ME. "Corp" is a freelance creative writer.



*This year's Senior Club was a busy group! From L to R: Matt McMorris, "Capt" Diehl Estes, Peter Murphy, Sam Murray, Jake Sandler, Ted Moran, Mike Hauge, Nick Phillips, and John Aloian.*

**SJ Baxter ('86-'92;'94-'97;'99-'00)** – lives in Alexandria, VA with his wife Shelby. Both "Slugger" and Shelby welcomed their daughter Emilia Beatrice Baxter, on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006. "Slugger" continues to work for Korn/Ferry International, an executive search firm in Washington, DC.

**Colin Dwyer ('86-'91)** – finished Stanford Business School in 2005. After graduation he explored the west coast and drove across the U.S. He now works for a company called ASFYMAX, which has 75 employees. They have raised \$150 million in capital so far, with a public offering coming soon. The company is working on a new drug to treat Anemia.

**Damon Francis ('86-'93;'96)** – is working for Wells Fargo and living in San Diego, California.

**Gavin Oxman ('86-'90;'93-'94)** – is attending Wharton Business school in Philadelphia, PA. "Guide" writes: "For the past two years (2003-2005) I worked in Togo, Africa, as a business advisor with the Peace Corps. I thought of Agawam frequently during my time there. You will be happy to know that I taught a village school how to play "Pom Pom Pullaway" on a hot and dusty afternoon! Best wishes!"

**Yann Pigeaire ('86-'89;'93-'94)** – is still living in Yardley, PA with his wife Virginia and their pets! "Chips" says: "Hello to all alumni!"

**Karin Whitten ('86;'90-'92;'95-'96)** – and her husband Donny welcomed Jonathan D. Whitten into their family on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006. "Gimpy" writes: "He weighed in at 9lbs and 3oz. and was 21.5 inches tall! Jenna is very happy to have a "little" brother!"

**Keith Baxter ('87-'96;'98)** – is living Washington, DC. "Colonel" works for UnumProvident in employee benefits sales. He enjoys seeing his brother "Slugger" **SJ Baxter ('86-'92;'94-'97;'99-'00)** often, as well as several other Agawam Alum's!



*A member of the cabin of Yale, Will Watson's smile could be seen all over Camp.*

**Billy Hogan ('87-'90;'93-'95)** – lives in Brookline, MA, with his wife Jennifer. "Colonel" and Jen welcomed their first child, Eloise (Lulu) Jane Hogan this past August! "Colonel" continues to work for Fenway Sports Group, a sports marketing company owned by the Boston Red Sox. He is specifically in charge of on-line ad sales for MLB.com and the 30 individual team sites.

**Adam Starr ('87-'89)** – "Trapper" writes: "We're all doing well here in Dallas. My wife Heidi and I have 3 kids: Sarah, 9, Sam, 5, and John, 2. Sammy and I are going to go backpacking in the Guadalupe Mountains in west Texas sometime this winter. Say hi to everyone for me!"



**John Coughlin ('88-'92)** – graduated from Colby-Sawyer College in New London, NH, in 2000. He then received his Masters in Special Education from American University in 2004, and is now teaching special ed students at the Kingsbury School in Washington, DC. He married Ngoc Linh Lam in March, 2005.

**Rob Dunklee ('88-'89;'94-'95;'98;'00;'02)** – is working for Hyatt Hotels in Lake Tahoe, CA. “Slugger” has nearly completed the Hyatt management training program.

**Jamie Stein ('88-'94)** – is living in Los Angeles, where he is the lead singer of his band Buffalo Roam. They are currently playing on the west coast and have a record out right now called *The Gerry Record*. It is available on their website: [www.buffaloroam.com](http://www.buffaloroam.com). They are working on a new record and will be recording in December. “Colonel” is enjoying being in LA, and happily, both his sister and brother live their too!



*The cabin of Wesleyan, from L to R: Tommy Webel, Walker Stockly, “FM” Mike Hourigan, Kyle Hargreaves (front), Alex Guerra, and Alex Lowitt.*

**Matt Oxman ('88-'94)** – graduated from Columbia Law School this past spring and is now working as a litigation associate in the New York office of Dewey Ballantine.

**Brian Auld ('89-'92;'94-'98;'00)** – graduated from Harvard Business School in 2005. “Corp” is now living in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he works for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays as the Senior Vice President of Business Operations. He invites any and all to say hello if their ever in town!

**Mike Bensen ('89-'96;'98;'00)** – finished his Masters Degree at Boston College School of Education and moved to Aspen, CO, where he is teaching middle school English at Aspen Country Day School. “Lt.” continues to play the banjo and listen to bluegrass music, and is also looking forward to ski season!

**Orion Flaherty ('89-'94)** – writes from Baltimore, MD: “I can’t believe it’s been eleven years since the last time I spent a summer in Maine. I’ve been stationed in three different continents in that time. Currently I’m assigned to one of the military intelligence units at Fort Meade, Maryland. Can’t go into too much detail other than that. In January I was promoted to Sergeant First Class and reenlisted for another two year tour. It’s kind of funny because after being the Archery counselor at Agawam I found myself as the brigade range operations non commissioned officer in charge of M-16A12 and 9-mm

qualification. In other news I’ve run into “Ranger” Kyle McGann ('87-'90;'93) who is living and working in the Baltimore area. Best wishes to everyone!”

**Sergio Mendoza ('89-'94)** – has been spending a good deal of time with “Cox’n” Simon Gerson ('93-'99;'03), working, fishing, and sailing in NYC and the Florida Keys. Sergio works for Siemens Molecular Imaging and was promoted to global sales this year. He lives in Knoxville, TN.

**John Neuberger ('89-'92;'95-'96;'99)** – is teaching high school social studies in Bound Brook, New Jersey. “Admiral” writes: “It is an urban school in a suburban setting, the students there suffer from typical urban issues, and school seems to be the least of their worries. It’s tough but I’m really enjoying it.”

**Jed Porta ('89-'90)** – is a manager at Migis Lodge, on Lake Sebago in Maine. He has worked there since 2003, when he graduated from Cornell University with a degree in Hotel Administration.

**Jordy Rapp ('89-'97)** – is traveling all over the United States racing on the Timex Triathlon team.

**Brandon Sim ('89-'92)** – is living in New York City, where he participates in “white collar boxing”, and enjoys creating art. He works for Alliance Bernstein in Private Client Services.



*Members of the Camp Agawam Board of Directors who came to the Summer Board Meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> this past summer.*

**Mike Vermynen ('89-'90;'92-'93;'95;'97;'00;'06)** – graduated from University of Chicago Law School in August of 2005, was back at Camp this past summer as the Lower Campus Unit Head and Head of Tennis, and just started his high school English teaching position at Delbarton School in Morristown, NJ. This fall “Coach” will be assisting with campus ministry in the winter and in the spring he’ll be coaching squash and tennis. He misses the boys in the cabin of Trinity, and had a great summer at Agawam.

**Chris Wolff ('89-'95;'97-'98)** – is living and working in New York City. “Admiral” has been working for Exis Capital for 3 years.

**Rich Calhoun ('90-'96;'99)** – was married this summer to Katie Bishop in Franconia, NH! “Chips” and Katie were both working at Hotchkiss, but have since moved to Chile, where they will be teaching in a school outside de Santiago.

**Mark Hogan ('90-'94;'96-'97;'04-'06)** – is enjoying life in Maine, and is excited about his recent engagement to “Admiral” **Stephanie Long ('00-'02;'06)**! He and Courage are living in Raymond just across the lake from Camp and have enjoyed seeing so many Agawam folks this Fall! While living in Clausen house after camp, “SuperCoach” enjoyed the company of “Corp” **Ted McDermott ('96-'00;'03;'05-'06)** and “Major” **A.J. Buzzell ('96-'03;'06)**, who were doing routine maintenance on Agawam’s ropes course with “Cruiser” **Tom Andrews ('06)**. “Super”, “Corp”, and “Major” enjoyed fishing in Crescent Lake in the evenings and “SuperCoach” even caught a 10” small mouth bass by the sunken cabin! It was the second fish he had ever caught, and was mostly thanks to “Corp’s” expert guidance! He also sees **Allie Thayer ('01-'05)**, “Bowman” **Scott Malm ('76-'80;'82-'86;'88-'04)**, “Slugger” **Tyler Peterson ('04-'05)**, “Doc” **Joel Wylie ('03;'05-'06)**, and “Skipper” **Dru McMullan ('94-'98;'00-'01;'04-'06)** a good amount. He has also seen the Griffiths family, **Rick ('01-'06)**, **Will ('99-'04)**, Dave, and Cathy. Other than that he’s enjoying working out of Agawam’s new office in Windham, which has heat and is also 1 minute from Chutes!

**Jimmy Hutchinson ('90-'92;'97)** – lives in New York City, where he works for Credit Suisse Asset Management. “Cox’n”, who was promoted to Captain while serving in the United States Marine Core, remains on the high reserve list.



*“Doc” Scott Pragoff makes sure the diving board is in working order! “Doc” was the Waterfront Director again this summer.*

**Scott Pragoff ('90-'95;'98-'02;'04-'06)** – was engaged to Lauren Perny, before he came back to Camp for his 14<sup>th</sup> summer. He was the Water Front Director and a counselor in the Upper Campus. “Doc” has recently started his second year at Highland School, in Warrenton, VA. He is teaching 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade English, and coaching boys and

girls soccer. He and Lauren will be getting married on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

**Alex Spence ('90-'95;'97-'00;'03)** – lives in Boston, MA and teaches English at Concord-Carlisle High School. “Coach” has just finished his first year as head coach of the Concord-Carlisle Boys Varsity Tennis Team. He did well in his rookie season, leading the team to the state semi-finals, where they were defeated by the eventual state champions. He was featured in an article in The Concord Journal, when he first took the job as head coach. In the article “Coach” credits Agawam as the first place he experienced coaching team tennis.

**John Waters ('90-'96)** – is attending Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City.

**Sam Begin ('91-'93;'95-'97)** – visited Camp this summer with his girlfriend, and may get the prize for the farthest distance traveled to visit Camp, as he came all the way from Tasmania! He is studying medicine there and enjoying life down-under! He plans to stay there for the foreseeable future.



*“Chief” enjoys a sunny day down at the waterfront. This was Chief’s 21<sup>st</sup> summer as Director of Camp Agawam.*

**Patrick ('91-'93;'95;'97;'99-'00)** and **Jennifer ('94;'96;'98;'00) Wright** – welcomed Lilian (Lily) Ellis Wright on November, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005. They are all doing well, and aside from serving on the Board of Directors for Agawam Council, “Cruiser” (Patrick) has also recently begun graduate school at the University of Southern Maine, to study community planning and development. He has also spent much of the last year completing a timber frame addition on their home. “Cruiser” (Jennifer) continues her work as a nurse practitioner, in Wiscasset, ME.

**Adam Jonas ('92-'97)** – was recently featured in an article in the Hartford Courant, detailing his quest to become a pro baseball scout. Adam received his Masters in psychology from Wesleyan University in 2005. He is presently working for the New Britain Rock Cats.

**Tom Vermilyen ('92-'97;'00)** – “FM” is working for UBS Bank and living in New York City.

**Benjamin Wolff ('93-'99;'01)** – graduated from Franklin and Marshall College with a major in Government and a minor in Public Policy. He was heavily involved in his fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi – upsilon chapter. “Skipper” hopes to go into marketing or public relations in New York City. “Williams '98 REPRESENT!”

**Jason Carhart ('94-'00)** – is living in Brooklyn, NY, where he was taking classes at NYU. He started at Sarah Lawrence College this fall.

**Dru McMullan ('94-'98;'00-'01;'04-'05)** – just completed an autumn stint working at Migis Lodge on Lake Sebago. After heading up the sailing program this summer at Camp, “Skipper” has decided to try his hand at the helm in another country, and has made plans to move to the Caribbean island of Antigua this November. He hopes to work as a crew on a sailboat for the winter months. His brothers, **Barrett McMullan ('98-'02;'05)** and **Reid McMullan ('96-'97;'02)** are doing well. Barrett is a sophomore at the Waynflete School in Portland, ME, where he played on the Varsity Soccer team this fall. Barrett is also a probational Fire Fighter in his home town of Cape Elizabeth, ME. Reid is attending Bates College, where he is also a volunteer EMT on the rescue squad.



*From L to R: James Murray, Rick Griffiths, Jacobo Bernar, and Kyle Headley.*

**Wesley Oakford ('94-'99)** – Graduated in May from St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY.

**Charlie Simpson ('94-'96)** – is attending dental school in Buffalo, NY, where he lives with his wife Crystal.

**Geoff Slovenski ('94-'01)** – graduated in the spring of 2006 with a Masters in Physical Therapy from Northeastern University.

**John Vermeylen ('94-'99;'01-'02)** – graduated from Princeton University in June of 2005. “Ensign” is now in graduate school at Stanford University studying Geology.

**Ben Wells ('94-'96)** – “Mander” finished a teacher certification program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and is now teaching English at the Roxbury Preparatory Charter School in Roxbury, MA.

**Jon Alpern ('95-'00;'04;'06)** – After spending the summer at Camp as a trip leader and a counselor in the cabin of Williams, “Mander” has returned to the University of Richmond for his senior year. He is

majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, with a minor in History. Aside from attending school “Mander” is also in the midst of interviews for Medical School, which he hopes to attend next year. He also sees “**Major**” **Duncan Phillips ('99-'06)** and “**Ranger**” **Matt Hitchcock ('06)** from time to time on campus!

**Dan Cluchey ('95-'03;'05-'06)** – “Trapper” has had a bit of a rough time since the end of Camp. After getting sick again soon after Camp he was diagnosed with Lyme disease, “which my doctor, *an Ag*, failed to check for the



*“Trapper” Cluchey loves cake! Sadly, this was not spice cake.*

two times I went in during July!” For now, though, the medicine seems to be working and he’s nearly back to full health. Aside from recovering, “Trapper” has been enjoying classes at Amherst College, particularly one called Colloquium on American Diplomacy in the Middle

East, which he says: “sounds complicated and exasperating and, in fact, is.” He’s enjoying being back at school though and is currently applying for grants and fellowships to fund his quest for vengeance against the deer tick that got him.

**Pablo Jorquera ('95-'01)** - graduated last June with a degree in Media Management and Marketing. Pablo moved up to New York City last September to work as an intern for a digital marketing company ([www.247realmedia.com](http://www.247realmedia.com)) until December. He is having a great time, and lives next to Central Park, where he enjoys 4 mile runs (just like Casco...) every day. He would love to here from Agawam friends and hopes Agawam staff and campers are all doing great!

**Pat Kane ('95-'99)** – has started his senior year at the University of Dallas where he is studying economics.

**Andy Kane ('95-'98;'02)** – will be a freshman at Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL.

**Pete Simpson ('95-'98;'02)** – is living in Boston, MA, and has begun teaching English at the Park School in Brookline. “Commodore” is conducting an a cappella group of high school students as well as singing in one made up of many former college a cappella singers who now live in the Boston area.

**Brian Slovenski ('95-'00;'02)** – is a senior at Gettysburg College. “Striker” also participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Agawam Golf Marathon for Maine Camperships this past August, and played 100 holes!

**Ben Langwith ('96-'99)** – is attending Kentucky University in Lexington, KY. He enjoys it very much and is hoping to return to Camp in the future.



**Chris Marsh ('96-'03)** – is living in Eagle, CO, with his wife Amy and daughter Addison. “Swampy” is currently just about half way through paramedic school, and says: “the light is beginning to appear at the end of the tunnel!”

**Scott Oakford ('96-'99)** – is in his junior year at Roanoke College.

**Zach Rioux ('96-'05)** – is enjoying his first semester at Dartmouth College. He often runs into **Loren Sands-Ramshaw ('01-'03)**, “Sarge” **Jon Simpson ('97-02;'04)**, **Mike ('96-'03)** and **Greg Hart ('98-'03)**.

**Si Rioux ('96-'05)** – is settling in nicely during his first semester at Colby College in Waterville, ME.

**Jake Shechtman ('96-'02;'05)** - is a sophomore at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY, where he plays forward on the Men’s Basketball team. As a freshman, “FM” started 9 games and averaged 6.5 points per game. He is excited about his prospects for this coming season, and writes that even though the team had a hard year last year, they should be much improved this season. “FM” hopes to return to Agawam after this school year for his 9<sup>th</sup> summer!

**Dave Bowman ('97-'98;'00-'02)** – recently graduated from the Pomfret School in Pomfret, CT, where he was Cum Laude and also earned awards in English, History, and Music. He was the co-caption of the Varsity Baseball team his senior year, and worked at home in West Tisbury, MA, this past summer.



*Forbes Field, 1953- Governor Hall can be seen in the distance. You can also see the flag pole up by Mason Hall to the right. It has since been moved down to its present location by Center Field Rock. Center Field Rock got its name for being located in “center field” of what was then the baseball field.*

**David Hyson ('97-'99;'01)** – graduated from Colgate University and is living in Cheshire, CT, where he is substitute teaching grades K-6, as well as high school German.

**Chris Scott ('97-'00)** – is a junior at Trinity College in Hartford, CT, where he plays on the football team. The Trinity Football team had an undefeated season in 2005 and had the longest consecutive winning streak in Division III, at 30 wins.

**John Simpson ('97-'02;'04)** – “Sarge” graduated from Dartmouth College last year, and is enjoying spending time singing with several different singing groups, and playing on an ultimate Frisbee team.

**Dan Faron ('98-'02;'04)** – writes: “it’s been too long since I was last at Agawam but since then I have been quite busy. Last spring, I graduated from Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine. Over the summer I spent two weeks doing volunteer trail crew work in New Hampshire and spent 16 days on a sailing and rock climbing excursion with Outward Bound in Maine. I have also continued work as a sound engineer and spent my spring at Gould Academy recording and producing a compilation of music and then again at the end of the summer I recorded and produced an album for a friend’s band. Currently, I am attending the University of Vermont, where I have joined the university’s EMT squad, UVM Rescue, and am having a great time.”

**Brent Locke ('98-'05)** – is a junior at The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. “Major” is on the Executive Board of the Council for Fraternal Affairs, and was also an Orientation Aide to start the year. He is looking forward to hopefully doing a service trip over winter break, and his Intramural Softball team is playing for the championship game next week. Other than that, he’s kept busy with school, clubs, and friends!



*The family tradition continues at Agawam! Pictured from L to R are cousins: “Dodger” Andrew Phillips, Luke Osselaer, “Swampy” Jimmy Forbes, Morgan Phillips, Sam Forbes (front row), and “Major” Duncan Phillips. This picture was taken on Forbes Field, the former baseball field (see picture to the left), now the soccer pitch, which was named in honor of the Forbes family when at one point they had enough campers at Camp to field an entire baseball team!*

**Kenton Slovenski ('98-'03)** – is a sophomore at the University of New Hampshire.

**Julia Bensen ('99-'00)** – received her Masters Degree from Harvard School of Education, and now works at the Telluride Mountain School, where she is teaching 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade home room, History, and English, as well as 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade History. “Major” has both **Robert ('06)** and **Sandy Brown ('04-'06)** as students. She lives right in downtown Telluride.

**Jimmy Forbes ('99-'03; '05-'06)** – after spending the summer at Camp as a sailing instructor and Upper Middle Campus counselor, “Swampy” has been busy during his sophomore year at the University of Georgia. He is majoring in English and hopes to work in Public Relations some day. “Swampy” is currently training for a sprint triathlon in October, but really wishes he was sailing the USS Popular somewhere.

**Taylor Gottfredson ('99-'02; '06)** – since leaving Agawam “Mate” returned to Roger Williams University for his sophomore year, where he is studying political science. He is missing Agawam greatly though and is looking forward to next summer!

**Mike Hauge ('99-'06)** – is back in Deerfield, MA, enjoying his Junior Year at Deerfield Academy. Between his classes and work, he loves to dance, study film, volunteer at local hospitals, and organize events and fundraisers as a class officer. He will be playing squash in the winter and golf in the spring, and he can't wait to get back to the shores of Crescent Lake.

**Stuart Oakford ('99-'00)** – is starting his senior year at St. Luke's in New Canaan, CT.



*Peter Cleveland and Paul Dougherty taking in a tennis match at Schmidt Courts.*

**Andrew Phillips ('99-'01; '04-'06)** - since leaving the shores of crescent lake “Dodger” has ventured across the Atlantic ocean to Bilbao, Spain. He is currently studying at the University of Deusto and living with a Spanish family for the semester. Things are going well and he is meeting people from all over Europe. Excited by the proximity of so many different countries surrounding Spain, “Dodger” is looking forward to traveling to Denmark, Italy, and hopefully Ireland this semester. But

he admits that really misses American football! He hopes everyone is doing well and invites anyone who happens to be in Spain to send him an email at [andrew.phillips@richmond.edu](mailto:andrew.phillips@richmond.edu).

**Duncan Phillips ('99-'06)** – After spending the summer as a counselor in the Upper Middle Campus and a Sailing instructor, “Major” returned to the University of Richmond for his sophomore year. He's still playing club lacrosse and is starting a new job with the sports information department, where he will be working the scoreboard, keeping stats or doing P.A. for most home athletic events. “Major” has bumped into **"Ranger" Matt Hitchcock ('06)** and **"Mander" Jon Alpern ('95-'00; '04-'06)** around campus a couple of times, and they're actually planning on starting an intramural buzzball team, although he doubts there'll be much competition. Other than that, things are going well and he looks forward to returning to Agawam again this coming summer.

**Aram Aslanian-Persico ('00-'04)** – spent his 2006 spring break in Guatemala with 10 other students from his high school in a program called Global Connections. They helped students in schools there to learn about secondary education opportunities.



*“We’re on top of the world!” Well, Maine at least. The Mt. Katahdin trip summits Baxter Peak which stands at 5,267 feet. It is the tallest Mountain in Maine. Pictured from L to R are: “Mander” Jon Alpern, EJ Harrison, Josh Christy (front row), Stephen Webel, Tyler Winde, and Alex Przedpelski.*

**Stephanie Long ('00-'02; '06)** – “Admiral” and Courage spent the early part of September living on the now very quiet shores of Crescent Lake and enjoying the changing of the leaves and cooler air. She then moved to the Old Port in downtown Portland, Maine, where her business Portland's Paws, a dog walking and pet sitting company, will be serving the Old Port and the greater Portland area! (Check out the website [portlandspaws.com](http://portlandspaws.com) and tell all your friends in Maine)!! She was going to share her very new and exciting news regarding her engagement to Mr. **“SuperCoach” Mark Hogan ('90-'94; '96-'97; '04-'06)**, but apparently he already emailed everyone in his alumni database! She hopes that a lot of people will come to visit

them in Maine this winter and that every camper will consider the 2006 Ski Trip! She wishes a happy Fall to everyone!

**Ted Moran ('00-'06)** - since leaving camp Ted has been attending Westminster School, a boarding school in Simsbury, CT. He is now in his junior year and says that the work has been pretty tough so far. He's really enjoying playing on the Westminster soccer team and thinks they should be pretty good this year!



*Alberto Santana and Robert Brown*

**Stuart Tolson ('00)** - is living in West Yorkshire, England. "Trapper" is a Cub Scout leader there, and looks forward to renovating the stone house he and his wife recently bought, in his spare time. He referred "**Scout**" **Ben Walker ('06)** to camp this summer!

**Meghan Greenberg ('01-'05)** - had a great time back at Camp for the end of the summer! This fall "Cruiser" started a new job at Epiphany School in Dorchester, MA, where she is teaching 6th grade social studies, guided reading, and coaching soccer. She's really enjoying it so far!

**Tin Ha-Ngoc ('01)** - "Coach" spent one month in Vietnam doing medical work this past spring.

**Nick ('01-'05)** and **Steve ('02) Kearns** - are doing well, and dominating the Suburban League basketball games in Greenfield, MA. Steve is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and aside from basketball, he also enjoys playing baseball, and working on his eBay business, where he buys and sells baseball and basketball cards. Nick is now in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and also enjoys playing baseball and tennis! Last year he starred in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade play, Robin Hood!

**Sam Murray ('01-'03;'06)** - spent the summer at Camp as a Sr. Club, and then headed back to Deerfield Academy and already misses Agawam. He's playing football and trying to get through the fall term!

**Allie Thayer ('01-'05)** - is living in Portland, ME, where she works for Mailings Unlimited, a printing and mass mailing company which is owned by Jon Webel. Jon's wife **Judy ('05-'06)** works in the office during the summers at camp and their sons **Daniel ('06)**, **J.P. ('05-'06)**, **Tommy ('04-'06)**, and **Stephen ('03-'06)** all attended camp this summer. Allie "The Office Girl" has enjoyed visiting friends in New England this summer and

early fall and loves spending time with camp friends in the Maine area when possible.

**Chris Hayes ('02-'04;'06)** - has started his first year of college at the University of Miami and things have been going really well. He writes that: "I've met new people and have made good friends. Academics are going well. The big news and surprise for me, and everyone, I know is that I tried out for the Miami Hurricanes football team *and made the squad!* Right now I'm a wide receiver on the practice squad, but it's been crazy. Definitely a new challenge and a lot of work especially since I never played a down of high school football! Things are going well and if you are ever in Miami or Sarasota give me a call. Hope everyone has a good off season." "Slugger" spent the summer at Camp as a Baseball instructor and a counselor in Middle Campus.

**Beatriz Mendoza ('03)** - spent the summer of 2006 at the Chautauqua Institute in upstate New York. "Guide" is currently enrolled in a master's program for Scientific Illustration at UC Santa Cruz.

**Joel Wylie ('03;'05-'06)** - spent his third summer at Camp as the Head of Windsurfing and a counselor in the Upper Campus. Since Camp ended "Doc" has been working at Migis Lodge and enjoying the fall in Maine. He plans on continuing his world travels in November when he will fly to Europe and spend almost two months traveling before heading back home to Australia for the first time in 18 months!

**Bosco Li ('04-'05)** - made it back to Camp to volunteer for the 36<sup>th</sup> Main Idea, and then rushed back to London to continue his medical work. "Scout" is now in the midst of a four month rotation doing Vascular Surgery which he is enjoying very much. He's thinking about becoming a teacher in a year or two, but for now is enjoying medicine. "Scout" reports that he had an absolute blast at Main Idea and misses everyone at Agawam!

**Tyler Peterson ('04-'05)** - returned from San Diego, CA this spring to work at Migis Lodge as one of the Managers. "Slugger" is looking forward to this winter when he will head out to Utah for ski season!

**Ben Walker ('06)** - since leaving camp "Scout" has been busy helping with the 4<sup>th</sup> Golcar Scout group. Next year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scouting in England, so his group has plenty of events planned for the next year and will be going camping every month, including a camping trip in France! He has also been teaching the Leave No Trace principles to the scouts in his group and did a Scouts Own (Vespers speech) on the Woodcraft Laws! "Scout" has also started his first year at university. He is attending Leeds Met, studying Music Technology. "Which is great fun!" He has also joined the Leeds Met Walking club, and they go walking most weekends. He recently returned from climbing Snowdon in Wales, the highest mountain in England and Wales!



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Marathon Exceeds Ambitious Goal!

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, golfers and volunteers gathered at Val Halla Golf Course in Cumberland, ME, to participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Agawam Golf Marathon for Maine Camperships. In honor of this, the 10<sup>th</sup> Marathon, Agawam Council decided on their most ambitious goal yet, \$65,000! This would allow funding for 6 camperships for deserving Maine boys to attend the 7 week session of Camp Agawam, while also raising \$15,000 for future Main Idea expansion. The Marathon was ably chaired again this year by "Ranger" Jim Carroll, who accepted the challenge of this 10<sup>th</sup> Marathon with open arms. 27 golfers participated, making it the largest number of golfers to ever play, and 29 volunteers helped to make the day go smoothly.

Most golfers began the day by teeing off at 7:00am, but a few early birds opted for the optional 6:00am tee time in order to get a head-start on their pursuit of 100 holes! The weather was sunny and warm and golfers made good time around the course for such a large group, thanks to the help of their volunteer drivers! One of the highlights of the day was the participation of Dave Mason, 89, who played



*Staff golfer Mike Hauge, S.C., and Alumni golfer "Cox'n" Simon Gerson celebrate after yet another well played hole!*

18 holes in support of the 10<sup>th</sup> Marathon and Maine Camperships! Dave, was driven by his son "Capt" Peter Mason, and raised over \$2500! Other highlights were the participation of new Agawam Council Executive Director, "Guide" Peter Claypoole, and it was great to see the participation of 4 foreign counselors from this year's Camp Agawam staff!

Whether they were updating the score board, driving carts, serving food, or just keeping everyone smiling, the volunteers are essential to the success of the Marathon. Without them, playing 100 holes in a day would be nearly impossible.

Overall, the day was filled with laughter, hard work, and plenty of reminiscing about Agawam! By 5:00pm, most golfers were done, showered, and in the club house enjoying a well deserved cold drink! Soon the entire group headed over to "Coach" Bob Demont's house, which is just a 3 wood away from Val Halla. Once again, Priscilla Demont hosted a wonderful post-Marathon dinner, with all golfers and volunteers enjoying a meal on the beautiful back deck of the Demont residence. After a great meal "Coach" Demont handed out a few prizes for some individual efforts during the day, and read the final tally. When all the scores were in, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual

Agawam Golf Marathon raised \$70,000! It was a fitting end to a great day dedicated to a worthy cause. We'd love to have you join us for the 11<sup>th</sup> Golf Marathon next year on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007. For more information contact "SuperCoach" Mark Hogan at 207-892-1200 or [supercoach@campagawam.org](mailto:supercoach@campagawam.org).



*From L to R: "Guide" Peter Claypoole, "Coach" Bob Demont, Dave Mason, and "Colonel" Matt Gardner.*

## Thanks to Our Golfers!

"Sarge" Matt Benseler – 100  
**"Capt" Pete Caesar – 100**  
 "Ranger" Jim Carroll – 101  
 "Guide" Peter Claypoole – 101  
 Doug Cummings – 100  
 "Mander" Scott Degerberg – 100  
**"Coach" Bob Demont – 102**  
 Ted Demont – 104  
 "Yeoman" Adam Falls – 102  
 "Colonel" Matt Gardner – 100  
 "Cox'n" Simon Gerson – 126  
 Mike Hauge – 125  
 Duke Haddad – 108  
 "Admiral" Stephanie Long – 100  
**"Mander" Karen Malm – 108**  
 "Mate" Ted Marshall – 100  
 Dave Mason – 18  
 "Sarge" Byron Miller – 100  
 "Corp" Ted McDermott – 125  
 Lee Pierce – 100  
 "Doc" Scott Pragoff – 127  
 "Cox'n" Ben Rogers – 106  
 "Striker" Brian Slovenski – 103  
 "Major" Ben Small – 100  
 "Coach" Alex Spence – 100  
 "Sarge" Russell Sprole – 100  
 Aric Walton – 108  
 "Admiral" Peter Wilson, Jr. – 108  
 "Doc" Joel Wylie – 100  
**Bold type = have participated in all 10 golf marathons!!**



*"Coach" Bob Demont, Misha Isnardi, and "Ranger" Jim Carroll all played key roles in making this year's Marathon such a success.*



*"Bowman" Scott Malm provides some comic relief as he mans the refreshments table. "Bowman" continues to provide invaluable assistance each year.*

## Thanks to Our Volunteers!

"Bowman" Scott Malm  
 Mike Colt  
 "Cruiser" Patrick Wright  
 Misha Isnardi  
 Cathy Griffiths  
 Dave Griffiths  
 Will Griffiths  
 "Trapper" Dan Cluchey  
 Judy Gardner  
 "Bos'n" John Calhoun  
 "Cruiser" Meghan Greenberg  
 Scott Lincoln  
 "Scout" Ben Walker  
 "Commissioner" Adrian Green  
 Jess Walton  
 Kayte Demont  
 "Chips" Holly Carriere  
 "Ensign" Allison O'leary  
 Steve Morrison  
 Kyle Morrison  
 Allie Tocci  
 "Nurse" Janice Bowers  
 "Capt" Peter Mason  
 "Sparks" Amy Butler  
 "SuperCoach" Mark Hogan  
 "Capt" Diehl Estes  
 Barbara Nelson  
 "Chief" Garth Nelson



*Pictured are: "Mander" Karen Malm and "Nurse" Janice Bowers. This was "Mander's" 10<sup>th</sup> Marathon!*



*2006 Waterfront Director, "Doc" Scott Pragoff with his faithful driver, 2006 Arts & Crafts Director "Chips" Holly Carriere!*



*From L to R: "Mander" Scott Degerberg, Dave Mason, and "Capt" Peter Mason.*



*From L to R: Mary Bartels, "Commander" Elmer Bartels, "Bowman" Scott Malm, and "Admiral" Stephanie Long. Mary and "Commander" came to support the golfers and visit with friends.*



*"Mander" Scott Degerberg and Dave Griffiths. Both "Mander" and Dave serve on the Agawam Board of Directors.*



*"Ranger" Jim Carroll was driven by his old friend Scott Lincoln. "Ranger", who chaired the Marathon, played his 100 holes in record time, and then caught a plane to Italy later that day! Bravo!*



*"Admiral" Peter Wilson, Jr. was driven by volunteer Mike Colt*



*"Capt" Pete Caesar and "Trapper" Dan Cluchey. "Trapper" came straight from the Dentist's office to volunteer!*



*"Guide" Peter Claypoole and "Yoeman" Adam Falls. Both played in their first Marathon this year!*



*Former co-counselors in the cabin of Penn: "Sarge" Matt Benseler and "Admiral" Stephanie Long.*

## Thanks to Our Sponsors!

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 Standard Baking Co. – 5 Dozen Cookies  
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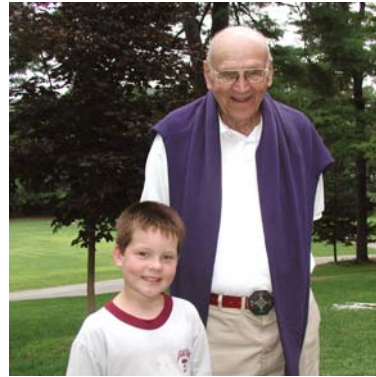
## News of The Masons

**Dave and Peg Mason** report that the Mason family had a fun weekend at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Lovell Tennis Tournament, which was started by Dave in 1985. Son **Peter Mason** won the Men's Singles title and also won the Men's Doubles crown. Daughter **Barbara Murphy** won the Women's Doubles. Dave played his annual 1<sup>st</sup> round Doubles. Dave and Peg had a good week in Nova Scotia which was the birthplace of his dad, **The Governor**. Peg is active in the Lovell thrift shop and was in charge of the kitchen for the Lovell library's Arts & Artisans Fair in August. Dave also participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Agawam Golf Marathon, playing 18 holes and raising over \$2500! He was driven by his son Peter. He was also featured in several articles in the Conway Daily Sun, chronicling his participation in the Marathon. Dave was the oldest person to ever participate in the Golf Marathon, at 89!

**Jim and Diane Mason** are still living in Worcester, MA with their three children, **Felicity**, 12, **Louise**, 8, and **Rachel**, 5. "Cruiser" is still working for Electronic Data Systems (EDS) on the Hewlett-Packard account as a Project Manager. Diane, continues to teach Science at a local private school and is also the school coordinator for the entire Science program. Although they didn't make it up to Agawam this past summer, they hope to stop by next year.

**Peter and Lynne Mason** are getting settled into their new home in Canton, CT. after having moved back to the U.S. last year from Alberta. They did manage to get their citizenship and are both now officially dual citizens. They are keeping the tradition alive as The Governor was a Canadian! "Capt" continues his work as VP of Konover Hotel Corporation in West Hartford, CT, where he is working on a large acquisition for his division. They are hosting the Mason clan at their residence for Thanksgiving again this year with about 15 Masons expected. After their sweep of the Lovell Tennis Tournament, Peter hopes that **Tony Mason** will accept the annual family tennis challenge this fall as he had to default the title last year.

**Kim and Tim Mason** are doing just fine in Hawaii! Their daughter **Maddie** is in first grade and Kim has returned to teaching after spending almost 5 1/2 years at home being a Mother. Tim is still traveling quite a bit working for the NCIS. He saw D.C. several times this year, Australia, Guam, and Saipan! He will be in D.C. and then Baltimore for 4 months this spring completing a set of training classes.



*First year Agawam camper Sam Forbes, 8, stands with former Director, Dave Mason, 89.*

## The Ski Trip Continues!

Join your fellow Agawam friends for a few days of skiing and snowboarding during the holidays this winter! Last winter the Ski Trip was enjoyed by campers Ted Moran, Andrew Moran, Cam Panno, John Murphy, Matt Reilly, Peter Moran, Charlie Moran, and Art Snyder. The boys were accompanied by "Bos'n" Bill Auerswald, "SuperCoach" Mark Hogan, Mailande Moran, "General" Andy Rogers, "Admiral" Stephanie Long, and "Swampy" Jimmy Forbes. They all enjoyed skiing and boarding during the day, while watching movies, bowling, playing games, and enjoying classic Agawam activities during the evenings. The 2006 Ski Trip is expected to be the biggest yet and will be at Sugarloaf Ski Resort from December 26<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any interest in the trip or for more information please contact "SuperCoach" Mark Hogan at [supercoach@campagawam.org](mailto:supercoach@campagawam.org) or 207-892-1200.





# The Woodcraft Laws

*Compiled by Ernest Thompson Seton in the early 1900's, the Woodcraft Laws form much of the basis for Agawam's philosophy.*

## Beauty

Be clean, both yourself and the place you live in.  
Understand and respect your body, for it is the temple of the spirit.  
Be a friend to all harmless wildlife. Conserve the woods and flowers, and be especially ready to fight wild-fire in forest or in town.

## Truth

Word of honor is sacred.  
Play fair; foul play is treachery.  
Be reverent; worship the Great Spirit and respect all worship of him by others.

## Fortitude

Be brave. Courage is the noblest of all attainments.  
Be silent while your elders are speaking and otherwise show them deference.  
Obey. Obedience is the first duty of the Woodcrafter.

## Love

Be kind. Do at least one act of unbargaining service each day.  
Be helpful. Do your share of the work.  
Be joyful. Seek the joy of being alive.



## President's Message

Dear Friends of Agawam,

As newly installed President of Agawam Council, I write to introduce myself to those who may not know me and to extend greetings to old and new friends alike. It is a privilege for me to support the important mission and sacred traditions of Camp Agawam. I have been eager to further devote myself to Agawam based upon my own positive experience as a camper and counselor and on the unique bond that we all have as a result of our common shared experience from our time at camp.

As I prepared to assume my new responsibilities, I joined the volunteer staff at this year's Main Idea and tried to be a regular visitor during the seven week Camp Agawam season. I am delighted to report that the magic of the Agawam Essence, which the Council was formed to protect in perpetuity, continues as strong as ever today. "Chief" Garth Nelson and his fine staff, led by "Capt" Diehl Estes and "SuperCoach" Mark Hogan, have an undying commitment to making a positive difference in the development of each and every boy in our care. The important things that we remember about Agawam continue today, and most of the traditions and practices have been improved upon. The current campers and staff have largely the same intensely powerful experience that earlier generations had, albeit separated by some number of decades.

One of the many contributions that my predecessor, "Coach" Bob Demont made to Agawam in his tenure was to initiate a strategic planning process in which your Board has challenged itself to explore ways in which Agawam can do more. Having focused on our core competencies and fundamental beliefs, we have adopted several strategic objectives. Briefly, they include:

- Focus on strong, successful, vibrant, and consistent Camp Agawam and Main Idea programs.
- Emphasis on youth development programs, true to our core mission and values, learning from constituent feedback and best practices from others in the field.
- Preservation of the sense of place that is present on the Camp Agawam campus, with attention to the value of simplicity as well as prudent modernization of facilities and equipment.
- Diversification of funding sources to assure a healthy and sustainable enterprise.
- Deepening of ties with all constituents, including more quality communication and imaginative means for alumni involvement.
- Effective governance and preservation of our institutional continuity, while improving organizational effectiveness.

In considering and debating our future priorities, your Board always returned to the importance of continuing to nurture our two dominant programs, Main Idea and Camp Agawam. We are resolved in our commitment to both of these programs and to being careful not to undertake any initiative that would put them in any jeopardy. In that regard, I pay close attention to the guidance and perspective that "Chief" Garth Nelson offers, not only as our Camp Director for over 20 years, but as keeper of so

many of our traditions and our commitment to developing responsible young men, for years to come.

It has also been my distinct privilege to work closely with "Guide" Peter Claypoole in his transition to Executive Director of Agawam Council. I have been impressed with his extraordinary ability to zero in on the key themes and issues for the overall enterprise. By any measure, he is not only a quick study, but he has been extremely careful to understand issues before judging. He has an innate sense of balance in his approach to current initiatives such as financial management and infrastructure improvements, as well as longer term strategic planning. He also brings the valuable experience of having helped others tackle strategic planning in environments similar to our own.

Our decision to effectively split the roles of Camp Director and Executive Director has allowed "Chief" to concentrate on his first love - running Camp - in addition to continuing in his role as Director of Development. Meanwhile, Guide has taken on management of administrative and financial affairs, oversight of physical assets, and will be exploring opportunities for us to further our mission through "organic" growth and, potentially, in partnership with other like-minded organizations. Guide and I will be back in touch as your Board begins to review his recommendations on ways that Agawam can be more effective and leverage our core competencies to have a greater impact.

In the meantime, if you are a current parent, we welcome your specific advice and feedback. We hope that each of your sons came home in August changed for the good from his experience at Camp. "Chief" is fully engaged in running a dynamic program that strives to reach each boy with positive messages about being the best that he can be. This is continuously reinforced in cabin life, on trips, on the playing fields, in activity skill instruction, and through the long-standing Katiaki program of weekly character development goals. We thank you for sharing your sons with us at Camp, and we are ever mindful of the trust that you place in "Chief" and his team to provide a safe and positive experience for them. Guide and I are working closely with Chief to ensure that he has the resources and support necessary to accomplish that mission.

Agawam was created and nurtured with the vision and focused commitment of the Mason family, preserved for the future by Agawam Council with "Chief's" leadership and guidance, and it thrives with the continued involvement and commitment of you, our alumni. I invite you to explore ways to become more connected to Agawam in the coming year. That connection can include joining the Agawam Association, attending a regional reunion, volunteering your time at Main Idea, and, of course, considering financial support of our Main Idea / Camperships and other deserving undertakings. In any event, I hope that you will return for a visit on campus. I promise you that you will be delighted by the energy and goodness that continues unabated at Agawam.

Warmest Regards,

"Bos'n" Frank Anthony

"Bos'n" Frank Anthony



## Annual Report and Annual Appeal Acknowledgements to Come in Late Winter

### Supporting Camp Agawam and Agawam Council

#### The Pension Protection Act of 2006

As the end of the tax year draws near, we wanted to let you know about a new law Congress passed that allows those 70½ years of age and older to make charitable gifts from Individual Retirement Account funds. The law also lets anyone 59½ and older make tax-advantaged donations from their IRAs. The act is in effect for the 2006 and 2007 tax years only, and gifts must be made by December 31. Check with your financial advisor.

#### Planning for the future of Agawam

Gift annuities or charitable remainder trusts provide a stream of income paid to you or another beneficiary for life and -- at the completion of all life income interests in the fund -- the remainder is distributed to Agawam Council for use in a way that you specify. "Chief" Garth Nelson has worked with the Maine Community Foundation to make these types of arrangements available to our donors. Please contact him for further information on these planned giving options.

#### Hiawatha Society

The Hiawatha Society was established to recognize those who support the future of Agawam through their trust or estate arrangements. Such gifts will be used primarily to fund Agawam's Preservation Fund, the portion of the Agawam Council's endowment dedicated to protecting and preserving the essential environment and setting of Agawam. We hope you will join the society by remembering Agawam in your estate planning, and that you will let us know your intentions so that we may recognize your thoughtfulness and generosity. For more detailed information on the Hiawatha Society, please contact "Chief" Garth Nelson at 781-826-5913.

## WISH LIST

There are always dreams and wishes that an organization has but can't always procure, if any of our friends or alumni have a source or suggestion that might help one of our wishes come true, please let us know. Currently our wish list includes:

Gator style maintenance/all terrain vehicle  
Hydraulic Wood Splitter  
Small tractor with bucket/backhoe (John Deer) with mowing deck  
Small Dump Truck (1 – 2 ton)  
Maintenance tools, Drills, Skill Saw, Radial Arm saw, table saw, bits, hammers, screw drivers  
Ratchet sets  
Big lawnmower, 15 foot cut  
Committee boat for sailing regatta  
Microwave for Windham office  
File Cabinets (3)  
Wood Chipper  
Floor Jack  
Hydraulic Jacks  
Fiberglass Ladders – 6ft, 8ft, 10ft

Please contact "Chief" Garth Nelson with any questions or comments regarding the wish list at [chief@campagawam.org](mailto:chief@campagawam.org) or telephone him at 781-826-5913.

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Any Address Changes? \_\_\_\_\_

WE WANT TO EXPAND THE INVOLVEMENT OF ALUMNI WITH AGAWAM. PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP AND WE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH YOU:

<input type="checkbox"/> Agawam Council Board Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Alumni Work Weekend	<input type="checkbox"/> Camper Recruiting
<input type="checkbox"/> Hosting Events	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golf Marathon	<input type="checkbox"/> The Main Idea
<input type="checkbox"/> Phone-a-thon Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/> Visit During The Summer	<input type="checkbox"/> Agawam Ski Week

Please contact these families who might be interested in Agawam for their sons:

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