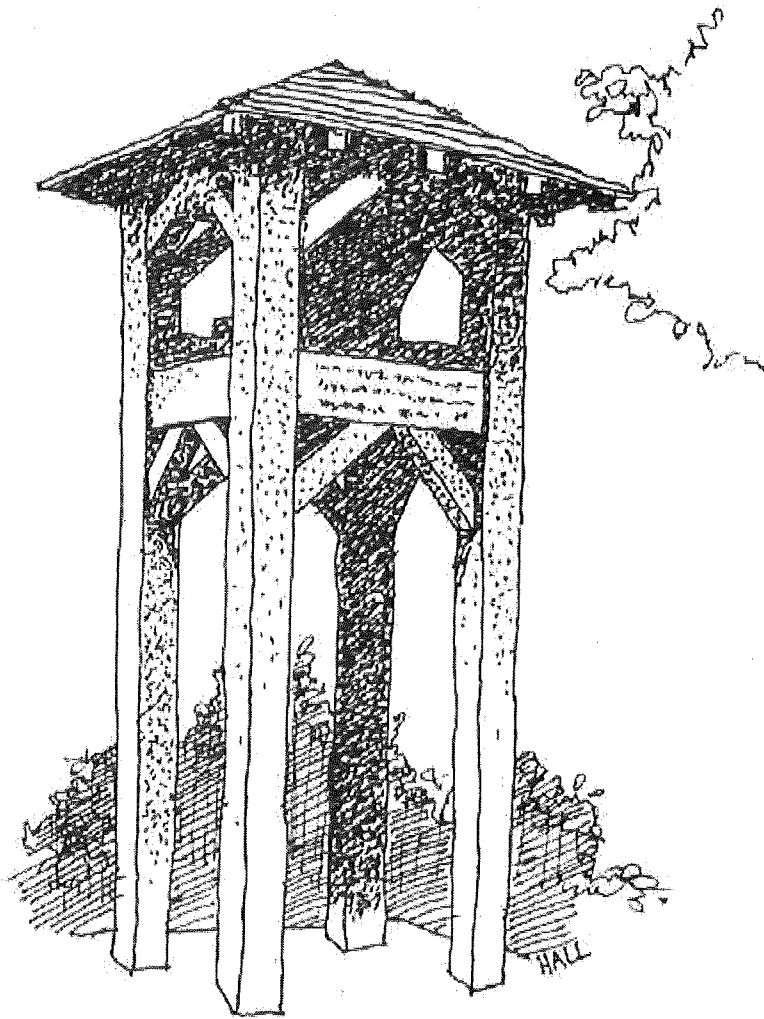


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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
YAWGOOG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

'SPRING 2010'



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March, 2010

Dear Fellow Alumnus,

Although this past winter has been long, cold and dreary, the Sub-Committees of the Alumni Association have been busy reviewing, refining and implementing new initiatives that were proposed last fall. One exciting initiative is the development of a line of "Alumni" merchandise that will be sold on-line, at the Scout Shops and at the Yawgoog Trading Posts. These items will become available during the coming months. In addition, ideas have been generated for future social events, projects and for the 100th anniversary of the first camping season at Yawgoog. I'd like to thank everyone who has served on the Sub-Committees. Your time and diligence are greatly appreciated!

The 2010 project is the refurbishment of the Medicine Bow Amphitheater. Many thanks to the Order of the Arrow for "demolishing" the old amphitheater. As soon as the weather breaks, Ray Fish and Company will install new seating and renovate the stage area. Ray promises that the project will be completed prior to this camping season.

The alumni project for 2011 is the refurbishment of the Lane-Bliven Rifle Range. Although the major portion of the project is slated for 2011, the first phase will be completed this spring. This phase involves supplying electricity to the rifle range. The scouts will truly enjoy using a lighted rifle range, especially during the darker, late season evenings!

As you know, the continued success of the Yawgoog Alumni Association depends upon your financial support. During early April the Executive Committee will kick-off its annual membership drive. If you haven't had the opportunity to pay your annual dues or contribute to the projects or scholarships, please consider doing so. I know that the scouts will greatly appreciate your generosity!

Yours in the Spirit of Yawgoog,

Ray Lamore

Chairman

Yawgoog Alumni Association

Treasurers Report

December 31, 2009

Operating Statement

Revenue :

	<u>Operating & Projects</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Direct Contributions		
Project Contributions	4,716	
Contributions: dues		17,385
Contributions: scholarship		1,778
Operating Revenue: Barbeque	881	
Interest & Investment Income		11,091
Investment Gains/(Losses): real & unreal		59,274
Transfers between Funds	12,923	(12,923)
Revenue Subtotal	<u>18,520</u>	<u>76,605</u>

less Expenses :

Program: Postage Expense	972	
Program: Printing In & Out Fees	1,123	
Camp & Facility Fees	-	
Other Expenses	1,803	
Youth Awards & Camperships	5,000	
Project Expenditures	9,306	
Expenses Subtotal	<u>18,204</u>	<u>-</u>

Net Appreciation to Endowment

76,605

Net Activity / (Shortfall)

317

December 31, 2009

Summary of Endowment Values:

Contributions not yet Invested	4,814
Permanently Restrict Principal: Dues	356,866
Permanently Restricted Principal: Scholarships	25,146
Temporary Restricted - Fluctuating Market Value	<u>53,291</u>

Proforma Long Term Investments

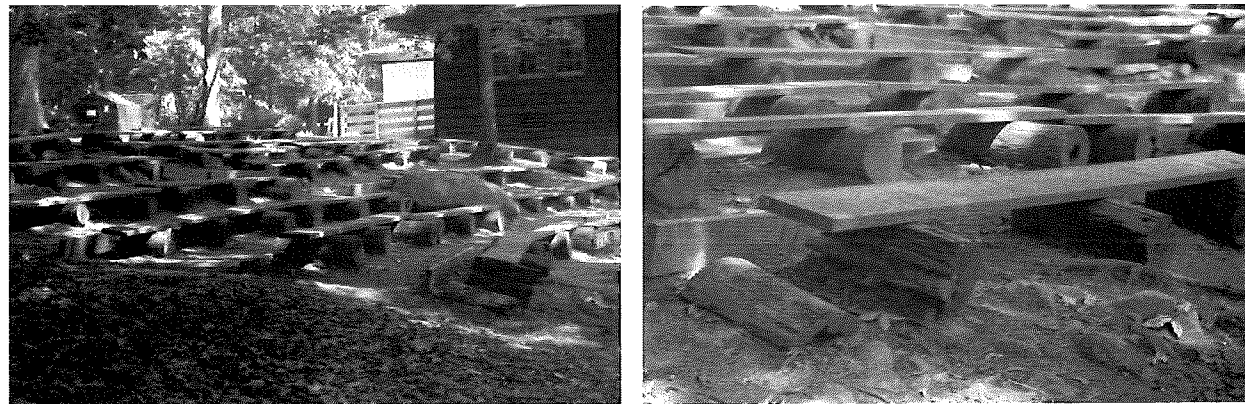
440,118

YAWGOOG ALUMNI PROJECT

BRAND NEW CAMP AMPHITHEATERS !

2010 New *Medicine Bow* Amphitheater

Currently in progress, the replacement of the *Camp Medicine Bow* amphitheater will complete the Association's three-year project to replace all three camp facilities. Those who attend this summer's reunion will be able to view the results of this long effort, made possible by the generous - *and continuous* - support of the Yawgoog Alumni Association membership. The new amphitheaters, while being unique for the needs of each camp, all sport new benches and supports, terraced erosion-controlling landscaping, and greatly increased seating capacity, all of which will support our camps for many seasons yet to come.



The crumbling *Medicine Bow* facility, seen above, is currently in the process of being completely replaced as has been done previously with the facilities in *Sandy Beach* and *Three Point*.

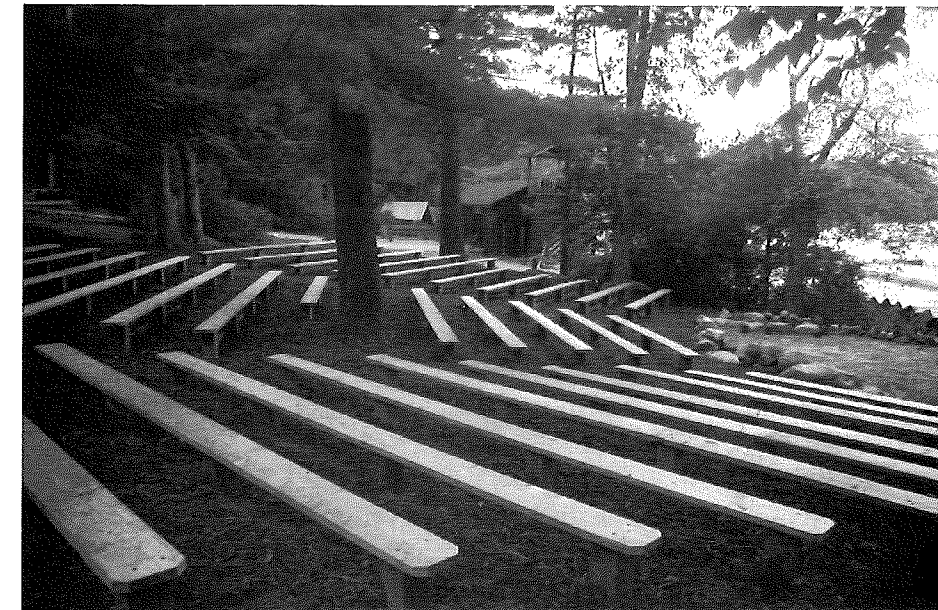
As always, your generous support of these projects is deeply appreciated, and will help assure that the "*Spirit of Yawgoog*" is passed on to those that follow us.

--- Andy Krueger, YAA Projects Coordinator

ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Sandy Beach and *Three Point* Amphitheaters

During the last two years, your Association has replaced the aged amphitheater facilities in Camps *Three Point* and *Sandy Beach*. The results of these efforts can be seen in the following pictures.



Seating at the new *Three Point* amphitheater shows the new supports and landscaping that will prevent the erosion that has plagued the original facility.



The *Sandy Beach* amphitheater is now capable of seating 550 campers and will serve the camp well for years to come.

WILLIAM J. BURNS III
In Memoriam

The Yawgoog Alumni Association lost a long time executive committee member on January 2, 2010. Bill Burns was a member of the Yawgoog Alumni's Executive Committee from 1984 – 2004. Bill's twenty years of service is a remarkable testament to his commitment to Scouting and Yawgoog. He is one of seven executive committee who has served for 20 or more years (since its inception, over 60 different individuals have at one time or another been members of the executive committee). For many of these years Bill served as the membership chair. Partly since in the early days of the personal computer, Bill had one in his basement – and he was able to set up a database with the names and addresses of the then fledging group!

Bill was featured in a Gus's Gossip article in the Fall 1995 Yawgoog Alumni publication „The Belltower'. The article began: 'Bill has one of the most full and complete records of Scouting and Yawgoog... from Cub Scout to Scoutmaster; from Camp Yawgoog rookie to Reservation Director; and he is still super active on the Executive Committee of the Yawgoog alumni Association, serving as Membership Chairman par excellence!'

Bill will be remembered as a staunch supporter and defender of the history and traditions at Yawgoog. He worked to restore the Memorial room in the Bucklin building to its original luster and purpose of memorializing certain Scouters of historical significance to Yawgoog. As his original staff assignments and thus loyalties began with Camp Three Point, Bill was often quick to point out that Camp Three Point was, and I quote, 'the oldest and most tradition filled camp' in the reservation. At reunions Bill would often lead the walking tour of the camp where he would share Yawgoog's history with the group. Always starting in Donald North Court, then right down the road to Three Point!

Perhaps it was mellowing with age or perhaps a different reservation wide perspective from serving as Reservation Director in 1987 and 1988 and a member of the Alumni Association, but Bill's love of Yawgoog transcended the boundaries of Three Point. In the Gus's gossip article, when asked to share his Yawgoog experience he replied, in part: „Scouting and Yawgoog have been a defining influence in my life. ...My friends from "The Point" have enriched my life beyond description. We have shared happiness and sorrow, knowing we are always there for each other. (I even like the guys from those other camps!)'. Bill, the feeling is mutual.

YAWGOOG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION SET FOR JULY 31, 2010
YAWGOOG STAFF & ALUMNI REUNITE

RESERVE JULY 31ST, ON YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US FOR THE 30TH ALUMNI REUNION. WE'RE EXPECTING THIS REUNION TO BE ONE OF THE LARGEST ATTENDED IN RECENT YEARS. WE ARE INVITING OUR LOYAL ALUMNI AND SEEKING OUT CURRENT SCOUT LEADERS AND YAWGOOG STAFF MEMBERS FROM ALL YEARS. ALL INDICATORS TELL US WE WILL HAVE NEAR RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE.

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR THE DAY ARE BEING REVITALIZED. THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW FRIENDSHIPS, SOCIALIZE, AND RECEIVE UPDATES ON WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YAWGOOG. DONALD NORTH COURT WILL BE THE CENTER FOR ACTIVITIES WITH STATIC DISPLAYS THAT TELL AN IMPORTANT YAWGOOG STORY. BUS TOURS, DECADE PHOTOS, THE FAMOUS CHIEF YAWGOOG BBQ, AND YAA CAMP MEETING WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PART OF THE PROGRAM. ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR SCOUT LEADERS AND RETURNING YAWGOOG STAFF MEMBERS INCLUDE A WELCOME GATHERING AT DONALD NORTH COURT, LUNCH, VISIT TO THEIR HOME CAMP, PICTURES AT EACH CAMP, AND A SESSION WITH THE YAA LEADERSHIP. THROW IN ALL THE OTHER ACTIVITIES AND EVERYONE WILL HAVE A BUSY AND FUN-FILLED DAY.

MEMBERSHIP IS AN ISSUE WITH THE YAA AND YOUR PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE AT THE REUNION IS IMPORTANT. OUR FOUNDER, H. CUSHMAN "GUS" ANTHONY LED AND GUIDED US FOR YEARS FOLLOWED BY JOE HERBOLD AND STEVE DOLAN. IT IS NOW TIME FOR THE NEXT GENERATION TO TAKE CHARGE AND INSURE THAT THE YAA CONTINUES TO BE A STRONG VOICE IN CARRYING OUT THE WORK AND DEDICATION OF OUR FOUNDER.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND LET'S MAKE THE 30TH YAA REUNION THE BEST EVER. CONTACT A FRIEND WHO CAMPED AT YAWGOOG AND BRING HIM ALONG. REACH OUT TO FORMER YAWGOOG STAFF MEMBERS. SIGN UP FOR THE "WORLD CLASS" CHIEF YAWGOOG BBQ NOW. WE NEED YOU TO ATTEND. MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JULY 31st, AND WE'LL WELCOME YOU AT CAMP.

JIM LANZI/REUNION CHAIRMAN

Yawgoog Alumni Association
Reunion #30 - July 31, 2010
 Jim Lanzi, 2010 Reunion Chairman

Dear Fellow Alumni & Friends:

This year's annual Yawgoog Alumni Reunion will be held on **Saturday, July 31st**. We are inviting our loyal alumni, Yawgoog staff members from all years, and current Scout Leaders. Our goal is to have record-breaking attendance. Camp staff members and current Scout leaders will begin the day at 11 a.m. with a welcome in the Bucklin Building Memorial Room. All other registrations will begin at 1 p.m. at Donald North Court.

Although we are placing emphasis on Scout leaders and camp staff for this year's reunion please know that all who have attended Yawgoog are needed and invited--particularly former campers and leaders from every year. Our existing YAA members are key in carrying out the work and dedication of our founder - **H. Cushman "Gus" Anthony**. Please take the time to attend and become involved. With your support this can be achieved. Your dues will be invested and the income will directly benefit Camp Yawgoog and the thousands of Scouts who call Yawgoog their camp. Our project for **2010** is the **rebuilding** of the **Camp Medicine Bow Amphitheater**. There are many other projects that need funding through your donations. Please refer to the alumni brochure for more information.

Activities and programs for the day are being streamlined. There will be opportunities to renew friendships, socialize, and receive updates on what's happening at Yawgoog. Donald North Court will be the center for activities with static displays that tell an important Yawgoog story. Bus tours, decade photos, the famous Chief Yawgoog BBQ, a visit to the Yawgoog Alumni Heritage Center, and YAA camp meeting will continue to be a part of the program. The Rifle Range will be open to all Reunion attendees. The Shotgun Range will be available to Reunion attendees on a limited basis due to shotgun shooting restrictions. Memorabilia tables will be available to display your Yawgoog collectables. We are always looking to add to our Heritage Center collection and donations will be greatly appreciated. Additional activities for returning Yawgoog staff members and Scout leaders include a welcome gathering, lunch, visit to your home camp, and a session with the YAA leadership. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon. Everyone is sure to have a busy and fun-filled day.

Mark your calendar and let's make the 30th YAA reunion the best ever. Contact a friend who camped at Yawgoog and bring him along. Reach out to former Yawgoog staff members. Sign up for the "world class" Chief Yawgoog BBQ now. We need you to attend. Mark your calendar for **July 31st**, and we'll welcome you at camp. Please mail your registration and/or donation to:

Alumni Reunion #30, Narragansett Council-BSA
P.O. Box 14777
East Providence, RI 02914-0777

 Please make checks payable to **Narragansett Council-BSA** and **respond by July 26th**. The kindness of a RSVP will help us make proper arrangements for refreshments and BBQ.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

_____ I will attend reunion and BBQ _____ # of adults attending @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____

_____ # of children attending @ \$5.00 each = \$ _____

_____ I will attend the reunion but cannot stay for dinner. Donation to the YAA \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

You may register for the Reunion on line at www.Yawgoog.org Click on **ALUMNI**, then **2010 Reunion Registration!**



Tell us about yourself!

News about me and my family (for possible inclusion into *The Belltower*):

My Camp Affiliation:
 Three Point Sandy Beach Medicine Bow
 All Three

Staff positions held:

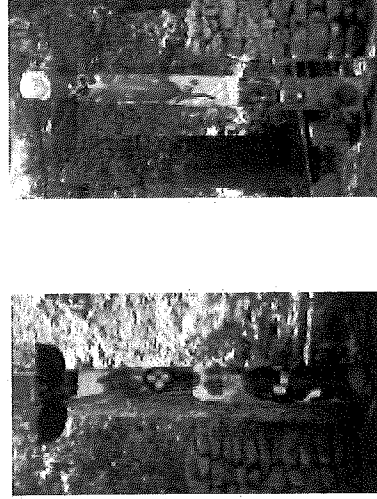
My first year at Yawgoog was _____ with Troop _____ from _____

I'm an Eagle Scout: Yes No

Honors and recognitions received (both in Scouting and community):

Narragansett Council
 Boy Scouts of America

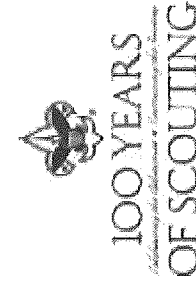
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2010
Membership Renewal
 and
Project Support



GUS'S GOSSIP

As written by: Judy Ferrante

I'm sure by now everyone is aware that this year Scouting is celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Did you know that the Rhode Island Boy Scouts is also celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2010? Here's a little history on the Rhode Island Boy Scouts!

RHODE ISLAND BOY SCOUTS – 100 YEARS

The Boy Scouts of America celebrates its 100th Anniversary in 2010. This celebration is even more special for the Narragansett Council and Camp Yawgoog since we are also marking the 100th birthday of the Rhode Island Boy Scouts (RIBS).

Soon after Scouting came to America it quickly generated attention in the greater Providence area. Responding to this interest, Charles E. Mulhearn and Colonel G. Edward Buxton, Jr. formed a State Scout Committee on September 6, 1910 at the Rhode Island State House. By October 24th the first five Boy Scout Troops were organized and a Headquarters was opened in the *Providence Journal* building. The *Journal's* publisher, John R. Rathom, was one of RIBS' original incorporators. Another incorporator was Harris H. Bucklin whose uncle, Captain George Bucklin, created a trust that provided funds for the construction of the Bucklin Memorial at Camp Yawgoog.

On April 13th, 1911, the voluntary Scout Committee was chartered under state laws for the purpose of developing in boys, through the program of Scouting, "physical health and advantage, the acquiring of energy, resourcefulness and handicrafts, and the development of discipline, chivalry and patriotism – the desire of the organization, the building of character and the formation of a solid foundation of good citizenship." From 1910 to 1917, Rhode Island Boy Scouts established groups (troops) throughout Rhode Island, except in Newport, the Blackstone Valley and Woonsocket. In these locations, troops were organized and affiliated with the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Separate from the Boy Scouts of America, the Rhode Island Boy Scouts had its own set of operating procedures and its own advancement system. These advancement badges and other RIBS memorabilia are on display in the Alumni Museum at Camp Yawgoog.

On May 22nd, 1917, the Rhode Island Boy Scouts and the Boy Scouts of America agreed to merge their respective programs under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America. The Rhode Island Boy Scouts retained its State charter and corporate identity in order to hold property and other assets for the organization which has now become Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Today the Rhode Island Boy Scouts owns six camps: Aquapaug, Buck Hill (including Cub World), Buxton, Champlin, Sandsland and Camp Yawgoog. (Camp Cachalot is owned by the Narragansett Council). The Narragansett Council is responsible for operating, maintaining and developing these camps under a lease agreement with RIBS. Thanks to the far sighted vision of RIBS' founding fathers, the young people of the Narragansett Council enjoy an unparalleled outdoor program!

Membership Renewal



Enroll me as a
2010 CY Alumni Member:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

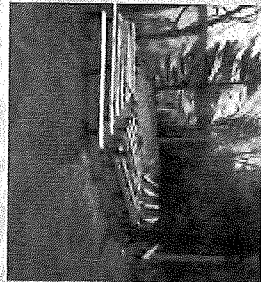
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Project Support

2010 Yawgoog Alumni Association Projects



The 2010 YAA
Anniversary
Project:
**Refurbish the
Medicine Bow
Amphitheatre**

Indicate

My (our) own gift to the camp

In Memory of:

In Honor of:



Camp Yawgoog
"Staff Scholarship" Fund:

Since 1993 the Alumni Association has
awarded College Scholarships to Yawgoog
Camp Staff.

In 2009 four deserving Camp Staff members
were awarded \$1,000 each in scholarships.
The funds for these scholarships are drawn
from the Alumni Association's annual budget.

In order to secure the future of the Scholarship
Program, and provide for its expansion in the
years to come, we have established a separate
"Staff Scholarship" Endowment Fund.

Mail to: Narragansett Council - BSA, P.O. Box 14777, East Providence, RI 02914-0777

1. **My dues:** These are payable one time by check or credit card or you may elect to be billed.
 \$25 (Bronze CY) \$50 (Gold CY) \$75 (Silver CY) \$500 (Lifetime Member CY)

2. **Project Support to Refurbish the Medicine Bow Amphitheatre**
 \$1,000 "Center Stage" \$750 "Stage Right" \$500 "Stage Left"
 \$250 "Footlights" \$150 "Friend" Other \$ _____

4. **Staff Scholarship Fund:** \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 Other \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ **Select payment method:**

Check enclosed - Payable to: Narragansett Council - BSA
 Bill me: _____ Monthly _____ Quarterly _____ Semi Annually _____ Annually in month of _____

Credit Card: MC VISA Card Number _____

Exp. Date: _____ 3 Digit Security Code _____ Signature: _____



THERE IS AN EASY WAY TO SUBMIT
YOUR DUES AND DONATION
GO TO WWW.YAWGOOG.ORG
(Click on Alumni)

You may also make a DIRECT ONE TIME GIFT to the
Scholarship Fund,
or endow an entire Scholarship with a larger gift.

Yes, I'm interested in providing a Direct Gift
to the Scholarship Fund.
Please contact me.

PERSONALS

BOOTH, Carlen (Riverside, RI) 1942 – Carlen was at Yawgoog with his Troop 1 Rumford and was an Assistant Campmaster at Tuocs. During his time at Yawgoog he was affiliated with all three camps.

BOWKER, Alan (North Attleboro, MA) 1965 – Alan came to camp with Troop 1 North Scituate and served at the Sandy Beach Waterfront from 1970 to 1975.

CHOQUETTE, Bill (Chevy Chase, MD) 1951 – Bill's first year at Yawgoog was in 1951 when he came to camp with Troop 20 White Plains, NY. In 1954 Bill received his Eagle Award at Yawgoog. Bill is still a Scouting volunteer with Troop 90, Washington, DC.

CIAMPO, Salvatore P. (Bethpage, NY) 2007 – Troop leader Sal came to Yawgoog for the first time in 2007 with Troop 261 Farmingdale. He is a District Award of Merit recipient as well as the Silver Beaver with Theodore Roosevelt Council. Not all YAA members are born and bred at Yawgoog.....out-of-council campers catch 'the Yawgoog Spirit' as well! Thanks Sal!

COURNOYER, Peter (Pascoag, RI) 1986 – Firefighter extraordinaire, Pete came to camp in 1986 with Troop 6 Woonsocket and had a long 'camp staff' tenure. His tenure includes: Ashaway 3 years; MB Waterfront 7 years; TP Cook 3 years; Reservation Services 2 years; CPR Instructor 1 year. Pete was also a YAA Scholarship recipient in 1999. Next time you see Pete, ask him about his 'calendar' debut!

CUSHMAC, George E. (Alexandria, VA) 1950 – Eagle Scout George came to Yawgoog for the first time in 1950 with Troop 5 Providence. He served all three camps holding such positions as Kitchen Boy, Baker's Assistant, Assistant Cook/Chef and Waterfront Director.

DRISCOLL, Don (No. Scituate, RI) 1944 – Don was a 'Sandy Beach' camper who attended Yawgoog with Troop 9 Harmony. He served the Beach as a Commissioner. He received a Silver Beaver Award in 1969 and was also a member of the Order of the Arrow.

FAIOLA, Mark (Westerly, RI) 1960 – Mark's first year at Yawgoog was 1960 with Troop 4 Westerly. Mark writes, "I never was able to become a swimmer so Eagle Scout was out of the question because of those aquatic merit badges needed. Had to quit at Life Scout rank. Very disappointing even after all these years'. (Mark, it's not about the destination....it's about the trip itself! I'm proud of all our Scouts in the Narragansett Council.....young and old.....regardless of rank! Best regards, Judy)

FARRELL, Francis (Coventry, RI) 1943 – Francis, thanks for the great picture of Edgar Johnson at the wheel of Gus Anthony's car at Yawgoog in 1950! Here's what Francis had to say: "I was quite interested in reading about Edgar Johnson. The last time I saw Edgar was in November of 1955. Edgar wrote about his life since that time. My memories of Edgar are as a junior leader and assistant scoutmaster of Troop 15 in Pawtucket. Some of my best memories are of trips and campouts that he led including the 1946 Narragansett Council Pow Wow, where four of us rode our bicycles from Pawtucket to Mount Hope in Bristol, the present day site of Roger Williams University, to camp out on the side of Mt. Hope in a Nor'easter. Also the 1947 Pow Wow at the same site. In 1948 we camped out and climbed Mt. Monadnock in New Hampshire. In April of 1949 we took another trip to New Hampshire to climb Mt. Washington. When we arrived at the

parking lot at Tuckerman Ravine and saw all the snow on the mountain, we decided we had better dress warmly as we were going up the trail skiers were passing us going up to ski the face of Tuckerman Ravine. They were bare to the waist. We also had many bike trips from Pawtucket to Lincoln Woods thru the years at a spot we called Skunk Hollow. Edgar also gave me a lot of encouragement and prodding to earn my Eagle Badge. I have a lot of good memories of Edgar Johnson". Well, Francis, thanks for the memories.....thousands of Scouts who camped at Yawgoog since 1916 have similar memories, I'm sure. Judy

HAGENAU, W. Paul (Lutz, FL) 1949 – In the last newsletter Paul said that he served as a 'Statistician' at Yawgoog and I asked him for an explanation of his duties. Here's what Paul had to say: "Most of my summers on the Yawgoog Staff were spent in the camp office. After a few years, I felt the need for a more prestigious title than 'office boy'. When I conveyed this sentiment to Chief Williams, he pondered a while and came up with "Statistician". The reasoning behind his brainstorm was that Chief really liked the precision with which I compiled the annual camp report at the end of each season. I spent several days every August in his office counting all the facts about our thousands of summer campers. It was like the U.S. Census. We kept track of such 'useful' details as how many of our campers each year were Catholic, Protestant and Jewish. Once in a while there was a Buddhist! There was also the legend (or myth) that if I alone typed the new alphabetical camper mailing list every Monday afternoon, I could sort the mail all week from memory without consulting the list to see which campsite a boy was in. I suppose nowadays there is little need for a mailing list because the scouts can communicate and text with the outside world on all those little electronic devices which they carry in their pockets. At least that's the way it is at the private school where I currently teach." Well, Paul, I guess that was quite an explanation for 'Statistician'! I'll ask Tom Sisson if we have a need for a 'Statistician' now at camp. Do you need a summer job? Judy

HARDY, Paul (Jessup, MD) 1970 – Paul was with Reservation Services at Medicine Bow when he was at Yawgoog with Troop 4 Greenville back in 1970. In addition to Reservation Services, he held other positions including: MB Kitchen Staff, Trading Post Director and Campmaster in 'Off Season".

JOHNSON, Eric (Columbus, OH) – Eric received the President's Volunteerism Service Award, Silver Level in 2009 for working as a volunteer user at the CAPA Theatre in Columbus, Ohio. His first year at Yawgoog was in 1989 with Troop 36 Westport, CT. He served as Assistant Rifle Range Director in 2002.

KEEFER, Scott (Cumberland, RI) 1939 – Scott obviously loved the water! He served as Waterfront Apprentice at Sandy Beach in 1942; Waterfront Assistant Director at SB in 1943; and, Waterfront Director at MB in 1944. He first came to camp with Troop 1 Slatersville.

MCLINTOCK, John (Swansea, MA) – John came to camp in 2001 attending Baden Powell with an affiliation with Camp Medicine Bow. He served on Food Service/Trading Post in 2005; Waterfront in 2006; Camping Store Manager in 2007; Program Commissioner in 2008 and 2009.

MCNIFF, COL. John J. (Columbia, MD) 1950 – John's involvement at Yawgoog took place in all three camps: Scoutmaster Minneksu; Roving/Provisional Scoutmaster; Asst. SM Dan Boone; Mess hall Man, Medicine Bow. John first came to camp in 1950 with Troop 33 Cranston.

MELLO, Lawrence T. (Phoenix, AZ) 1950 – Wow, Larry – Capt. George Bucklin Award, OA, Wood Badge....quite the volunteer. You came to Yawgoog in 1950 with your troop, Troop 1 Portsmouth and in subsequent years worked as Division Director at TP; Assistant Division Director at SB; and Stockade Director at MB. Well, I guess that covers all three camps!

MYERS, Bob (No. Kingstown, RI) 1969 – As a staff member at Yawgoog Bob worked on the Kitchen Staff and Trading Post at Medicine Bow and then became Assistant Office Manager and then Office Manager at the Bucklin. He came to camp in 1969 with Troop 72 East Greenwich and earned his Eagle Badge in that troop.

PIERSON, Ron (Vineland, NJ) 1966 – Ron was a Professional Staff Member at Narragansett Council and worked at all three camps at Yawgoog. His son, Keith, recently retired as a Master Sgt. after 20 years in the Marine Corp.

PYSZ, Paul E. (West Greenwich, RI) 1960 – Paul had asked me if the Heritage Center of anyone at Camp owned any of the original wooden canoes from the 1940's and 50's and he also asked if anyone had ever mentioned the original 'Water Fire' in Rhode Island took place at Camp Yawgoog at Medicine Bow in the early 1960's. Well, I found out that camp does not have any of the old canoes and I asked Paul to give me a little history as the why he was interested in the old canoes and more info on the Water Fire at Medicine Bow. Here's what he said: *"In the mid/late 1950's, my father was then a State Trooper, assigned to Hope Valley. Al Gunther was the Camp's Chief Ranger, apparently there were a number of very heavy wooden lake canoes that were either too old or damaged, or maybe the camp got new aluminum or fiber glass were replacements. The one my father was given had a hole in the bottom and needed a full restoration. As I remember he painstakingly stripped the wood down, repaired the holes, fiber glassed the bottom, and re-caned the two seats. I am unsure if the canoe is originally an Old Town or other, but there might be spec around somewhere. The family may be interested in donating it in the future if it could end up fully restored. Regarding MB "Water Fire", I was a Scout in the early to mid-60's with Troop 35 Lake Mishnock, West Greenwich. We visited camp in the mid July after the 4th every summer and stayed at the camp site adjacent right to the Medicine Bow waterfront. In possibly 1961, 62 or 63 there was a 'floating' campfire after dark, maybe 20-30 fee off shore, two or three times during our week. There was an inflated floating large inner tube on which was placed one of those 'oval' Coke cap signs, within the signs I recall either fire bricks or sand, on which the camp fire was built. The floating fire was anchored with a weight so it would not float away. The pond was shallow enough so that the fire could be feed periodically. I do not recall if this activity was sponsored by MB, Waterfront staffers or the Troop or other campers. I would hope that others have knowledge of the same events."* Thanks for the info Paul.....and here's the invitation to you Yawgoog campers for more information on the Water Fire at Medicine Bow. Judy

RIEBE, Warren K. (Foster, RI) 1933 – Warren was a member of Troop 46 Providence and first came to Yawgoog in 1933. He was the Scoutmaster of Troop 31 Crompton from 1950 to 1956. His troop started with 6 boys and when he left in 1956 there were 36 boys! *(Good job, Warren!)*

SCHOFIELD, Paul A. (Warwick, RI) 1994 – Eagle Scout Paul has earned the J. Harold Williams Award, Scouter's Training Award and Wood Badge. While at Yawgoog, he served as the MB Assistant Waterfront Director and the MB Kitchen Manager.

SHEPARD, Henry P. (Smithfield, RI) 1937 – Proud Eagle Scout Henry is the father of two Eagle Scouts and the grandfather of one Eagle Scout, a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award and the Smithfield Hall of Fame. Let us not forget that he was the Janitor of the Bucklin Group and also worked at the Narragansett Council Scout Office at the Trading Post for a number of years.

SHERBURNE, Doug (Fairfax, VA) 1949 – Doug writes: *"We now have 6 grandchildren and have downsized to a condo located in Fairfax, VA". (Doug came to Yawgoog in 1949 with Troop 1 Pawtucket. He has been honored with the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (with combat "V"), and the Combat Action Ribbon. Doug, bet those awards are due in large part to all the great 'stuff' you learned while at Yawgoog! Best regards, Judy)*

WESTCOTT, Harry S. (Wellesley, MA) 1937 – Harry's affiliation at camp was at Camp Three Point where he served as the 3 Point Bugler and the Camp Quartermaster. He was also a member of the Order of the Arrow and the Knights of Yawgoog.

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