

# MASSAWEPIE STAFF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## **MASSAWEPIE FUN WEEKENDS**

by Mark Pulvino, MSAA Chair

I have officially designated Massawepie work weekends as fun weekends. (From an Alumni perspective). Let's face it we never look at it as work, and some, if not all the weekend is fun. Experiencing the Adirondacks, improving Massawepie, and sharing great times with friends we haven't seen in so long, is what makes life so great.

There are 2 opportunities to continue the tradition coming up this year. Skills weekend is May 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Beaver Weekend is June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. We have made a difference in the past and can impact the success of Summer Camp by planning to attend one or both. We are all excited that the Ray and Addy Meyering Rifle Range is under construction. It's great to see fellow Alumni recognized for their service and dedication. Some of the projects we have planned are rebuilding the Archery Range, manicuring the Loren Hakes Campfire Area, updating staff cabins, and manning the Kitchen crew.

Contact Mark Pulvino @ [mpulvino@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mpulvino@rochester.rr.com) or give him a ring @ 872-1507 if you're interested. As we get closer to the dates, we will have a better idea which projects we can work on as a group. (I ONLY MENTIONED WORK TWICE!)

## **Notice Of Alumni Association Annual Meeting: June 5, 2004**

The Massawepie Staff Alumni Association's 2004 Annual Meeting will be held during Beaver Weekend at Massawepie on Saturday, June 5, following the evening meal. We'll meet in the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle unless the weather keeps us in the Pioneer Dining Hall.

Under our Rules of Operations, elections will be held for officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee. (See the page 2 article regarding nominations.) Reports of 2003-04 activities will also be shared, and future plans will be discussed.

As usual, the closing event will be the traditional group photo shoot! (No doubt socializing will continue afterwards somewhere within general Childwold area.) Come join the fun!

## **Additional MSAA Members**

Listed below are the 9 new and renewal MSAA members who have paid their dues for 2003-04 since the original listing in the December newsletter. The total paid MSAA membership is now 90.

We'd like to grow to 100 members this next year. If you know a Massawepie staff alumni or friend of Massawepie who's not on this list or the previous newsletter's list, please encourage him or her to join or renew. (Membership forms are available in the "About Us" section of [MassStaffAlumni.org](http://MassStaffAlumni.org) .)

Walt Bachmann (omitted last issue in error)	
Bill Boyle	Tim Lewis
Paul Buxton	Tom Meyering
Arnie Lewis	Suzanne Wagner
Jim Lewis	Steve Weisenreder

## **Share the News!!**

Do you have news you would like to share with other Alumni members? For example, have you recently received an award or recognition, run into a former staff member in some unusual place or had a significant life event? In future newsletters we will have a "Member News" section so you can share that information with other members. So don't be shy, share your newsworthy events by sending us a letter or e-mail.

### **Member News:**

Dave Lippitt – is a half-century old now!  
Mark Pulvino (MSAA Chair) – moved into his new house in Webster in September. Also, Mark chaired the Otetiana Council Klondike Derby in February, 2004.  
Joe Varga (former Massawepie staffer and son of member George Varga) returned safely after a Army deployment in Iraq

## **Alumni Association Executive Board Nominees**

The Alumni Association Rules of Operation provide that nominations for officers and at large Executive committee members should be made in advance of the Annual Meeting (held on Beaver Weekend). The Executive Committee has renominated the incumbents: Mark Pulvino for Chair, Brad Van Auken for Vice Chair, Mike Knittel for Treasurer, and Peter Collinge for Secretary. However, other nominations for officers are welcomed.

In addition, we are looking for nominations (including self-nominations) for members (including Friends of the Alumni members) to serve as at-large members of the Executive committee. Nominations should be submitted to Secretary Peter Collinge (see contact information on page 1).

## **Newsletter Editor Needed**

We're looking for a new editor for this newsletter, as the current editor claims he's wearing too many hats. The newsletter is produced 3 times per year, typically in August, December, and April. Articles are submitted by others, but need to be formatted in Microsoft Word or another software package. Ideally the newsletter editor would also attend Executive Committee meetings. Anyone interested should contact Secretary Peter Collinge (see contact information on page 1).

## **Lifeguard Openings**

Most 2004 camp staff have been hired, but several more lifeguards are still needed. Lifeguards must be at least 17 and be BSA Lifeguard certified (or equivalent). If you know of a good prospect, encourage him or her to contact Camp Director Steve Weisenreder at (585) 241-8530, or at [sweisenreder@otetiana.org](mailto:sweisenreder@otetiana.org).

## **MSAA Supports 2004 Council Klondike!**

February 7<sup>th</sup>- Mendon Ponds Park was the location of the Otetiana Council's Klondike Derby. The name of the event was "Get Out and Chill Out", and that was what over 800 Scouts and Leaders did. The weather was perfect, for a Klondike, and snow was aplenty. 30 Troops braved the elements Friday night, so they could get a jump on over 40 events scattered through the west side of the park. Some even stayed a second night.

The National Guard Color Unit and The Mountain Men started the event with the opening. And they were off! 80 patrols participated in events in three Klondike Towns, Sitka, Skagway, and Juneau. The Scouts experienced events such as, "Two Person Log Saw", "Seven Legged Snow Walk", "Rescue the Klondike Bear", and "The Norwegian Waddle", to name a few. Their minds were challenged by the brain-freezing "Riddlers", who tested their Scouting knowledge. The events challenged their skills as individuals and patrols, involving teamwork, and having fun.

The Scouts were treated to the arrival of UH-1 Huey Helicopter, which the Army donated for the event. Capt. Schrader and his crew were at the event for over 4 hours, taking many questions from Scouts and Leaders, and giving tours of the cockpit. The National Guard donated tents for shelters. Sgt. De Rock and his team fielded many questions, and handed out souvenirs.

The Midway was at East Lodge. Bob Geiger organized over 5 events at the lodge. Gander Mountain, Get Out and Stay Out, and Iron Mikes were there to show off some of their stuff. The Braddock Bay Raptors, Civil War Venture Crew, and The Mountain Men were there to share stories. There was also a demo of an iceboat, and the Ganondagan Snow Snake. All topped off with some great Dutch oven cooking.

Kevin Grant from Troop 356 designed this year's patch. There were many great designs submitted this year.

The Great Sledge Race was held across from East Lodge, around 4:00pm. They were off!!! Down a field, up a grueling hill, and back down it the Scouts raced their sledge.

This event was a great success with the help of the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association! There was a huge contingent of Massawepie Alumni involved with this event. Mark A. Pulvino was the Chairperson of the event. Rick Hight was the Facilities Director. Mike Oyer was a huge help directing traffic and being a "gopher", for many supplies! Marty D'Ambrose, Steve Weisenreder and Rick Hight jumped in and helped out with the traffic, too. Pete Collinge, Dave Lippitt, and others were "Riddlers" for the "Great Brain Freeze". Tom Eggiman was the busing specialist. Bill Boyle helped out at the main parking lot. Wayne Sheeler did some great work with mapping out the event. Tim Smith helped with traffic and registration. Brad Van Auken helped the National Guard set up tents. Last but not least, Sean Glenney did a masterful job with security and traffic control.

Such an incredible effort, by an unselfish association. My heartfelt thanks to all for helping make this event memorable for the Scouts.

## **Meyering Rifle Range Fundraising Continues**

The fundraising campaign continues for the new Camp Pioneer Rifle Range, to be named in honor of long-time staffers Ray and Addy Meyering. Over \$51,000 has now been paid or pledged. Construction has begun, but can't be completed until the \$90,000 goal has been raised. Much of the total raised so far has come from Massawepie staff alumni. Additional donations, or leads on groups or persons to contact, will be appreciated!

## **Upcoming Events**

(see articles in this issue for details on the May and June weekends)

### **May, 2004**

21-23 Massawepie Spring Skills Weekend

### **June, 2004**

4-6 Beaver Weekend at Massawepie  
MSAA Annual Meeting

### **Sept, 2004**

25 Annual Massawepie Staff Alumni  
Association Family Picnic & Clambake

## **Membership Renewal**

Enclosed with this newsletter you'll find a membership renewal form. If your information on that form says "Expired May 2004" (or earlier), then your MSAA membership needs to be renewed. Send \$10 (or \$20 for 2 years) to the return address shown on the form.

All members, whether renewing or not this year, are encouraged to return the form if you need to make any updates of your address, phone number, e-mail or other information.

Any member, whether his or her membership has expired or not, can receive a free one-year membership extension by returning the attached membership form with \$50 of donations (total) to the Ray and Addy Meyering Rifle Range and/or to the "Square Foot" Endowment (which will support Massawepie equipment and maintenance in perpetuity). Your support of these worthy Massawepie causes will be greatly appreciated.

Keep your membership up-to-date, help Massawepie, and keep receiving this fine newsletter! Coming next issue: The history of Massawepie under the Sykes family ownership during 1917 - 1951.

## **Happy Hour Recap**

Approximately 15 Alumni members, including all its officers (a hearty breed!), got together at the Roadhouse Grill on Jefferson Road on January 29. Steve Weisenreder, current Massawepie Camp Director, joined the group before heading off to an official Scout function. Consistent with past history, this event followed a major snowstorm the day before. However, the snow did not dampen the spirits of those who attended. Many stories and memories were shared, and a good time was had by all.

## **Be A "Free For Three" Recruiter!**

Our membership is at an all-time high of 90 paid Alumni and Friends of Alumni Members (F.O.A.M.). It's time to bust that "100 member" threshold. We're looking to draft more this year! With the success of MSAA's involvement in Klondike 2004, the Massawepie 50th, and many Beaver and Skills Weekends, we have brought integrity to MSAA with many examples of "Scouting, Service, and Spirit". We raise awareness of great projects like the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle, and the Ray and Addy Meyering Rifle Range. I also need to mention the current and developing roles many of our members are taking in all areas of Otetiana Council. Let's see how many more we can get involved!

If you bring 3 or more members to our organization, we will waive your dues for this year! Everybody loves things when they are free! The members you bring must be either brand-new or have not been involved, as a member, for 2 years or more. Friends of Alumni count toward your numbers, also.

**SO BE A "FREE FOR THREE" RECRUITER,  
AND BRING THEM ALONG FOR BEAVER  
WEEKEND AND FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING  
ON JUNE 5th.**