



The Beagle Barks

Jack Kohler Campership Association

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ONWARD; INTO OUR 26TH SEASON

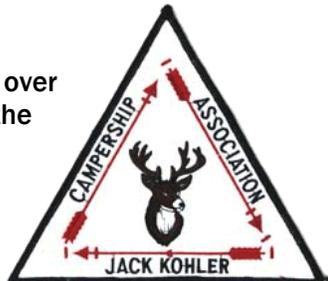
by B. Gull

With pride, the Jack Kohler Campership Association heads into its 26th season of helping Scouts attend Ten Mile River and more. Our campership committee has already started selecting the individual Scouts who will receive our assistance to go to TMR this summer. Depending on the Scouts family situation, they can receive up to 50% of the cost of 1 week at camp. We have allocated \$3000 to go towards TMR scouts for 2012. In addition we have also allotted \$500 to assist Cub Scouts to attend Alpine's Cub World during the summer. Since our first season, more than 825+ scouts have been given the opportunity to go to TMR (or Cub World) with our assistance. As we look ahead to the future, our goal is to help even more Scouts. We want to build upon what we have done in our first 25 years.

In those 25 years, we had more than 20 Barbecues for our members and friends. We served over 4,000 hamburgers, 3,000 hot dogs, 3,000 cans of soda, and countless pounds of chips, pickles onions and relish. Of course some hot dogs may have fallen on the ground in our eagerness to serve them quickly, but the 5 second rule may have come into effect for those.

Sadly, over our 25 year tenure, we've said good-bye to (too) many friends (such as; Henry Joerz, Len Rasmussen, Jerry Reimer, Father Barry, Ralph Calman, Harald Keil, Bill Scheib, Jim Tranchina, Art Brace, Henry Behrens, Muriel Morgenstern, Bill Philips, Vito Vitiello, John Pinezich, Walter Engle, Big Cliff Folenius, Little Cliff Folenius, John Williamson, Al Merck, Jack Knoops, Bill Schmitt, Armand Lessard, Larry Hudson, Ernie Nelson among others...) and most recently Murray Juvelier and Gordon Bennett.

We've had great times over these 25 years. In addition to the barbecues, we had many fabulous, fun filled luncheons. The luncheons have been great reunions for many of us. Guest speakers peaked our interest, whether it was a Scout Executive or a local celebrity such as Channel 4 News Anchor Michael Garguilo.



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2012 CAMPERSHIPS SET... 26TH YEAR OF OFFERING CAMPERSHIPS

The Jack Kohler Campership Association Board of Directors met in October and approved the Campership amounts for the 2012 summer season. Once again we pledged \$3000 in campership funds for Queens Boy Scouts to attend a week at TMR plus \$500 to assist Cubs to go to Cub World at Alpine. Our Chairman Mitch Morgenstern, will be our representative on the Queens Campership Committee to help select what young men get assistance and how much. This will be our 26th year and creeping close to 850 scouts that we have given the opportunity to go to camp to. We should all be proud of such a worthy accomplishment.

KOHLER CABIN

At our most recent Board of Directors meeting, it was approved that we would fund some projects that Suanhacky Lodge will conduct to upgrade the Kohler Cabin at Camp Alpine.



JACK KOHLER CABIN

Number one on the agenda is replacing the back porch of the cabin. Plans are to have the work done on the Fall -Make-Up Ordeal or a Fall service weekend. We will invite our members to help, especially any skilled workers with carpentry talent. If you have a connection for lumber, please let us know.



THE RIPPLE EFFECT...

AND HOW WE'LL MISS GORDON & MURRAY

By Denis Sackett

Throw a single solitary stone in a pond and see all the ripples it makes, that go on and on, some ripples having no real connection to that original stone. That is how I think of these past few months, concerning the passing of two Scouting legends. I don't use that term loosely either. This past winter we lost Murray Juvelier and Gordon Bennett. It is hard to go to any Scouting function and not come across people who have been affected by either one of these men, or both. These two men were the stone, thrown into the pond of Scouting, that have had ripple effects far beyond the immediate spot they first came into contact. So many are so lucky to have had these men involved, and even more have benefited, or will benefit, from their ripples in the water.

Murray Juvelier was a founding member and a driving force behind the formation of the Jack Kohler Campership Association. Before that however, Murray was a Scouting dad, with two sons achieving Eagle and he was a unit leader. He was a Cub Leader, a Troop Leader, and an Explorer Post Adviser. When he wanted more of a challenge, he became a Commissioner.



Jack Kohler & Murray Juvelier

Murray enjoyed going to TMR with his Troop. Here he would have a captive audience to listen to his WWII stories, of flying in B-29's over the Pacific and bringing the war into Japan's front yard. He would often tell off color jokes, but that was Murray. He made friends wherever he went. To paraphrase the term in the movie 'Godfather', he never refused a favor asked by a friend. He loved being the center of attention, but he would share with others. That was why his Vigil Honor name was "Babbling Gift Giver".

After Murray received his Vigil, he would come to Keowa on Honors weekends and enjoyed cooking for the Vigil breakfast with many exciting extra's, to make it a memorable event for all attending. He would never be afraid to ask a favor of one friend to help out another. Often putting these friends in an awkward position, but none the less, willing to do it because Murray's heart was always in the right place.

Murray split his energies between Veteran groups and Scouting. As the Veterans seemed to call upon him more and more, he devoted most of his time to working with trying to recognize those who served their country. He looked forward to attending his annual reunions with as much excitement as he had looked forward to TMR on Memorial weekends.

As age caught up with Murray, he stopped coming to events because he just couldn't get around. He did not have a computer and in this day and age, that almost makes a person incommunicado. These last few years he was thankful for the Beagle Speaks, the Suanhacky Stag and other local Scouting communications to keep up with what was going on.

I learned a lot from Murray, most of all to be sure that a Scout is Cheerful and Friendly.

Gordon Bennett came to Queens from Brooklyn Scouting in the late 1960's or early 70's. He immediately made an impact with his Troop, 106 and beyond.



Gordon Bennett

Gordon's troop had a strong camping program. Weekend camping and of course summer camp at TMR. Beyond that he would often have long trips to far reaching parts of the USA. Gordon knew Scouting, but more importantly he knew how to relate and inspire Scouts to achieve. His unit has a proud roster of Eagle Scouts, many whom grew into leadership roles throughout Scouting. He helped groom Lodge and Chapter Chiefs, Camp Directors, OA Officers and Advisors, successful businessmen, Teachers, engineers, public servants, all who owe part of who they are to Gordon. Gordon may not have always been easy to get along with, lord knows many had more than one disagreement with him, but it was always for the right reasons, he wanted the best for the Scouts.

Gordon's ripple went beyond his unit. He was instrumental in making sure any Scout from his district, or others, had a unit to go to Camp with when he would Scoutmaster the District Provisional Troop at Aquehonga each summer.

Gordon encouraged his Scouts to become active members of Suanhacky Lodge. To take leadership positions and serve fellow Scouts, just like he did. Gordon set a wonderful example for many to follow. Gordon served as a Chapter Advisor and then in the footsteps of Jack Kohler, Suanhacky Lodge Advisor as well.

When Gordon stepped down as Lodge Advisor, he didn't disappear from his brothers. He went into the Kitchen and worked very hard as a member of the No-Names- kitchen crew. Gordon was recognized and inducted into the TEN MILE RIVER HALL OF FAME. What a wonderful tribute to a great man.

I will miss both these gentlemen. I turned to both countless times over the years. I turned to them for help, for a joke, for advice, for direction, for answers and for friendship. Rest in peace my friends and know that the ripples in the water your created continue to move out over the Scouting World.



2012 HERITAGE SOCIETY INDUCTIONS

We welcome the newest inductees to the HERITAGE SOCIETY of the ASSOCIATION. The induction ceremony was held in TMR, at the Keowa Dining Hall, Sunday morning of Memorial Day Weekend. The actual plaque, which is a wood base and brass nameplates, hangs in the Camp Alpine office. A replica in a frame, hangs in the Ten Mile River Scout Camps Museum. When visiting either camp, be sure to stop by and see it.

Our 2012 inductees are:

JIM TRANCHINA
Scoutmaster

JIM DEBONET
Assistant District Commissioner

LEOPOLD HEDBAVNY Jr.
Queens Council President

TROOP 106
Middle Village, Queens



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Prizes have been won by dozens and everyone has always walked away with a nice gift. This year's gift was a handy flashlight, in the past we have given canvas carry bags, magnetic note boards, pens, CSP patches, travel mugs and more.

We are proud to have been a conduit for folks re-uniting with Scouting, especially the Order of the Arrow and TMR. As we prepare for the future, we hope to continue to bring folks back into Queens Scouting in one form or another. We plan on keeping the fellowship and camaraderie as an important part of the organization. Most importantly, we hope to continue on our mission of ...

"Helping Make Every Scout A Camper".



TEN MILE RIVER 85TH ANNIVERSARY ALUMNI DAY- July 21, 2012

This year's TMR Alumni day, marking the 85th year of TMR Scout Camps will be held at the TMR Headquarters area on Saturday July 21. Activities begin at 11am by the Reservation Headquarters. You can get more information from Greater New York Councils at: <http://alumni.campgnyc.org>.

There are a number of new exhibits at the museum, including the old 8 Man Cabin (moved from Kotoke) and the Jerry Reimer Trading Post that was moved from Kunatah.

NOAC 2012 – WILLIAMSON SCHOLARSHIP



We are very happy to announce that for the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Jack Kohler

John Williamson



Association's John Williamson Scholarship has been increased by 100% from \$100 to \$200 for a deserving youth from Suanhacky Lodge to attend NOAC at Michigan State University. It was decided, the scholarship that is now 19 years in existence had not kept up with the increases in NOAC fees. Thanks to generous donations specifically to the Williamson Fund (after the passing of Art Brace) that replenished this account, we were able to make such a decision.



Andrew Sommer receives the **Williamson NOAC Scholarship** presented by **Mitch Morgenstern**

This year's recipient of the Williamson Scholarship is **Andrew Sommer**. He is from Mattinecock Chapter. Andrew was also just elected as a Vice Chief of the Lodge.

We wish him a good time and we hope that he returns to Queens with many ideas to help build and maintain a strong, active Lodge.



GOOD & WELFARE

- We mourn the loss of **Murray Jewellier**, a founding member of our organization.
- Rest in Peace **Gordon Bennett**, member of our Board of Directors, TMR Hall of Fame, longtime Scoutmaster and friend.
- When in TMR, stop by the museum and see **Deacon Paul Lumpkin** who will be the Museums' Outdoor Curator this summer.
- Time flies for **Denis Sackett**, celebrating his 50th year in Scouting...and 40th year as a Vigil Honor member of Suanhacky Lodge.
- Welcome to **Anthony Zalak** who becomes the newest member of the Associations' Board of Directors.
- We salute **Eddy Peterson**, who is celebrating his 30th year in Scouting.
- Our condolences to **Henry, Anthony Zalak** and family on the loss of Henry's mother, Anthony's grandmother, **Catherine Barbour**.
- We wish a very speedy recovery to member (and City Councilmember) **Daniel Halloran**, who recently was hospitalized.
- Kohler member and longtime Queens Scouter, **Russ Maerz** passed away recently. Our condolences to his family and friends.
- Congratulations to Kohler member, **Andrea Dacres**, on her being recognized with the *Vigil Honor*. One of only 3 women in Suanhacky to have been so recognized. It was a big month for Andrea, who also received the *District Award of Merit* for Founders District.
- We also salute member **Travis Dacres** on his keeping the Vigil Honor.
- *What a Long Strange Trip It's Been...*as we mark the 70th Anniversary of receiving the OA Vigil Honor for Board Member **Pierre Thyvaert**.
- Best of luck and congratulations to member **Anthony Lectora**, son of Board Member Mike Lectora, on his being elected the 2012-13 Lodge Chief of Suanhacky Lodge. This is the first Suanhacky instance of a Father and son having held the Lodge Chief position.

MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY ZALAK

At the annual spring meeting of the Associations' Board of Directors, it was motioned and approved to offer a seat on the board to **Anthony Zalak**. Anthony has demonstrated through his lifetime of scouting a love of camping and TMR. In fact, this summer he will be director of Camp Aquehonga at TMR.

Here is a little background on Tony... He joined Cub Scout Pack 106 in 1988 and earned the Arrow of Light Award, and then graduated to Troop 106. He held many youth positions with the troop. Anthony earned the Eagle Scout rank in 1997.



Anthony Zalak

Subsequently Anthony has since served as Asst. Scoutmaster, Unit Commissioner, Camping Chairman, Order of the Arrow Chapter Advisor, and Associate Lodge Advisor in Suanhacky lodge #49. He has earned many scouting awards, which include Arrowhead Award for Commissioner Service, District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, Bronze Pelican, St. George Award and the Interfaith Leadership Award. Anthony is also a Vigil Honor in the O.A. and a holder of the Founders Award. He has served on the Camp Aquehonga Staff since 2002 as Commissioner, New Camper Program Director. Anthony is a NYC School teacher and works at P.S. 196 in Brooklyn, teaching 5th grade. He is also a recipient of the Jack Kohler Outstanding Scouter Award of Excellence. We look forward to the new energy and ideas Tony can bring to the Associations Board.

THANKS FOR THE GENEROSITY

After collecting & trading patches for more than 50 years, **Deacon Paul Lumpkin** decided he had collected enough patches and no longer needed doubles, triples, quadruples of every item around. He donated a large bag of scout patches and pins to the Kohler Association that will help us earn cash at upcoming Trade-O-Rees. At the same time, another member, **Jay Schnapp**, preparing for his upcoming trip to NOAC also send us a care package of Order of the Arrow and Jamboree patches for us to earn cash with.

Thank you to these two generous members. We welcome similar donations from any and all of our members and friends.



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