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Each year, I look forward to reporting on the success of another Agawam summer! Yes, Agawam's 88th season has now passed, and what a summer it was! Bulging with both Main Idea and seven-week campers, blessed with fine weather and guided by a wonderful group of highly-motivated staff, the 2007 summer was again memory filled, and a fine formative experience for its participants.

The opportunities that abound for the Agawam camp community, ranging from Morning Dip just after Reveille, to a rendition of Taps on an ever so mellow saxophone at 9 PM, create an environment that encourages accomplishment and growth, while still providing opportunities for increasingly busy campers to relax and enjoy the beauty and natural environment of Northern New England. Each boy and counselor comes to Agawam with his or her own set of strengths, interests and, as yet, undiscovered potentials. Each quickly finds the ability to flourish in an environment that not only promotes individual expression but also allows discovery through variety and challenge. Agawam's high expectations, for mutual respect, community consciousness and the importance of others in helping to complete one's growth, also help set the stage for a productive and ethical adulthood. Flowing naturally from the camper experience, former campers continue to become counselors, and embrace the opportunity to deliver to others what the Agawam staff has provided for them over the years.

Even as the last notes of "A Long Long Trail" fade from the memories of our last night in 2007, enthusiasm for the 2008 summer builds. An early re-enrollment of over 120 campers for 2008 and high praise from parents after Camp are strong evidence of the benefit that an Agawam summer affords. And, once again, I enjoy the challenges of addressing the great off-season puzzle, preparing for an Agawam summer and trying to improve on the last.

After 24 seasons at Camp, Summer 2008 will be my last as Agawam's Camp Director. What a great choice I made in 1985 – to become a part of a truly significant institution that so positively affects youth! The time has literally flown. I am enthusiastic and energetic, as I prepare for my last summer as Director, and eager to pass off Agawam's success story at a point of real strength. Next summer, I plan to team with the next Director, "Yeoman" Erik Calhoun, who has a long and successful personal history at Agawam, as a camper and very effective staff member. "Yeoman" has deep family connections with Agawam, and brings experience and expertise to assure continued success.

"Yeoman" will be the fifth Director in Agawam's nearly 90 year history. Any organization, who's leadership changes only every 20-25 years, has set a clearly defined course that must ring true to those leading. I have been fortunate,

as "Yeoman" will be, to be a part of Agawam Council, the alumni-governed group that guides the Camp and its activities. Conceived and organized in the fall of 1984, Agawam Council purchased Agawam in 1986 – my first summer as Director, after partnering with Dave and Peg Mason in the summer of 1985. The consistency with which the basic principles of Agawam have been upheld by the Council has been heartening, even in the face of societal changes and economic realities that have been too great a challenge to others in the summer camping industry. Much credit is due to the Mason family, who created the consistent philosophy and clear expectations of Camp that remain, and can easily be shared by alumni from all the different eras of Camp.

One of the greatest life lessons learned at Agawam is simply stated in a Woodcraft Law – "Do your share of the work." It has been my pleasure to see this concept in action annually, not only by example from our campers and counselors, but also in huge measure from our active alumni group. From volunteering at the Main Idea week, to sprucing up Camp on an alumni work day, to raising funds by playing at our annual Golf Marathon or dialing at our Phonathon, to designing new or renovated buildings and facilities, to lending expertise as a Committee Member or Director on our Board – the list grows impressively each year. The great success story of Agawam Council, at one time a seemingly impossible dream, is the collection of alumni contributions, in so many different ways.

Now, as we look forward to the 89th Agawam season, I hope that you can find your way to stay involved with Agawam, and continue our proud alumni tradition. See you on Crescent Lake this summer!

'til we meet again ...



Garth Nelson ('85-'07)
Director, Camp Agawam
Director of Fund Development, Agawam Council

Ags v. Wams 2007

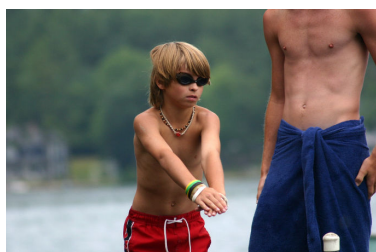
Ag Captain - Will Degerberg of Cincinnati, OH
Wam Captain - James Goodenough of Rye, NY

2007 Season Recap

<u>Ags</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Wams</u>
	Base Relay	5
	Lower Middle Basketball	3
	Lower Treasure	3
5	Swim Relay	
3	Upper Scavenger	
3	Upper Track	
3	Middle Tug-O-War	
3	Upper Volleyball	
3	Upper Middle Soccer	
	Lower Track	3
	Lower Basketball	3
	Lower Scavenger	3
3	Middle Scavenger	
3	Tennis	
	Lower Middle Soccer	3
	Lower Middle Track	3
3	Upper Basketball	
3	Upper Baseball	
	Middle Treasure	3
3	Sailing	
3	Lower Soccer	
	Upper Middle Track	3
	Lower Baseball	3
3	Upper Middle Baseball	
	Upper Middle Basketball	3
3	Lacrosse	
5	Riflery	
	Archery	5
	Lower Middle Baseball	3
3	Upper Soccer	
	Upper Treasure	3
	Camping	5
	Pony Express	5
52	<u>TOTAL SCORE</u>	59

TOTAL WINS SINCE 1927:

Ags ~ 37 Wams ~ 43 Tie ~ 1



Griffin Thomas prepares to dive in during the Ag v. Wam swim relay.



Ag Captain Will Degerberg (l) congratulates Wam Captain James Goodenough (r) on winning the 2007 Ag v. Wam season.

2007 Ag v. Wam Season

The 2007 Ag v. Wam season lived up to its predecessor in every way. Boys played hard, competed fairly, and gave their best effort throughout a roller coaster competition.

As evidenced by the season recap (left), there were several momentum shifts throughout the summer. The Wams got off to a quick start taking the Base Relay, Lower Middle Basketball, and Lower Treasure to build an 11 - 0 lead. But the Ags would not give up, and quickly rattled off six consecutive victories, including the 5 point swim relay, to take a 20 - 11 lead. Although the Wams were slightly stunned by the rallying Ags, captain James Goodenough kept his team motivated, and the Wams began what would be an almost month long march to take the lead in the competition on August 9th.

With the Wams winning 54 - 52, the 2007 Ag v. Wam season would be decided by the Pony Express. The Pony Express is a Camp-wide relay race that involves every single activity in Camp. It was an amazing race this year, as the lead changed hands 4 times. In the end though the Wams held the lead as their four man team, all holding hands, made their way from the base of Council Hill to the flag pole to clinch the Pony and the season for the Wams.



Kelvin Peebles of the Wams touches the flag pole to win the Pony Express! The Ag team can be seen behind them.

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.

Awards Night Closing Ceremonies

On awards night Monday, August 13th, 2007, the following boys were recognized:

Governor Trophy - Bowen Dunnan of Rye, NY

Cargill Trophy - Christian Johnson of Atlanta, GA

Mason Trophy - Simon Greene of Short Hills, NJ

Agawam Council Trophy - For Leadership -
Will Degerberg of Cincinnati, OH

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

Bowen Wallace Dunnan of Rye, NY

William Nilsson Degerberg of Cincinnati, OH

James Whitton Goodenough of Rye, NY

Please join us next year for Awards Night Closing Ceremonies on Monday, August 11th, 2008!



Tribal Chief Derek Richter prepares to lead his tribe, Sinewa, into Council.



The tribe of Wingfoot lines up behind Tribal Chief Bowen Dunnan as Sachem's drum beats.



Important Upcoming Events

4th Agawam Ski Trip: 12/26/07 - 12/31/07

For more information: supercoach@campagawam.org

Agawam Council Winter Board Meeting:
02/02/08 - 02/03/08

For more information: chief@campagawam.org

6th Annual Alumni Fun/Work Days:
05/31/08 - 06/01/08

For more information: supercoach@campagawam.org

38th Main Idea Program: 06/14/08 - 06/20/08

For more information: chief@campagawam.org

89th Camp Agawam Season: 06/25/08 - 08/12/08

For more information: chief@campagawam.org

12th Annual Golf Marathon for Maine Camperships:
08/14/08

For more information: supercoach@campagawam.org

Agawam Council Summer Board Meeting:
08/16/08 - 08/18/08

For more information: chief@campagawam.org

Smiles and Fun Summarize 37th Main Idea

By: "Mate" Taylor Gotfredson, Main Idea Counselor, Camp Agawam Staff and former camper

The 37th Main Idea got off to a great start. As the staff and volunteers greeted the first early arrival, we knew it was going to be a great week at Agawam. Camp quickly filled with the noise and laughter of campers unpacking their sleeping bags and meeting their cabin mates. All rejoiced in the ability to get out of the hot and steamy Maine weather, and into Crescent Lake for a quick dip before dinner.



As the week began, campers participated in activities from sailing to riflery and everything in between. The Camp started to change colors after so many campers had begun to make colorful gimp necklaces in Arts and crafts. Boys were filled with energy as they tried each activity at camp including huge games of buzz-ball, cops and robbers, and pom-pom pull away. The battlewagon was in full force as Bill Glass and "Scout" Craig Pattengill helped campers raid the lake by catching over 50 fish.

As the days were winding down the boys would cool off during "walkthroughs" before heading to bed. But on two evenings the entire Camp enjoyed a campfire! These included challenges such as two fingered pole balancing, cat on the back fence, and a songfest featuring "Brown 2002" singing the Copacabana. Oh how the campfire rang out with fun and excitement.

As the 37th Main Idea wound down, the entire camp entered its final campfire. There were many congratulations and awards given to the 14-year-olds and the excellent Main Idea camper body. Thanks were given to excellent Main Idea volunteers as the campfire ended. The boys awoke to a great surprise of the "Mission Impossible", which consisted of a huge counselor manhunt! As the bags were packed, and the shirts were signed, the boys lined up one last time for a delicious BBQ which was prepared for the parents and the campers. As the cars were leaving the boys yelled out "I cannot wait till next year," as they waved good-bye to their cabin-mates and counselors, and the 37th Main Idea had ended.

A special thank you to all our Main Idea Volunteers who took the time out of their busy schedules to help make the 37th Main Idea possible.

"Admiral" Eric Bergh

Bob Dow

Dave Bowman

"Coach" Bob Demont

"Guide" Christopher Drake

Ted Moran

Rick Griffiths

"Chips" Josh Grenier

"Scout" Bosco Li

"Bos'n" Bill Auerswald

"Bowman" Scott Malm

Tina Claypoole

"Commodore" Peter Simpson

"General" Keller Glass

"Major" Brent Locke

"Admiral" Stephanie Hogan

Bill Glass

"Scout" Craig Pattengill

Misha Rolfe

Brent Rolfe

"Mander" Jon Alpern

Matt Fitzsimmons

"Commissioner" Eduardo Cardenas

Sarah Glass

Dave Griffiths

Will Griffiths

Peter Murphy

Aric Walton

Jessica Walton





2007 15-year-old boys



2007 Camp Agawam Upper Campus

15-Year-Olds Say Bittersweet Goodbye

The 2007 summer saw the largest 15-year-old class ever recorded in Camp Agawam's 88 summers. Bolstered by the prospect of achieving goals such as their Woodcrafter, re-connecting with friends after a winter away, and spending one last summer as campers on Crescent Lake, 20 boys returned to Camp for their 15-year-old summer.

The boys played an important role in the summer providing invaluable leadership, which could be seen in and out of Camp. 15's were setting a good example for our younger boys on trips, with their respective Ag and Wam teams, and with their tribes. They led a back and forth, highly competitive Ag v. Wam competition, and oversaw some of the most interesting Korona runs in recent memory. The boys also put on the Indian Peace Pipe Ceremony in Council again this year.

Their combined experience numbers 107 summers, equaling 14 years and 5 months enjoying time at Camp Agawam. The boys are looking forward to continuing their careers with Agawam though, as they move up through the ranks, as possible counselors and as alumni.

NAME:	AGAWAM YEARS	TRIBUTE WRITTEN BY:	WOODCRAFTER IN:
Ryan Emberling	3	"Cox'n" David Feig	Archery
John Sataloff	5	"Bos'n" Ben Kepler	Swimming
Jamie Fried	4	"Commander" Stuart Ryan	Trips
Simon Greene	5	"Slugger" Chris Hayes	Baseball
Christian Johnson	5	"Dodger" Andrew Phillips	Basketball
Emmet Murray	5	"Commodore" Eddie Layng	Swimming
E.J. Harrison	5	"Commander" Stuart Ryan	Swimming
Luke Faust	6	"Trapper" Travis Faust	Baseball
James Goodenough	6	"Sarge" Russell Sprole	Baseball
Ben Sataloff	6	"Guide" Si Rioux	Tennis
Charlie Moran	6	"Commodore" Eddie Layng	Swimming
Bowen Dunnan	6	"Ace" Morgan Dunnan	Baseball
Jay Carroll	6	"SuperCoach" Mark Hogan	Sports Training
Will Degerberg	6	"Major" Duncan Phillips	Sailing
Blake Alex	7	"Ensign" Neville Williams	Archery
Derek Richter	7	"FM" Jake Shechtman	Basketball
Will Gwozdz	7	"Inspector" Mike Colt	Archery
Stephen Webel	5	"Major" Brent Locke	Sailing
Reece Parsons	4	"Sarge" Russell Sprole	None Selected
Cor Bensen	3	"SuperCoach" Mark Hogan	Basketball
Total Summers:	107		
Average # of Summers:	5.35		

Alumni Work Weekend!

On June 2nd, 2007 alumni and Agawam staff arrived at Camp to participate in the 5th Annual Alumni Work Weekend! The foci of the "work" this year were the newly rebuilt Boat House and Tall Pines. Over the winter the Boat House was completely re-done, adding 30% more room inside as well as an improved floor plan, handicap access, and a private change room. Tall Pines, Chief and Barbara Nelson's summer residence, also received a much needed renovation. Which left plenty of painting for the dedicated folks who attended the Work Weekend. Over the following day and half much was accomplished. The new Boat House received its first ever coat of paint, and Tall Pines got some needed attention and touch-ups. Those that chose to stay over enjoyed a great meal followed by S'mores and a campfire in the LOD fire pit. The weather co-operated nicely and the rain held off throughout the weekend. Alumni were happy to be back at Camp to see old friends, and also to give back to a place they hold dear. Their work went a long way toward getting Camp ready to open after a winter of construction projects. Please join us next year for the Alumni Work Weekend May 31 to June 1. Come for the weekend, a day, or even an hour. We would love to see you!



Smiles all around! **From L to R, 1st Row:** "Ace" Morgan Dunnan ('00-'03;'04;'06-'07), "Scout" Pat McClellan ('03;'05;'07), "Cruiser" Meghan Greenberg ('01-'07). **2nd Row:** "Colonel" Mark Jones ('75-'82;'84;'86;'88;'91;'97), "Sarge" Peter Ford ('98-'02;'06-'07), "General" Jared Patton ('03-'07), Sandy Winde. **3rd Row:** "Chips" Steve Slovenski ('63-'67;'69-'70), Kyle Hargreaves ('06-'07), Tyler Winde ('03-'07), Courage ('04-'07), "Admiral" Stephanie Hogan ('00-'02;'06-'07). **4th Row:** "Chief" Garth Nelson ('85-'07), "Chips" Holly Carriere ('04-'07), "Doc" Natalie Fisher ('07), Carolyn Claypoole. **5th Row:** Harper Dorsk ('98-'02), "Bos'n" Frank Anthony ('68-'73;'75-'76;'78;'07), "Bos'n" John Calhoun ('54-'55;'59-'62;'00), "Guide" Peter Claypoole ('06-'07).



Harper Dorsk dropped by to help paint the Boat House and check out Camp!



In anticipation for the summer they would spend at Camp, Kyle Hargreaves and Tyler Winde volunteered the entire weekend!



A carpenter by trade, Sandy Winde shows he's got skills with the paint brush as well!



"Scout" Pat McClellan loves painting!

A special thanks to this year's volunteers:

"Bos'n" Frank Anthony
 "Bos'n" John Calhoun
 "Chips" Holly Carriere
 "Guide" Peter Claypoole
 Carolyn Claypoole
 Harper Dorsk
 "Ace" Morgan Dunnan
 "Capt" Diehl Estes
 "Doc" Natalie Fisher
 "Sarge" Peter Ford
 "Cruiser" Meghan Greenberg
 Kyle Hargreaves
 "Admiral" Stephanie Hogan
 "SuperCoach" Mark Hogan
 "Colonel" Mark Jones
 "Scout" Pat McClellan
 Meredith Nelson
 Barbara Nelson
 "Chief" Garth Nelson
 "General" Jared Patton
 "Chips" Steve Slovenski
 Tyler Winde
 Sandy Winde

Before



After



In Memoriam

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

Mary Bartels
 Barkley Bull ('50-'52)
 Bob Dills ('31-'41; '46)
 Joseph C. Forbes ('26-'27)
 P.D. Merrill ('54-'57)
 Mason Saunders ('38-'47)
 Ed Winkler ('34-'41)



"Commander" Elmer Bartels ('50-'60) pictured here with his wife Mary Bartels, who passed away this past April.

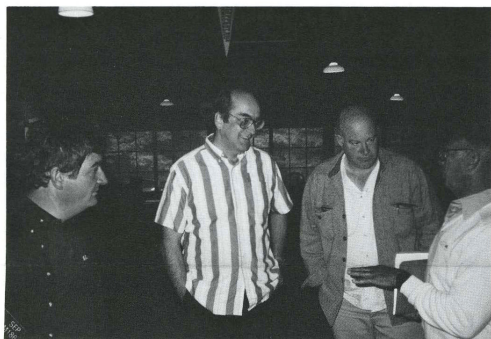
P.D. MERRILL – A REFLECTION

Shared by: Matthew Gardner
 February 12, 2007

When P.D. was a camper at Agawam in the 1950s, he was the "token" Mainer. He ran like a deer, excelled on the waterfront and in Archery and Riflery, and out-matched his peers "from away" in the Ag-Wam Spelling Bee. He was often kidded about his Maine accent, which he deflected with grace and good humor.

P.D. spent many years as an Executive Director of social service non-profits in Minnesota, Pennsylvania and New York, returning to Maine to run the family business when his father's health failed. His contributions to Maine's public and private sectors were legion, and he was recently Board Chairman of the University of New England.

P.D. possessed a combination of personal warmth, keen intellect, a marvelous sense of humor, and a deep affection for Maine. He was Agawam Council's first Treasurer and recently returned to the Board as Plant Committee Chairman. Driving to the recent Winter Meeting, he treated "Cox'n" Durrell and me to a seminar on the historic reluctance of Mainers to form groups.



*"Trapper" Oliver Reid, Paul Merrill,
 "Col" Matt Gardner, Ken Abele*

Picture of P.D. Merrill (center) circa 1985

News Of Alumni

Let us know what you are up to so we can include your news in next year's issue -
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 Mark Hogan, 54 Agawam Rd., Raymond, ME 04071

Robert Winkler ('34-'41) – sadly lost his brother "Skipper" Ed Winkler ('34-'41) this past January. (see In Memoriam) "Corporal" has fond memories of their years at Agawam with the Governor, Ap Mason, Dave Mason, Les Graves, Bob Clausen, and Bob Dills.

Robert Cornell ('36-'37; '39) – had a tough year, losing his wife of 56 years to pancreatic cancer, and recently spent 7 weeks in the hospital and several more months at home recovering from Septic Shock. Robert was told by the doctor though that his great physical condition is what pulled him through!

Allen Jamieson ('36-'42) – explains that he was sorry not to visit Agawam last summer but enjoyed spending ten days on Maine lakes and was overjoyed to hear the loons at night and to kayak among them in the daytime.

Robert Jordan, Sr. ('39; '41-'43) – writes: "I had the pleasure of visiting Agawam last summer. It brought back fond memories of my 1939-43 good times there and impressed me with the way the campus has been expanded and facilities kept appropriately up the date without distracting from the special Agawam lay-out I knew almost 70 years ago."

John Foster ('45-'48; '50-'54) – is still active in community theater and teaching bridge at Sum City Center, FL.

Robert Reich ('45) - celebrated his 50th anniversary of working for Andover Organ Company, where he still works 3 days a week. Bob and his wife Norma live in Methuen, MA. He writes: "I have vivid memories of Agawam, especially the trips by canoe and Dodge truck!"

Peter Esty ('46-'57) – will once again try to retire this summer after 37 years in education, most as a school head, and recently as the Interim Head of School at the Branson School in Marin County, CA. He and his wife, Happy, will continue to live in Sausalito, CA.

McLaine Tilton ('49-'50) – is active supplying .22 target rifles for youth shooting programs throughout the United States.

Elmer Bartels ('50-'60) – recently lost his wife of 46 years, Mary, when she passed away this April. There was a strong Agawam contingent at Mary's funeral. Earlier in the year, "Commander" was honored at a surprise party to celebrate his 30 years as Commissioner of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, a state agency dedicated to helping people with disabilities to enter or re-enter the workforce. During his tenure as Commissioner, MRC helped more than 120,000 people with disabilities find employment. He himself has a disability and uses a motorized wheelchair after becoming injured in a hockey accident at Colby College in 1960, paralyzing him from the neck down. "Commander's" family partnered with Easter Seals Massachusetts who hosted the event so that money could also be raised to establish the Elmer C. Bartels / Easter Seals MA Summer Camp Scholarship Fund. **"Inspector" Mike Colt ('00-'07)** was on hand to announce the establishment of the Elmer C. Bartels / Easter Seals MA Summer Camp Scholarship in Elmer's name. Elmer's experience as a camper and counselor, as well as a member of the Agawam Council today, contributed greatly to his personal and professional success. About 400 people, including camp friends, Colby college friends, state and national leaders, colleagues and family members attended the event. It was obvious he was delighted to see so many people there to share in this special milestone in his career. Not long after the event Elmer was replaced as Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Commission, which concluded a 30 year stint in the position, which is virtually unheard of for a governor-appointed position. Most recently Elmer received the 2007 Distinguished Service Award from the Easter Seals during a gala black tie event in Washington DC.

Tim Evers ('50-'58;'65) – writes: "I'm continuing to love exercising in the Agawam tradition (paddle tennis in the winter and biking in the summer!) and I'm involved in church-related and historic activities in the community, which was also firmly encouraged by my Agawam experience." "General" and his wife Cally live in Mystic, CT.

James Lusk ('50-'51) – welcomed his first two grandchildren on January 19th, 2007. His daughter had twins named Clark Theodore Lundgren and Addison Armstrong Lundgren!

PD Merrill ('54-'57) - The University of New England is hoping to carry on the 'kindhearted no-nonsense approach' of the late PD Merrill (see In Memoriam, pg. 7) with a lecture series named in his honor. The series will focus on ethics in business. Merrill served as a university trustee. He was also a member of the Agawam Council Board of Directors, and our first Treasurer. PD played an integral role in the transition of Camp Agawam from a privately owned family business to the Non-Profit it is today.



Reeves Callaway ('56-'62;'66) - was featured in an article in the Hartford Courant on May 23rd, 2007. The article, titled "Callaway Cachet", detailed "Ensign's" business of modifying around 200 corvettes each year. The modified corvettes are then known as "Callaway's". The most recent model is the Callaway C16 Coupe. It features a 560-horsepower engine, does 0-60 in 3.3 seconds, and has a starting price tag of \$119,865!

Terry Hubbard ('57-'69;'61) – is still practicing law in Savannah, GA. "You'd think I'd learn it by now!" He reports that his son, Sam, was married this summer, and his daughter, Libby, has been married for two years and is expecting her first child...a future Agawam camper!

Richard Nickerson ('57-'60) – recently moved to Wildwood, Missouri. His two children, Molly and Johnny, are doing well. Molly was just married, and Johnny recently moved to Washington.

Donald Van Sinderen ('59-'62) – runs his own woodworking and furniture company called Van Sinderen Woodworking & Furniture. His company and success story were recently chronicled in the October issue of Maine Public Broadcasting Magazine.

Rob Reider ('62-'63) – was recently quoted in an article on AOL.com regarding the crash of a Blue Angels jet at

an air show in South Carolina. Rob was the announcer for the air show.

Fred Semple, Jr. ('65-'68) – is living in St. Louis, MO, where he builds steam engines.

Dan Esty ('69-'70) – has a new book out, Green to Gold: How Smart Companies Use Environmental Strategy to Innovate, Create Value, and Build Competitive Advantage. “This book explores what every executive must know to manage the environmental challenges facing business and society. Based on the authors' years of experience and hundreds of interviews with corporate leaders around the world, **Green to Gold** shows how companies generate lasting value--cutting costs, reducing risk, driving new revenues, and creating strong brands--by building environmental thinking into their core business strategies.” Dan is also a professor at Yale University and the Chairman of Esty Environmental Partners. He is also involved in a website called Eco-Advantage.com.

Peter ('69-'72;'74-'76;'82-'84) and Paul ('69-'80) Slovenski – were both honored at the Annual Lewiston – Auburn Sports Banquet this past April.

Alexis Belash ('70-'74) – is living in Milton, MA with his wife Kate. They have twin girls, Isabelle and Ally, 9.

John Edwards ('71-'73) – is looking forward to a move, with his wife Debbie, to Hilton Head, SC this winter.

Stephen Boyer ('74-'76) – finished his 20th year as a Physical Education teacher, but remains the varsity football and baseball coach at Edgemont High School in NY.

Mark Jones ('75-'82;'84;'86;'88;'91;'97) - recently moved from Connecticut to Morristown, New Jersey to teach history and geography at Morristown-Beard School. Alumni, especially those in northern New Jersey, can reach him at jones.mark.c@gmail.com.

Charlie Wood ('76-'81;'83-'86;'88;'90) – was in attendance at the DC Agawam gathering this past March. “Capt.” writes: “Things are adequate.”

Andrew Bogdan ('77-'83;'85;'87-'89) – is currently living in Darien, CT with his wife Karen, and three children Jack, 5, Sarah, 3, and Kate Elizabeth, 7-months. After 15 years in advertising sales, “Skipper” recently partnered with a company called Perficiency, a sales and leadership effectiveness organization. They work with B to B sales teams and professional experts to help them manage and control their sales process, while bringing an essence of “humanity” back into the world of sales. “Skipper” recalls: “My days as a camper and counselor at Agawam are some of my fondest memories. I actually carry a copy of the woodcraft laws around in my pocket as a constant

reminder of how life should be lived. I look forward to the day when I can watch Jack enter the council ring on a cool Saturday evening. How How!”

Alec Rooney ('77;'79) – is living in Roanoke, VA where he recently bought a house. He is married with two children ages 16 and 12.



Alex Lowitt enjoys some quality time on the diving board!

Scott Barnard ('78-'79;'80;'83) - is the Director of Professional Relations for Orthofix, a medical device company manufacturing and selling products used in spinal surgery. Scott is responsible for their surgical consultants and Medical Advisory Board. He started with the company in 1998 as a sales rep, and has held various positions from Regional Manager, Regional Director, Merger Integration manager, and Project Manager. He has enjoyed his time there. After spending four years in San Diego, Scott now lives with his wife Kristy, and two sons in Sherborn, MA. His eldest son Ross is headed to Camp for his first summer in 2008. Ross' little brother Pete hopes to follow his big brother's footsteps in a year or two. The boys love all sports, and Scott is happy to be back in New England, working hard, yet still finding time to hunt and fish when he can.

Michael Fidance ('78-'81) – continues to live in London, England with his family. He hopes his two boys – ages 2 and 5, will one day be Agawam campers!

Mark Ames ('79-'83;'84-'86) – and his wife Alicia welcomed a baby girl into the world in December of 2005. “Mander” and his family live in New York City, where he continues to work for Lehman Brothers.

John Booth ('79-'82;'84;'88) – has been living in Raleigh, NC for the past 12 years. He spent 6 years working for Nortel, and then another 4 working at commercializing a patent, but ran out of “gas”. He now has taken a sales job with a small local company. He enjoyed a visit from **Carter Holland ('79-'80;'82)** and his wife Amy this past year.

Judith Evans ('79-'80) – and her husband Mark adopted a beautiful baby girl, Chance. She was born April 5, 2006. Our former Camp nurse, Judith is still working as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in Virginia.

Robert Kurtz ('79-'81;'83;'85;'87) – is living in Glenview, IL with his wife Yuko. He enjoys coaching his 9 year old daughter's soccer team!

Peter Wilson, Jr. ('79-'82;'84-'87) – is living in New Canaan, CT with his family. He has one son at Camp, Peter, who was in Penn this past summer. "Admiral" also participated in the 11th Annual Golf Marathon this summer.



The father-son tradition continues at Agawam! From L to R, Front Row: Gil Connolly ('07), Peter Wilson ('06-'07), Dougie Barnard ('05-'07), Christman Henderer ('07). Back Row: "Lt." Chip Connolly ('72-'76;'78;'80;'83), "Admiral" Peter Wilson, Jr. ('79-'82;'84-'87), "Bos'n" Tom Barnard ('77-'82;'84-'86), "Ensign" Jeff Henderer ('78-'80;'82;'85-'86). All the boys were together in the cabin of Penn this past summer!

Alex Ewig ('80-'81;'83;'86) – was happy to have his son Trip, 10, at Camp this summer. He expects that Charlie, 8, should follow in Trip's foot steps next summer! Alex and his wife Eli also have two other children, Katie, 4, and Christian, 1. They live in Basking Ridge, NJ where Alex runs his own business which manages distribution and logistics for delivery trucks.

Mark Mortensen ('80) – sends greetings to "Capt" **John Schmidt ('65-'69;'71-'74)** who he taught with for a couple of years in New Jersey, and also to "Corp" **Steve O'Leary ('67-'68;'71-'72)**, who was "Guide's" high school guidance counselor!

Joe King ('81-'83;'85) – writes under the name Joe Hill, and has written the critically acclaimed *New York Times* bestseller *Heart-Shaped Box*. Joe is a two-time winner of the Bram Stoker Award, and a past recipient of the World Fantasy Award. You can check out his website at www.joehillfiction.com.

Derek Kouwenhoven ('82-'83) – and his wife Kris, twins Alexis & Cole, 5, son Gavin, 3, all live in Bristol, VT. Derek is the Nurse Administrator of the ER at Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin, VT.

Rich Stanton ('82-'83;'85) – is enjoying life in Montclair, NJ with his wife June, and children Jack, 7, Catie, 6, and Fiona, 3. He coaches soccer with his wife and plays in an indoor league as well. He also enjoys surfcasting for striped bass in the spring and fall. He is busy these days selling commercial real estate in Essex County, NJ.

David Ames ('83-'86;'88-'89;'91-'93) – and his wife Tanya are overjoyed about the birth of their first child, Wyllys Lincoln Ames, on June, 20th. He weighed 11lbs and 12oz at the time of birth! "Admiral" is also excited about his latest endeavor, opening a "My Gym" location. My Gyms are children's fitness facilities, offering classes, activities, sports, and gymnastics to children ages six weeks to 13.

Fred ('83-'88;'91) and Catherine ('91) Dockery – are living in Charleston, SC where "Doc" is a fisherman and also assists various organizations like NOAA and SCDNR with experiments such as a dolphin study, shrimp black gill counts, and turtle excluder devices on some of his crab traps. He also received a grant to study toadfish! "Major" works at Starbuck's, sings in her local church choir, and enjoys caring for their 3 children, Emma, 6, Evan, 8, and Carlisle, 12.

James Nelligan ('83-'86;'88) – is enjoying life in Redondo Beach, CA. "Cruiser" and his wife his wife of ten years, Claudia, have three energetic boys, Cameron, 6, Dylan, 4, and Luke, 17 months. "Cruiser" owns a pet relocation company, Pacific Pet Transport LLC (www.pacpet.com), which he has been running for the past seven years. They send animals/pets of all kinds to all corners of the world for all types of clientele. Business is growing and they're hoping to move to a larger facility near LAX in the near future. "Cruiser" still finds time to surf when he has the opportunity and is also busy coaching T-ball, and driving kids to football, soccer, and Tae Kwon Do! He sends his regards to the Agawam family.

Brian Spence ('83-'88;'90-'92) – lives on a small farm in Orford, NH. "FM" is still working as an Anesthesiologist at Dartmouth – Hitchcock Medical Center. He and his wife welcomed Angus McKinney Spence to the family on 11/16/07. He writes: "Now we outnumber the animals on this place! But my wife Kirsten (the veterinarian) is always looking for another pony for our daughter Fiona!"

Baird McIlvain ('84-'86;'90;'95) - was recently appointed President of TBM Hardwoods. "Major" also climbed Mt. Rainer in this past June.

Basil Murray ('84-'89;'91-'94) – and his wife Carrie are expecting their first child this December. He writes: “While Carrie has an inclination this will be a boy, my superpowers do not provide enough evidence either way. So I can't commit to you on the 2017 summer enrollment yet!” “Commodore was briefly evacuated from his neighborhood outside of San Diego during the recent wildfires in California. Luckily his house was spared and he was able to return a few days later.

David Neale ('85-'91;'94-'95) – is teaching high school History in San Francisco, and still playing rugby!

Karen Beary ('86-'91) – returned to college to become certified to teach Elementary students, grades 1-6, after teaching and directing preschoolers. “Mouse” is currently looking for employment as close to her home in Kingston, MA as possible!

Colin Dwyer ('86-'91) – is a manager with Affymax Biotech, which went public last year. He lives in San Francisco, CA and is enjoying life!

Gavin Oxman ('86-'90;'93-'94) – finished business school last May. This fall “Guide” moved to Seattle to take a job working for Microsoft.

Yann Pigeaire ('86-'89;'93-'94) – is living in Yardley, PA with his wife Virginia. “Chips” works for Johnson & Johnson, and reports that it's keeping him “busier than ever!” His brother **Kenn Pigeaire ('87-'93)** says “hi!”

Billy Hogan ('87-'90;'93-'95) – moved from Brookline to Belmont, MA earlier this year with his wife Jen and daughter Lulu, 1. He is working for Fenway Sports Group, a sports marketing company owned by the Boston Red Sox. “Colonel” was the best man at his brother “SuperCoach” **Mark Hogan's ('90-'94;'96-'97;'04-'07)** wedding to “Admiral” **Stephanie Long ('00-'02;'06-'07)** in May of this year.

Tim Nelligan ('87-'90;'94) – had a harrowing experience this past year when he was knocked unconscious in a car accident and was pulled from his burning car by two strangers. He made it out safely and is doing well. (The story was written about in several local newspapers) But the story doesn't stop there. Soon after, “Skipper” met his two saviors and it turns out that one of them has been looking for an environmental engineer to help with his family business. “Skipper”, an environmental engineer, promptly quit his job and started his own company, Katahdin Environmental. He came up with the name from his experience hiking Mt. Katahdin in Baxter State Park, Maine, when he was a 14-year-old camper at Agawam. Because this accident and following events provided a serious change of perspective, he was reminded of the feeling he had standing on top of Katahdin, and how dif-

ferent the view of the world was. “Skipper” writes: “I am working on remediation projects (cleaning up contaminated properties). We also started a company called Go Natural Gas (GNG). GNG will be installing natural gas fueling stations for vehicles in order to replace petroleum with a cleaner burning alternative. Our initial markets will be So California, Texas, and New England. I have a 2 year old boy named Mason and my wife Laura is expecting our second child in March. God has blessed me and I am grateful.” You can read more about “Skipper's” experience at: www.ocregister.com/ocregister/news/local/article_1629605.php

Rob Wilkens ('87-'88) – is a manager at IVI, an environmental consulting firm in New York. He lives in Norwalk, CT.

Rob Dunklee ('88-'89;'94-'95;'98;'00;'02) – lives and works in Denver, CO where he is now the Front Desk Manager for the Grand Hyatt.

James Waters ('88-'95;'01) – a lowly Ensign in non-camp situations (no disrespect to those in the Agawam ranks), has completed Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training in San Diego and is currently making his way through advanced qualification courses. “Admiral” misses the Agawam family and hopes to find time to attend a Council Fire sometime soon “if the Gods of the Four Winds are willing.”

Sergio Mendoza ('89-'94) – has moved from Tennessee to Miami, FL. He is enjoying spending time at the beach, fishing, and with family. He moved to Miami to commit himself completely to a new business. He writes that the business “sprang from the needs of a great friend who manufactures and sells desserts to supermarkets and stores across the country, it is a B2B ecommerce marketplace at its core. It will emphasize the non-commoditized-food products of small to medium suppliers, and it will be a lot of work, but I am already at the point where I will regret it if I do not pursue it wholeheartedly.”



Hamlet Fort and Tyler Winde are psyched about sailing!

Lee Milstein ('89-'92) – recently moved to San Diego to take an in-house counsel job with DivX, Inc., a digital software company. Lee would love to hear from any San Diego Agawam alums at lmilstein@gmail.com.

John Neuberger ('89-'92;'95-'96;'99) – recently moved to California, where he is teaching high school in Menlo Park.

Jordan Rapp ('89-'97) – is a professional triathlete. He recently spent a significant amount of time in Flagstaff, AZ (altitude 7000ft) for high-altitude training. He enjoys spending his days outside, just like at Camp!

Brandon Sim ('89-'92) – is living in New York City, working as an asset manager. In his spare time he is also working hard to develop a children's TV show. Check out www.shindigs.tv.

Michael Vermilyen ('89-'90;'92-'93;'95;'97;'00;'06) – was delighted for his brother "**Ensign**" **John Vermilyen ('94-'99;'01-'02)** who was married this past September in Alexandria, VA. "Coach" is teaching at Delbarton School in Morristown, NJ.

Chris Wolff ('89-'95;'97-'98) – is living in New York City, where is an analyst with The Galleon Group, a hedge fund that focuses primarily on information technology and healthcare investments.

Kenneth Fiveson ('90-'92;'94) – is living in Stamford, CT and was working for a hedge fund for a few years, but now is trading equities for MKM Partners, an institutional broker/dealer in Greenwich, CT.



Mark Hogan ('90-'94;'96-'97;'04-'07) - is living in Portland, ME with his new bride "**Admiral**" **Stephanie Hogan ('00-'02;'06-'07)**. "Admiral" and "SuperCoach" were married at Migis Lodge on May 19th, 2007. There was quite an Agawam contingent on hand for the festivities. Those in attendance were: "**Chief**" **Garth Nelson ('85-'07)**, **Barbara Nelson ('85-'93;'95-'96;'99-'07)**, "**Bos'n**" **Bill Auerswald ('78-'82;'87-'91;'93-'95;'98-'06)**, "**Ensign**" **Emily Auerswald ('01-'05)**, "**Guide**"

Peter Claypoole ('06-'07), "**Bowman**" **Scott Malm ('76-'80;'82-'86;'88-'04)**, "**Slugger**" **Tyler Peterson ('04-'05)**, "**Ensign**" **Walter Gregg ('81-'85;'87-'90;'92-'96;'00)**, "**Cruiser**" **Meghan Greenberg ('01-'07)**, "**Chips**" **Holly Carriere ('04-'07)**, "**General**" **Jared Patton ('03-'07)**, "**Capt**" **Diehl Estes ('85-'07)**, "**Colonel**" **Keith Baxter ('87-'96;'98)**, "**Cruiser**" **Jen Wright ('94-'96;'00)**, "**Cruiser**" **Patrick Wright ('91-'93;'95;'97;'99-'00)**, "**Slugger**" **SJ Baxter ('86-'92;'94-'97;'99-'00)**, "**Bos'n**" **Frank Anthony ('68-'73;'75-'76;'78;'07)**, **Matt Hogan ('05)**, and "**Colonel**" **Billy Hogan ('87-'90;'93-'95)**. "Colonel" Hogan, "SuperCoach's" brother, was the best man. The entire group gathered to sing the "Totem Song", which was led by "Chief's" standard head nod! Pictured below left.

Josh Lemaitre ('90-'95;'97-'98;'00-'01) - has finally returned to the Boston area, after 6 years in the mountain West, to pursue a Master's of Engineering at MIT. When he has a free moment, he enjoys playing Bluegrass mandolin. He's hoping that he'll be fortunate enough to get a job that does not begin until after the golf marathon!

Ian Luckhurst ('90-'91) – is living in England with his partner Fiona. Together they welcomed Callum David William Luckhurst into the world this April. He weighed 7lbs, 3 ozs. "Scout" is excited to see everyone at the next reunion!

Nathaniel Read ('90-'92;'94-'95;'98-'99;'01;'03-'04) – and his wife Teresa Telander were married in London, England on May 5th. They are also living in London, where Teresa is an architect and "Trapper" a teacher. They are planning on moving back to the States in the summer of 2008.



A happy day in London at the wedding of "Trapper" Nathaniel Read. From L to R: Good friend "Scout" Bosco Li ('04-'05), "Trapper's" father "Chips" Cooke Read ('67-'69;'74-'75), and "Trapper"!

Thomas Recchione ('90-'92) – studied at the University of Pennsylvania and is now living and working in New York City at the Interpublic Group, a global marketing communications and marketing services company.

Matthew Wilkins ('90-'91) – is a fixed income trader at Goldman Sachs in New York City, where he also lives.

Josh Berg ('91-'98;'00) – is working for VistaPrint, an online printing company. He is living in Cambridge, MA.

Jeremy Cluchey ('91-'97;'99;'01;'03;'05) – has begun working on his Master's in Public Policy at Duke University. "Commodore" was able to make it back to Camp for a visit towards the end of the summer this year!

Sam Begin ('91-'93;'96-'97) – is in his 3rd year of medical school in Tasmania. He began his clinical rotations at the end of February. Sam, along with his girlfriend Annie, enjoyed his time working the Agawam Ski Trip last December!

Brad Johnson ('91;'93-'96) – reports: "My wife Emily, daughter Maddie, and I are still living at the Chewonki Foundation in Wiscasset, ME where I am the Farm and Woodlot Manager. After 12 years of living on campus, we are ready for a change, so we are looking for land in western Maine or Vermont. I still remember summers on Crescent Lake fondly, and I hope that our next adventure will free up some time to get over there in the summers to come!"

Adam Berg ('91-'97) – is working on a dual degree, a JD and a Masters of Public Policy, at Georgetown University. He hopes to work on Capitol Hill.

Keller Glass ('91-'98;'02) – started work as the Audiovisual Coordinator for the Loomis Chaffee School on July, 1st of this year. His work varies from organizing sound reinforcement and lighting for large-scale alumni events, to fixing super 8mm cameras, to helping faculty set up projectors. He is also a dorm parent and an assistant coach to the girls' cross-country team. "General" writes: "I had the shock of my life a few days ago when one of the girls on my cross country team called me "General" despite her having no obvious way of knowing about Agawam. It turned out she's close friends with **Tyler Barhydt ('01-'04)** who is a junior this year and whose presence on campus I was then unaware of. Tyler very astutely calculated that her calling me by title would be a rather jarring experience for me and tipped her off. He'll get his comeuppance... I'm still playing and recording as much as I can and I'm hoping to have a new record ready for Christmas." "General" also recently launched www.kellerglass.net.

Sam Hallowell ('91-'93) – is still working for SCORE! Educational Centers, a supplemental education center. This past January marked his 6th year, and he is enjoying more responsibility than ever before. Sam works in Westport, CT and lives in Stamford, CT. He would love to hear from any alums in the area at sam.hallowell@mac.com.

Tom Vermynen ('92-'97;'00) – works for UBS, in their prime brokerage division in New York City. "FM" lives in NYC as well.

Andrew Rogers ('92-'07) - recently finished his federal clerkship in Philadelphia, PA and promptly relocated to Arlington, Virginia in order to start a new job in October as an associate in the Washington, DC office of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker. "General" has enjoyed getting moved into his new apartment and getting reacquainted with the area. He is also helping a former law professor publish a commentary on the Federal Rules of Evidence which will take him into the New York area once or twice.

Will Fleiss ('93-'98;'00-'02) – is working in internet marketing for Bennett Kuhn Varner, Inc., in Atlanta, GA. He is really enjoying Atlanta, but is contemplating a move back to the east coast in the next year or so.

Justin Dluhy ('93-'97) – is a lead mechanic of Mercedes Benz's at Euromotors of Bethesda, PA.

John Vermynen ('94-'99;'01-'02) – married his college sweetheart Jiffy Bennett in Alexandria, Virginia this past September. "Ensign" reports that the wedding was a great time, and was attended by many Agawam alums, including: "FM" **Tom Vermynen ('92-'97;'00)**, "**Coach**" **Mike Vermynen ('89-'90;'92-'93;'95;'97;'00;'06)**, "**Doc**" **Peter Moran ('62-'64;'71;'73)**, "**Cox'n**" **David Moran ('65;'75-'77)**, **Brendan Moran ('84-'85;'87;'90)**, **Chris Moran ('89-'90;'92-'95)**, **Max Simpson ('90)**, **Wilson Braun ('95-'98)**, and **Jim Moran ('70-'72)**. Jiffy and "Ensign" had a "fantastic" honeymoon in Paris for 9 days right after the wedding. Since returning from the honeymoon, "Ensign" has continued his work as a PhD student in Geophysics at Stanford University. He is working on geologic carbon sequestration (storing CO2 emissions from power plants underground instead of releasing them to the atmosphere). He enjoys it, and hopes it might do the world some good as well!

Craig Favorat ('94-'00) – graduated in May from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX with a degree in Criminal Justice. He is currently attending the Police Academy in Houston and will graduate in September.

Peter Simpson ('95-'98;'02) – spent time in Italy and Florence this past year, and also made it up to volunteer at Main Idea this past summer. "Commodore" is now teaching in Colorado.

Mark Halsey ('95-'97) – is living in Boston and applying to medical schools. He's excited about moving to a new location to continue his education. He reports that he runs into "**Coach**" **Alex Spence ('90-'95;'97-'00;'03)**, who continues to teach at Concord-Carlisle High School, every now and then on the Green Line of the T.

Eric Bergh ('96-'01;'03) – is attending the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at Rutgers University in New Jersey. “Admiral” was also able to make it back to volunteer at Main Idea this past summer.

Ben Langwith ('96-'99) – is living in California where he attends Sonoma State University. He is studying business and wine making.

Alex Kasprak ('96-'02) – is in Madagascar this fall, chasing Lemurs around the rain forest and living in a tent while using all of his Ranger Trail skills!

Ted McDermott ('96-'00;'02-'03;'05-'06) – has spent the summer in Alaska working as a fishing guide. Before heading to Alaska, “Corp.” was living in Seattle, WA, working as a fishmonger!

Tyler Murphy ('96-'02) – has enlisted in the US Army and is presently stationed at Fort Reilly in Kansas. He will head overseas in a year.

Jack Mueller ('96-'00) – writes: “After a year of traveling around the country, I have returned to Cleveland to finish up school at Cleveland State University. I am pursuing degrees in Fashion Merchandising and Business, and plan on opening a boutique featuring eco-friendly and ethical clothing.”



Franz Dieter Sydow returns a forehand in the AAITT at Agawam this summer. Franz went on to win the singles title at the age of 12! Agawam also placed second and third in the doubles competition, and won the over-all team title! Dave Mason was on hand to watch a few hours of tennis and recalled seeing Franz’s father **Franz Sydow ('81-'83)**, play in the AAITT while he was director.

David Bowman ('97-'98;'00-'02) – returned to volunteer

at Main Idea again this summer. He graduated from the Pomfret School last year and is now studying in England.

Dave Hyson ('97-'99;'01) – is substitute teaching while working to become a German teacher. He is living in Cheshire, CT.

Allison O’Leary ('97-'02;'04) – continues teaching in Acton, MA. She was able to make it up to Camp this summer for a visit, and also volunteered for the 11th Golf Marathon!

John Hughes ('98-'03) – is studying Mechanical Engineering at University of Maine, Orono.

Barrett McMullan ('98-'02;'05) – is attending Wayne-flete School, in Portland, ME. He plays varsity Soccer and Lacrosse.

Newland Baldwin ('99;'01) – works as an analyst at Sonenshine Partners in New York City, where he also lives.

David Feig ('99-'05;'07) - began his freshman year at Columbia University this fall. He is enjoying the college life, although it is different from anything he’s experienced before. “Cox’n” is hoping to get into some jazz groups, get involved in WKCR, the college radio station, play some intramural sports, and familiarize himself with New York City. He is sad to report however that he has found little space in which to windsurf and has been forced to practice on-land jibing throws and butt-dips in his spare time!

Taylor Gotfredson ('99-'02;'06-'07) – spent time traveling after Camp, and checking out his family’s new house! “Mate” is spending his next semester at sea, participating in SEA semester aboard a 134ft brigantine sailing vessel. They will spend the month of October in Woods Hole learning the things he will need to know on the ship. He then flies down to St. Croix, USVI to meet the ship where he will spend two months sailing the South Caribbean exploring various islands and ports, including a two week stay in Jamaica. They will then sail from Jamaica to Key West, landing on New Year’s Day. “So to all the Ski Trippers, I will not be able to attend, but I know it will be a very exciting, great time. All I have to say now is “Get Excited” because I am ecstatic! Have a great winter!”

Duncan Phillips ('99-'07) - is currently spending the first semester of his junior year studying abroad in Madrid, Spain. He is having a great time overseas, but at the same time can't wait to return to the University of Richmond in the Spring to play club lacrosse and continue writing for the school paper. “Major” is looking forward to heading back to Agawam this summer to have yet another successful year down at sailing.

Zach Ellin ('00-'07) - is back in the sweltering heat of Phoenix, AZ where he had to start school—and catch up on a week's worth of assignments—as soon as he got home from Camp! While not toiling away at his desk or sleeping (“often they are one in the same”), Zach is swimming, refereeing and playing soccer, and counting the moons until the next Camp season.

Kyle Fitzsimmons ('00-'05) – spent 10 days in France this past year as part of his French class’s exchange program. When not in school, he works at the neighborhood computer store fixing computers!

Stephanie Hogan ('00-'02; '06-'07) – writes: “I am now married to SuperCoach and still running Portland's Paws-my dog walking and pet sitting company which just had its first anniversary! Check out the website at www.portlandspaws.com and order a t-shirt if you want! A special discount goes out to any Agawam staff member wanting to sport our goods! Courage has ventured back to city life and entered into her deep-autumn-post-camp-depression phase where she totally ignores her parents, looks at them as though they have completely destroyed her world now that camp is over, and hates that all of the campers are gone and are no longer petting her every five seconds. She comes out of it right around May 31st! We are looking forward to the fall weather approaching, to seeing lots of Agawam folks in the off season, and all you Ski Trip die-hards this December.”

Peter Iskyan ('00-'02; '04) – is a freshman at Ithaca College, in Ithaca, NY.



Will Oxman, a 13-year-old camper, and “Swampy” Hunter Sprole, enjoy some smooth paddling on the 5-day Moosehead Lake canoe trip this summer.



6 boys and 2 staff conquered Mt. Katahdin in Baxter State Park, ME again this year! From L to R: Evan Heib, “Dodger” Andrew Phillips, Emmet Murray, John Murphy, Rob Macdonald, Cody Batchelor, “Admiral” Stephanie Hogan, and Jamie Fried.

Meghan Greenberg ('01-'07) - took a trip to the Galapagos Islands with her family right after Camp. They lived on a boat for a week and saw Galapagos turtles, blue-footed boobies, iguanas, sea lions, and many more incredible animals. She has started her second year as an intern teacher at Epiphany School in Dorchester, MA. She is teaching Social Studies and Reading and coaching girls soccer. “Cruiser” recently ran into “Mate” **Ted Marshall ('94-'00; '02-'03)** on the subway in New York, when she was visiting the city! She reports that he is doing well and living in Philadelphia.

Wes Harden ('01-'02) – is living in Jacksonville, FL and is employed as a geologist. He and his wife Jessica have two children, Kaya, 20 months, and Ainsley, 3 months!

Nick Kearns ('01-'05) – has entered Phillips Academy this fall as a Sophomore. He and his brother **Steve Kearns ('02)** are still playing AAU basketball!

Reed Miller ('01-'06) – is attending Georgetown Preparatory School, where he plays varsity lacrosse.

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.

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.

Andrew Moran ('01;'03-'07) - has just begun his junior year at Westminster High School in Simsbury, Connecticut. He "had a blast this summer being on staff for the first time as a Sr. Club and can't wait to go back."

Chris Hayes ('02-'04;'06-'07) - was once again featured in a few articles in local Florida newspapers. He was the subject of an one article in the Herald Tribune called "ODA graduate is Miami's version of 'Rudy'", and also one in the Miami Herald about his making the University of Miami Football team as a walk-on freshman last year. "Slugger" continues to play football at The University of Miami, where he is also majoring in Motion Pictures.

Jared Patton ('03-'07) - is currently in the thick of his second year of medical school. Some of the highlights of his semester include hematology/oncology and cardiology. After the new year he will begin the "frightening task" of studying for Step I Board Exams, which test you on everything you have ever learned in the first two years of medical school. "General" writes: "I had a great five summers at Agawam and will hopefully see you all again next summer when I visit."

Joel Wylie ('03;'05-'06) - writes: "Hi everyone, well it's spring time here in Australia and the weather is super nice. I'm working at a hotel in Brisbane, but soon will be working stateside in Vail, Colorado for the winter and I'm looking forward to another awesome ski/snowboard season."

Holly Carriere ('04-'07) - is happy to report that she is working hard at being creative in school. "Chips" is also excited for the upcoming winter weather and "all the glorious things that come along with that such as hot chocolate and fires." She misses everybody at Camp and hopes to wander her way east soon.

Chris Drake ('04) - and his wife Tiffany are expecting their first child. "Guide" lives in South Portland, ME.

Carl Jones ('04-'07) - has been catching up with friends, catching up on his dance moves for upcoming shows and going to school, since he got back from spending the summer as a Senior Club at Agawam. He writes: "Being a high school junior in all honors courses is pretty hard when you want to have an AWESOME social life like I do, and become an all-star dancer. But I'm up for the challenge. I hope everyone has a great school year and I hope to see some of you again next summer. TILL WE MEET AGAIN!!! AND SO IT GOES..."

Richard Stanyard ('07) - would like to thank everyone from this summer for an awesome time. "Bowman" came upon an interesting situation when he arrived back in the UK after the summer, when he found his house in Derby damaged after the floods in England. All's well though and most of it was saved and is now in storage. He has headed back to University, and is still pursuing his love of Archery.



"Sarge" Peter Ford and "Bos'n" Ben Kepler having a good time during the Fourth of July Midway celebration!



Rob Macdonald makes his way up Forbes Field in the Agawam Six-a-Side Tournament. Agawam made it to the finals, but lost to Timanous, 2-1.



11th Golf Marathon Funds Maine Camperships!

For the 11th year, a group of dedicated Agawam alums and friends gathered at Val Halla Golf Club in Cumberland, ME to participate in the Camp Agawam 100 Hole Golf Marathon. **17 golfers and 36 volunteers combined to make the day a success by raising \$53,000, exceeding their \$50,000 goal!** That money will fund 6 camperships for Maine boys to attend Camp Agawam's 7-week session next summer.

The day began with breakfast in the club house, a talk about the importance of the day's cause, and then a 7:00am shotgun start. The golfers played the back nine of Val Halla, which is slightly thinner than the front, but was a welcome change and also seemed to play faster. The weather was sunny, making for plenty of thirsty golfers, but thanks to the 36 volunteers life was made as easy as possible for the golfers! Every golfer, all of vary degrees of skill, was able to finish 100 holes. A few golfers exceeded the 100 hole mark by leaps and bounds, including "Striker" Zach Rioux who played a tournament high 154 holes! He was closely followed by Will Griffiths, 150, "Cox'n" Simon Gerson and Aric Walton at 128, and "Capt" Pete Caesar at 127 holes (a personal best!). After a quick shower and a much deserved cold beverage, the group headed over to "Coach" Bob Demont's house where his wife Priscilla hosted all golfers and volunteers for a post-marathon dinner. "Ranger" Jim Carroll, who chaired the marathon again this year, then tallied the funds raised and announced to a tired, but satisfied group, that they had not only reached their goal, but surpassed it. Prizes were then handed out for closest to the pin, top individual fund raiser, and top fund raising team. All golfers and volunteers received shirts and visors for their efforts.

We'd love to have you join us next year for the 12th annual Agawam Golf Marathon on August 14th, 2008! For more information please contact "SuperCoach" Mark Hogan at 207-774-0630 or supercoach@campagawam.org.

Thanks to our Volunteers!

"Bowman" Scott Malm
"SuperCoach" Mark Hogan
Dave Griffiths
"Ensign" Allison O'Leary
"Corp" Steve O'Leary
Misha Rolfe
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"Chips" Holly Carriere
"Nurse" Janice Bowers
"Lt" BJ Grondin
"Trapper" Dan Cluchey
Caroline Wilson

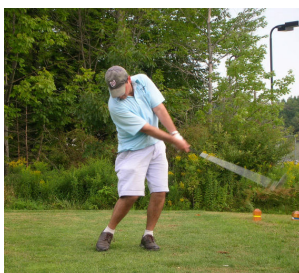
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Kyle Morrison
Jess Walton
"Guide" Peter Claypoole
"Mate" Taylor Gotfredson
"Bos'n" John Calhoun
Kathy Winde
Tyler Winde
Travis Winde
David Wilson

Ethan Winde
Lisa Hall
Tim Jablonski
Peter Wilson Sr.
Gail Wilson
Mary Beth Carroll
Jay Carroll
Karen Wilson
Peter Wilson
Nick Bearce
Kayte Demont
Priscilla Demont

Thanks to our Golfers!

"Slugger" SJ Baxter
"Capt" Pete Caesar
"Ranger" Jim Carroll
"Inspector" Mike Colt
Doug Cummings
"Coach" Bob Demont
"Lt" Bob Fryer
"Colonel" Matt Gardner
"Cox'n" Simon Gerson
Will Griffiths

"Admiral" Stephanie Hogan*
"Mander" Karen Malm
"Sarge" Byron Miller
"Guide" Si Rioux
"Striker" Zach Rioux
"Striker" Brian Slovenski
Aric Walton
"Admiral" Peter Wilson, Jr.
Bold = have participated in all 11 golf marathons!!
* = sponsored driver!



Thanks to our Sponsors!

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The Good Life Market - \$25 gift certificate
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Pralines - 25 goody bags



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.

Camp Agawam Phon-a-thon, Another Successful Fundraiser!

On Saturday, March 31st, 24 alums and friends of Agawam gathered at Jones and Bartlett Publishers in Sudbury, MA to make calls to fellow Agawam alums and friends. From 8:30am until 1:30pm the callers kept the phone lines crackling and raised \$45,450! Breakfast and lunch were served to all callers and once again phon-a-thon chairs, "Lt" Bob Fryer and "Chips" Alex Cobb, co-chaired an effort that easily surpassed its goal of \$15,000. A special thanks goes out to "Bos'n" Bob Holland for volunteering the use of the Jones and Bartlett offices for the past two years. The phon-a-thon has become an important fund raising vehicle for Agawam Council and we'd like to thank all the volunteers and donors that made it a success!

Phon-a-thon Volunteers

"Admiral" Dave Ames
"Bos'n" Frank Anthony
"Capt" Pete Caesar
"Guide" Peter Claypoole
"Chips" Alex Cobb
"Capt." Diehl Estes
"Lt." Bob Fryer
"Cruiser" Meg Greenberg
Dave Griffiths
"SuperCoach" Mark Hogan
"Bos'n" Bob Holland
"Skipper" Jack Gorbey

"Admiral" Stephanie Hogan
Dave Mason
"Chief" Garth Nelson
"Corp" Steve O'Leary
"Chips" Steve Slovenski
Peg Mason
Barbara Nelson
"Gimpy" Karin Whitten
"Yeoman" Erik Calhoun
"Coach" Bob Demont
Mike Forbes
"Commodore" Bob Gregg



Agawam Alums in attendance at the DC gathering were: Jay Carroll ('02-'07), "Cox'n" Ben Rogers ('94-'02;'04), Adam Berg ('91-'97), "Bos'n" Bill Auerswald ('78-'82;'87-'91;'93-'95;'98-'06), "Skipper" Fred Beddard ('92-'00), "Commodore" Jeremy Cluchey ('91-'01;'03;'05), "Gunner" Keith Gardner ('81-'87;'89), "Sarge" John McManus ('81-'85;'87-'88), Barbara Nelson ('85-'93;'95-'96;'99-'07), "SuperCoach" Mark Hogan ('90-'94;'96-'97;'04-'07), "Colonel" Keith Baxter ('87-'96;'98), "Doc" Scott Pragoff ('90-'95;'98-'02;'04-'06), "Guide" Peter Claypoole ('06-'07), "Capt" Charlie Wood ('76-'81;'83-'86;'88;'90), "Ranger" Jim Carroll ('81-'83), "Ensign" Emily Auerswald ('01-'05), "Slugger" SJ Baxter ('86-'92;'94-'97;'99-'00), "Chief" Garth Nelson ('85-'07), "Cox'n" Rich Schaberg ('78;'80;'83), "Capt" John Schmidt ('65-'69;'71-'74), Henry DeCamp ('06-'07), Buckley Carlson ('06-'07), Harris Rooney ('06-'07).



Dave Mason, "Capt" Diehl Estes, and Peg Mason enjoying themselves at the Agawam Maine gathering!

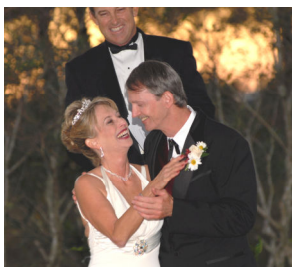
Washington, DC and Maine Gatherings well attended!

In a continued effort to reach out to alumni, Agawam hosted two alumni gatherings this past year. The first was on December 18th, 2006 in Maine. Local Mainers were invited to the Agawam Council office in Windham, ME for an open house. Most attendees then headed into Portland for dinner. Those in attendance were: Sam Begin, "Guide" Peter Claypoole, Tina Claypoole, "Cox'n" Rori Crossman, "Capt" Diehl Estes, Matt Gardner, Judy Gardner, "Ensign" Walter Gregg, Kyle Hargreaves, Paul Hargreaves, "SuperCoach" Mark Hogan, "Admiral" Stephanie Hogan, "Bowman" Scott Malm, Dave and Peg Mason, "Major" Frank Blauvelt, "Trapper" Oliver Reid, Allie Thayer, Tyler Winde, "Guide" Si Rioux, "Striker" Zach Rioux.

On March 10th, 2007, 36 Washington, DC area Alums and family members gathered at "Ranger" Jim Carroll's house in Falls Church, VA. Those in attendance heard from "Chief" Garth Nelson about the present state of Camp, and from "Guide" Peter Claypoole about future plans for Agawam Council. They also enjoyed catching up with old friends and reminiscing about times at Camp! Folks were also treated to a showing of the 2006 summer slide show, and plenty of food courtesy of the Carroll's! After a few hours at the Carroll's house, a group of alums headed out for dinner in nearby Arlington, VA!

News of the Masons

Dave ('25-'41;'44-'85) and Peg ('55-'85) Mason recently celebrated Dave's 90th birthday by inviting 23 Masons to the Balsams Resort in New Hampshire for three days of great golf, tennis, hiking, swimming and food. There was family from 10 states in attendance! At the Balsams, the Mason Tennis Cup was again awarded to the David Mason family. How How! **"Capt" Tony Mason ('50-'56;'58-'59;'64)**, who was in attendance, reports that there was moving testimony to Dave for the pivotal role he has played in so many Mason lives and lives at Agawam. He writes of Dave being the first to reach the ninth green while playing golf over the weekend: "Dave then had to take on the green which had a large dome with the pin right at the top. We all cheered as his ball got just past the hole and then rolled down the other side to the edge of the green!" **"Capt" Peter Mason ('66-'74;'76-'80)** and his wife Lynne continue to live in Canton, CT just west of Hartford. Peter has recently been promoted to Executive Vice President with Konover Hotel Corporation based in West Hartford, CT. He oversees the hotel division of 20 properties with 9 different flags in 4 states from Connecticut to Kansas. Konover Hotels is part of Konover Properties, a large real estate company that has been in business for 50 years (www.konoverproperties.com). Lynne continues to enjoy retirement and is adjusting to the New England lifestyle while working on house improvements. They hosted the Mason clan for July 4th, and look forward to hosting another family gathering at Thanksgiving in Canton this year. **George Mason Jr. ('59-'66;'70-'72)** married



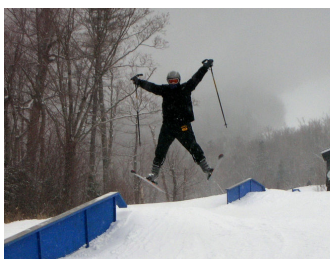
Jeanne Broadus this past year. "Skipper" wrote: "Almost 5 years ago the Gods of the Four Winds brought Jeanne into my life. Jeanne accompanied me to the 85th Agawam reunion. When I saw how much she loved Maine, I knew she was the girl for me. Christmas eve 2005, with an heirloom ring hidden inside a chocolate covered cherry, I proposed to her. We were married on 11/11/06 at House Plantation, a lovely vintage plantation home with a country setting. 'As the Evening Colors Gathered in the Sky' (a quote from a letter we found that my Father wrote to the Governor in 1938) was used on the wedding invitation cover, hence the ceremony took place outside at sunset, with the sun sparkling on the lake just like on Crescent Lake. A round of How, How's was heard from the audience at the conclusion of the ceremony. My cousin "Capt" Tony Mason made the trip from Albany, NY, making him

the recipient of the long distance award. After dinner, dancing, and getting handcuffed together, I surprised my Bride, as well as the crowd by appearing in a full King Kong gorilla costume which ended the formal gala on a light note."

Tim Mason ('80-'81;'92) moved from Hawaii back to the mainland where he has taken a job at the NCIS Headquarters in Washington, D.C. "Major", his wife Kim, and daughter Maddie, will be living in Northern VA.

Ski Trip Campers & Staff Enjoy the New Setting and Slopes!

Last year's Agawam Ski and Snowboarding Trip was a great success. For the first year, the boys and staff skied at Sugarloaf/USA in Carrabassett Valley, ME, and stayed at the Hyde Wilderness School, just 20 minutes away. Both boys and staff enjoyed staying in the heated yurts, and especially liked the home cooked meals, the chance to cook for themselves, and playing board games and ping pong with their buddies at the Hyde lodge. But, aside from all the fun skiing, playing basketball, and indoor rock climbing, the best part of the ski trip was "being with great friends for an awesome six days of making memories." Those in attendance were: Andrew Moran, Cam Panno, Sam French, Zach Ellin, "SuperCoach" Mark Hogan, "Admiral" Stephanie Hogan, "Mate" Taylor Gotfredson, Conn Curry, Austin Scheerer, Art Snyder George Williams, "Cruiser" Patrick Wright, Sam Begin, and Annie Crosswell. *There is still room on this year's Ski Trip, which will run from December 26th - 31st! Contact "SuperCoach" Mark Hogan for more information at supercoach@campagawam.org or 207-774-0630.*



"This trip is the best. Everything on the trip is great, and I would recommend it to anyone, even if, or especially if, you have never skied before (like myself). This trip is loads of fun, and I can't recommend it highly enough."

- 2006 Ski Trip Camper

Camp Agawam Introduces “Yeoman” Erik Calhoun as its 5th Director



Former, Future, and Present Directors of Camp Agawam: From L to R: Dave Mason ('25-'41; '44-'85), “Yeoman” Erik Calhoun ('81-'84; '87-'91; '94; '98-'00; '02), “Chief” Garth Nelson ('85-'07). This picture was taken soon after “Yeoman” had met with the Agawam Council Board of Directors, which by a unanimous vote, offered him the position of Agawam’s 5th Camp Director.

“Yeoman” Erik Calhoun spent his first summer at Camp Agawam in 1981. He was a camper for 4 years which was then followed by 10 years as a staff member. Over that time he earned a reputation as one of the biggest (literally and figuratively) personalities at Agawam each summer he was there. He has been Lower Campus Unit Head for three summers, Middle Campus Unit Head for one summer, Trip Director for one summer, and most famously, Ranger Trail Head for six summers. He was also a Young Alumni Representative on the Agawam Council Board of Directors from 2001-2004.

Since “Yeoman” graduated from Eckerd College in 1992, he has been involved with children and education. He has spent time as a teacher, and as Associate Dean of Admissions, and earned his Masters of Arts and Teaching from Boston College. For the past 5 years “Yeoman” has been the Director of Admissions, Marketing & Financial Aid for Elgin Academy, a PS - 12 school in Illinois.

“Yeoman” is the son of Agawam Alum “Bos’n” John Calhoun ('54-'55; '59-'62; '00), and the nephew of “Bos’n” Eric Calhoun ('57-'62; '69-'70) and “Commodore” David Calhoun ('54-'55; '61-'62), and the cousin of “Chips” Rich Calhoun ('90-'94; '96; '99-'00). All together six Calhoun’s have attended, or worked, at Camp Agawam for a total of 43 years.

“Yeoman” and his wife Danielle, have a 2 year old son Everett. “Yeoman” is an avid canoeist, kayaker, and bird watcher. He also really enjoys camping, reading, rooting for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and especially hanging out with Everett!

A Message From “Yeoman”

As I sit at my desk in the Elgin Academy Office of Admission it is difficult to fathom that in less than a year I will be back at Agawam. I think back to 1981 when I was a homesick first-year camper in Cargill. I think back to 1987 when I was a Junior Counselor and the thrill I felt when I first put on my staff shirt and walked into the Counselor Room. That same summer my ears and neck would turn red and I would mumble badly whenever I had to give an announcement at a meal. I also remember returning to Agawam as an “old” counselor in 1999 and how much I appreciated so many things about camp that I had previously taken for granted.

The summer of 2008 is another Agawam new beginning for me and at some point I am sure that I will reflect back and be amazed at how much I have grown since then. I am very much looking forward to having a summer to work closely with “Chief”. It will not only be an opportunity for me to be his shadow and to learn many of the details and nuances about what it is to be the Director of Agawam, it will also be an opportunity for me to strengthen an already strong relationship. I am confident that he will remain a trusted resource for a very long time. I also very much look forward to acquainting myself with the new generation of Agawam campers, staff and families with whom I do not already have a relationship.

What is an exciting transition for me I am sure is also a transition that may cause some added interest for members of the Agawam family. My hope is to communicate to those people that I understand and embrace the responsibility of the stewardship of Camp Agawam. As I sit at my desk in the Admission Office at Elgin Academy it is all I can do to stop myself from humming “By the Blazing Council Fire’s Light” and to think about what feels just around the corner.

“When I look at the short list of former directors I cannot help but feel like a growing sapling in a grove of enormous white pines. The next director of Camp Agawam will take on an immense responsibility to steward something that has been great; I have respect for that reality, but I also embrace it.” - “Yeoman” Erik Calhoun

President's Message

I am delighted to report that Agawam had another strong year, thanks, in large part to your continuing support and dedication. In these pages, you will see that, as an alumni and parent group, you continue to be extraordinarily generous. I hope that you will also see that we continue to invest the Council's resources in a manner that will most directly benefit and preserve the Agawam Experience. In particular this year, thanks to contributions to a targeted campaign, we completed the acquisition of a strategically located property to join our two parcels of land across the lake known as Wabinoden, and we rebuilt the Boat House. Every year, your ongoing contributions are vital to ensuring that we are able to continue our growing commitments to The Main Idea and our campership financial aid program. Even as we challenge ourselves to do more as an organization, your Board remains true to its mission and is focused on our vibrant central programs. We are ever vigilant about financial discipline and proper investment in our counseling staff, our facilities, and other aspects of our programs that impact the quality of our campers' experiences.

As alumni, your deep commitment to Agawam and generous giving of wisdom and support manifests itself in many ways, including volunteerism for the Main Idea, serving on committees of the Council, referring families to Agawam, and sending your own sons to Camp Agawam. This past summer, for example 35 out of 134 campers were legacies. We are a tightly knit family, having shared a powerfully positive experience during our respective times at camp. Regardless of whether we were led by Ap Mason, Dave Mason, or Garth Nelson, we are bound by the goodness and the traditions of Agawam that taught us to do the right thing at every turn.

And so, when "Chief" Garth Nelson talked to me almost a year ago about his desire to step down after 23 years as our Camp Director, I knew that Agawam would thoughtfully and deliberately find just the right person to succeed him. A person who would continue with the vision and focused commitment that "Chief" has provided ever since he assumed the directorship from Dave Mason.

At the Agawam Council Winter Board Meeting earlier this year, we activated a search committee to be led by "Guide" Peter Claypoole. The committee also included "Slugger" S.J. Baxter, "Capt" Pete Caesar, Mike Forbes, "Bowman" Scott Malm, "Capt" Peter Mason, and me, along with "Colonel" Matt Gardner and "Chief" Garth Nelson acting in an advisory capacity. In my conversations with "Guide" Peter Claypoole during the time since, he has decided to move on from Agawam, he has identified this search process as his greatest achievement during his tenure as Executive Director. I heartily agree with him on that score, and will always be grateful for his leadership in handling such a successful search process.

We conducted a nationwide search that yielded a pool of some 50 applicants, including several Agawam alumni. After a series of telephone interviews and some writings from the candidates about their core beliefs, we narrowed the field to six finalists to meet in person last May. During that day, our unanimous support for "Yeoman" Erik Calhoun crystallized, and we decided to ask him to visit with the Directors and Committee members at a Special Board Meeting in June at Camp. Since it was scheduled

for the day in between the end of Main Idea and the start of the final staff training before Camp Agawam opened, we invited the seasonal staff to join us. "Chief" and I were unsure how many would do so, since this competed with their final day off before camp, but 26 of this year's staff chose to participate. As a sidebar, I thought that all of our directors benefited from meeting our seasonal staff; they were universally impressed with how mature, well spoken, and thoughtful they are.

"Yeoman" later told me that their presence caught him off guard, since they doubled the size of the meeting, which largely filled Governor Hall. If he was nervous, he didn't show it. "Yeoman" spoke with extraordinary poise and connected perfectly with the group. He was humble, entertaining, thoughtful, and even philosophical in his comments and replies to the group's questions. The audience was riveted, even as they sat on those uncomfortably hard benches. I hope that you will take a few moments to read more about his background and what he has written about his core beliefs and values in his introduction in this publication (pg. 20).

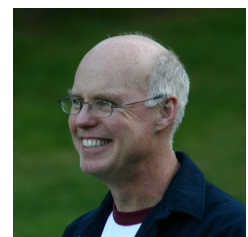
After we excused "Yeoman" from the meeting, I asked for a secret ballot vote on whether to offer him the position of Camp Director. The vote was unanimous. Additionally, the staff was elated to hear the news, and many of them told me in morning dip conversations and elsewhere how eagerly they are looking forward to working with him next summer during his transition year along side "Chief".

Speaking of our summer staff, I hope that you will find time to come visit Camp next summer and witness the incredible job they do with our campers. While many of them are only a few years older than our oldest boys, they conduct themselves at a much higher level than most of their peers. They have the enormous responsibility of caring for the children of our camp families, and they handle it with maturity, all the time keeping Camp exciting, fun, and educational. Since they are living in the cabins, leading trips, and teaching activity skills, they are what the boys remember most about Camp. As such, they can really "make" a summer, and they did just that in 2007. They kept the energy level up through a typically exhausting season, with just the right balance of focus on traditions and personal growth through vehicles like Katiaki, and fun times such as the zany antics at meal time announcements that keep the place hopping. Remember those "Buzzball at the Bell" and Frisbee Tag announcements in the Mason Hall dining room? The boys seemingly never tire of it.

As we turn our attention to 2008, our top priority is to focus on preparing well for "Yeoman's" introductory summer, and I will be working closely with "Chief" to help manage a smooth transition. Beyond '08, I am delighted that "Chief" will make himself available to offer advice and perspective to "Yeoman" and intends to continue investing his time and energy in outstanding service to the Council, helping to secure Agawam's future.

Sincerely,

"Bos'n" Frank Anthony



Development Update

Agawam Council engages annually in sharply focused efforts to fund tuition and fee camperships for Camp Agawam, and to continue the Main Idea at Camp Agawam, now anticipating its 37th season, serving 110 local Maine boys. The principal means by which the funds are raised are the general Annual Appeal, an alumni volunteer Phonathon in the spring, and our 100-Hole Golf Marathon in August.

Thanks to the generosity of 497 Agawam alumni and friends, the 2006 Annual Appeal (10/1/2005 – 9/30/2006) slightly exceeded its goal, raising \$132,160. In addition, 520 donors sponsored our golfers in August, 2006, as they raised \$70,415 to fund Agawam camperships for Maine children, and establish a reserve in anticipation of the expansion of Main Idea programming. Please see the enclosed listing of our 2006 donors.

Briefly, Agawam Council's annual fundraising produced the following results for fiscal 2006 (4/1/07):

Income:

General Annual Appeal	\$ 132,160
Golf Marathon for Maine Camperships	\$ 70,415
Annual Main Idea & Camperships Endowment Draw	<u>\$ 38,478</u>
	\$ 241,053

Programs Funded:

Main Idea at Camp Agawam, June, 2007	\$ 63,000
12 General Camp Agawam Camperships	\$ 82,920
6 Maine Camp Agawam Camperships	\$ 41,460
Transfer to Golf Marathon Reserve Fund	\$ 2,250
Transfer to Main Idea & Camperships Endowment (Golf Marathon, after Campership Funding)	\$ 8,000
Transfer to Preservation Trust (General Annual Appeal Surplus)	\$ 738
Transfer to Main Idea Expansion Reserve (Golf Marathon, after Campership Funding)	\$ 15,335
Gift Pledge Defaults (2.5%)	\$ 6,272
Direct Development Expenses (8.7%)	<u>\$ 21,078</u>
(Salaries, Printing, Mailing, etc.)	0



Staff Reports

“SuperCoach” Mark F. Hogan - Director of Alumni Relations - It was a busy summer at Agawam! I enjoyed taking on the role of Trip Director, and planning alumni and development events like our Alumni Work/Fun Days in early June, and running the Golf Marathon in mid August. We had 23 volunteers help paint our new boat house during the Alumni work weekend (pg. 6), and we raised \$53,000 through the Golf Marathon (pg. 17)! During the Main Idea week we also held our second Main Idea gathering for past Main Idea campers. Before the summer began we had two gatherings, one in Maine and another in Washington, DC. They were both well attended (pg. 18). Now that the off-season has begun, and the Alumni News is done (you're holding it!), I'm finishing up the Calendar and have sent out our summer slideshow to all campers and counselors. I'm looking forward to running the ski trip again this winter (pg. 19) and I'm excited about our upcoming gatherings in Boston, MA, and Maine this November and December, respectively. We'd love to hear from you if you're interested in participating in alumni events or just to learn what you're up to! Please contact me at supercoach@campagawam.org or 207-774-0630. It's going to be a busy and enjoyable winter and I hope this finds everyone well.

“Capt” Diehl Estes - Director of Operations - In mid November of last year, three major projects were started. The Boat House was completely renovated, which included more windows for better light and ventilation, a much higher ceiling and new flooring throughout the entire building. The new Boat House is larger and has a new entrance, new decks, new seating, and a changing area for females, and is handicap accessible. Tall Pines (Chief's House) was also renovated. A lot of work was done including, a new kitchen and bathroom, replacing rotten sills, a new deck, and new stringers to make the roof stronger to handle the snow load. New interior walls were also added and paneled. Due to the construction, there was a lot of repair work needed on the lawn. All the bare spots by the basketball court, Forbes Field, and the volleyball court were re-loamed and re-seeded. The entire lawn was aerated, fertilized and re-seeded. The final work was also completed on the irrigation system at the upper soccer fields. A new electrical service was installed in late August to allow for a time clock to be installed so that the fields can be watered automatically. This fall the Esty House renovation is well underway, with much of the wood work done already! The lawn around Camp was aerated and re-seeded, and is looking great. The Town of Raymond and Camp Cedar used the upper fields once again for their recreation programs and soccer camps, allowing several hundred children to use the fields most of the fall.

Supporting Camp Agawam and Agawam Council

Hiawatha Society

The Hiawatha Society was established to recognize those who provide support for 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 that is dedicated to protecting and preserving the essential environment and setting of Agawam. We hope you will become a member of 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.

The Pension Protection Act

As the end of the tax year draws near, we wanted to remind you about a new law Congress recently passed that offers an opportunity for those 70½ years of age and older to make charitable gifts from potentially taxable Individual Retirement Account funds. The law also provides a method for those who are 59 ½ or older to make tax advantaged donations from their IRAs. The PPA is in effect for the 2006 and 2007 tax years only, and gifts must be made by December 31. Your financial advisor will have all the details.

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 such funds, 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 funds available to our donors. Please contact him for further information on these planned giving options 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 us get one of our wishes please let us know. Currently our wish list includes:

Gator style maintenance/all terrain vehicle
Hydraulic Wood Splitter
Small tractor with bucket/backhoe (John Deere) 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
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 or telephone him at 781-826-5913.

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☐ Agawam Council Board Member

☐ Hosting Events

☐ Phone-a-thon Volunteer

☐ Alumni Work Weekend

☐ 12th Anniversary Golf Marathon

☐ Visit During The Summer

☐ Camper Recruiting

☐ The Main Idea

☐ Agawam Ski Week

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