

WINTER 2007 Beaver Tales



Newsletter of the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association

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Come to the First Ever MSAA Beer Tasting Event!

by David and Shannon

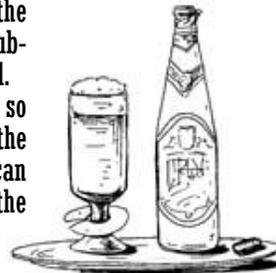
Yes, you read that correctly - our next social event will be a beer tasting with Fausto Angotti, better known as "The Beer Guy." Fausto will have us taste four different New York State microbrew beers (we have been promised no Genny!). He'll tell us everything we want to know about the beers, and probably then some. Other beers, drinks, and non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. We'll also enjoy a selection of "go great with beer" snacks and munchies.

The event will be held on **Saturday, March 10, 2007** from 1:00 to 5:00 PM, with the beer tasting starting at about 2:00. *Cost is \$20 per person.* We will have plenty of time to mix and mingle before and after the beer tasting. Dress casually.

The event will be held at the Irondequoit Country Club, 4045 East Avenue,, Pittsford (between the Village of Pittsford and St. John Fisher College, just north of Nazareth College). You will see a sign and flagpole at the entrance to the Club. Follow the driveway up along the ninth fairway (beware of the two speed bumps when you get close to the clubhouse) and enter the clubhouse at the front entrance where the traffic circle and awning are located.

Please RSVP no later than March 1st (with your \$20, if possible, so we don't have to collect a lot of money at the event) to Don DeClerck, at the Alumni Association address shown in the right column of this page. You can also e-mail Don with your reservations. If you have any questions about the event please contact us at our e-mail address or call Don at 585-374-5770.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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ARTISANworks

Massawepie 55th Anniversary Reunion Event Update

by Stephanie and George

Arrangements are being finalized for Friday, December 28, 2007 at ARTISANworks, 565 Blossom Road in Rochester. The time will be from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. We are trying to keep the price per person reasonable. It will include: passed hors d'oeuvres, veggie, cheese and other stations, coffee and dessert. There will be valet parking and tours of most of the art on display in the vast building, including watching artists at work. A cash bar will be set up, to include alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. We plan to have memorabilia displays and digital slide shows.

The event will be open to **all** Massawepie friends including staff, leaders, volunteers and scouts who attended any of the camps. More details will appear in the next issue. Mark your calendars now and *spread the word!* Send an e-mail to MasawepieAlumni@yahoo.com telling us if you can attend, and include ideas for the program. Also, please provide us with the names and addresses (street and e-mail) of people you know who might attend, so we can start developing a mailing list for the event.

Work Weekends & Annual Meeting

by Mark

Experiencing the Adirondacks, giving back to Massawepie with some sweat-equity, and sharing great times with old and new friends makes life great! There are two opportunities to continue the tradition coming up this year. Skills Weekend is May 18th-20th. Beaver Weekend is June 1st-3rd. We have made a difference in the past and we can impact the success of the 2007 camp season by attending one or both. We are all excited about this being the 55th Anniversary of Massawepie; it would be great to get 55 Alumni members at Beaver Weekend! We are planning on staffing the kitchen from Friday morning through Sunday morning. You can help on the waterfront and do a little sprucing up at the Campfire Circle. A spot for the 3rd-, 4th- and 5th-year BarkEater Ceremonies needs construction, and cabins need work. The Properties Committee is setting up other projects. Our annual meeting will be after dinner Saturday, and will include elections and a photo shoot, plus you can join/pay dues and buy one of the remaining 2005 versions of the official "MSAA" shirt. Last year we had about 44 in attendance, with several new faces (see photo below). It would be nice to see better attendance, especially with elections for officers, and decisions being made about the Alumni Association. After the meeting, be among the first to witness the new "Forester" Third Year Bark-Eater ceremony. (See Page 3 for a photo of the 2nd-year ceremony introduction.) If you work both weekends, and are a 2nd-year BarkEater, you can be among the first to earn the new 3rd-year BarkEater token! 1st- and 2nd-year BarkEater can also be earned.

E-mail Mark Pulvino at mpulvino@rochester.rr.com or call him at 585-872-1507 to reserve your spot, today.



Executive Committee Meeting Summaries

The MSAA Executive Committee met **November 8** at Mike Knittel's beautiful new home. **Note:** The Executive Committee is convinced that Mike's position as MSAA Treasurer is not related to his being able to afford a new house!

Mike confirmed the transfer of \$600 from MSAA funds to the Massawepie Square Foot Endowment Fund to permanently endow the new kayaks. The camp staff has requested a few larger kayaks and different models for 2007. We still have about \$500 on hand from 2006 kayak donations, which will be used with new donations from members in 2007 toward additional kayaks.

Next, the Executive Committee finalized arrangements for the upcoming ChiliFest. Mike noted that sign-ups had been slow, and the group acknowledged that this new event was an experiment to see if the format and date would be popular. Next, the discussion focused on a potential spring beer-tasting event. Shannon Davis and Dave Lippitt were delegated to see whether arrangements could be made to hold this March 10 at Irondequoit Country Club.

The other significant topic of discussion was the planned 55th Anniversary Alumni Reunion in 2007. Shannon had investigated possible venues and costs for a dinner, and the Executive Committee was concerned about having a nice event while keeping the price reasonable. It appears that Friday, December 28 may have better price/availability than Saturday, December 29. The group agreed to keep investigating options. Stephanie offered to check other venues. (See articles in this newsletter for details on several of the items mentioned above.)

The MSAA Executive Committee met **January 17** at David Lippitt's house at 7:30.

First up was the Beer Tasting Event. Irondequoit CC is available Saturday afternoon March 10. The theme will be micro-brewed beers of NYS. Shannon and David will nail down details.

The next event discussed was Beaver Weekend. Gary (and probably Tim) will coordinate food and cooking. Likely alumni projects are: campfire circle (stabilize seating and cleanup), BarkEater site

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Pioneer 2007 Update

by George

Camp Director Steve Weisenreder reports a lot of progress has been made in preparing for another successful year at Massawepie's Camp Pioneer! Troop sign-ups are at the same level as a year ago and a few Scouts and one leader have committed to the new Provisional Troop experience in Week 7. There are five treks reserved.

Rick Byers returns as Program Director, with added responsibilities. An experienced and mature area director is close to signing as the new Asst. Camp Director. Four returning and two new but experienced area directors are set and several others are being negotiated. More than enough applications have been received to fill Junior Staff slots; positions are being offered. The Merit Badge schedule is almost finalized, with a couple of drops and Geology added. A new offering this year is Kayaking BSA!

ChiliFest Recap

by Mike

Replacing our Fall Clambake, the ChiliFest was held on November 25th at the Oatka Lodge at Oatka Park in Scottsville. The weather was perfect with the temperatures in the fifties and blue skies above. The lodge was fantastic and the recently completed picnic pavilion served as the gathering and dining area for the afternoon. Joining me at the event were Ray and Addy Meyering, Stephanie VonBacho and her Australian Sheppard Sydney, Ralph Cooley, Peter Collinge, Erin Burruto, Joe LoTemple, Brad VanAuken and John and Pam Poray (who were in town from Indianapolis for the weekend). A lot of good memories and fellowship were shared. Ray and Addy brought their scrapbook of the new Rifle Range. Ralph Cooley brought a nice collection of camp staff photos and neckerchiefs. Everyone brought food, snacks or dessert to pass around. As it turned out, due to a last minute cancellation I was the only one to bring chili. So when Brad announced that by default I had won the Chili Contest, I was pleasantly surprised. I was rewarded with an Alumni tee shirt of my choice, and took a short sleeve shirt. I also sold one shirt and collected dues for three new members and one renewal. I had a great time and I think everyone there enjoyed themselves.

Kayak Program

by Brad

As we indicated in the previous Beaver Tales article on this subject, the MSAA-driven kayak program was a huge success at camp last summer. It was so successful that the camp staff has asked for additional kayaks for this summer, including some larger ones. So, if you are able, we hope you can donate to this program this spring. Anyone who donates \$300 or more can name a kayak if he or she so desires. Make your checks out to the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association. Thanks again for supporting this highly successful program.

Treasurer's Report

by Mike

Here's where MSAA stands financially. At the beginning of 2006 we had a balance of \$1528.87 in our account. During the year we collected dues and sold a few tee shirts. With this money we donated \$600 to the Massawepie Square Foot Endowment for the upkeep of the 12 kayaks that we purchased for Massawepie. At the end of 2006 we had a balance of \$1525.78. Since then we have collected another \$20 in dues and \$10 for the sale of one tee shirt, for a total of \$1555.78.

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and cabin work.

We then approved moving the MSAA web site to Matt Arlauckas' hosting, as recommended by Peter, in exchange for a free membership for Matt.

Further support of the Kayak Program was the next topic. There is still a \$500 balance in the kayak donations from 2006 and we hope to get more donations. More kayaks will be bought before camp based on available funds. The final item on the agenda was the 55th Anniversary Reunion. Stephanie reported on her contact with management of ARTISAN-works. The package she was quoted sounded promising but the price of \$30 per person, which included an open bar, is more than we're comfortable with. It was also determined that an open bar was not in the best interest of the event. The venue was tentatively approved, pending satisfactory revision of the package at a lower price. If Stephanie is successful, she'll notify Mike to send in a deposit. We also discussed ways to publicize the event in hopes of attracting new members for MSAA. Ideas from current members are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter, Secretary

BarkEater Program by Brad

2007 will be the third year of operation for the BarkEater program. Second level (Mountaineer) BarkEaters returning in 2007 will be eligible to earn the new third level (Forester) BarkEater recognition at a special ceremony in a new location. Scouts and Scouters new to Massawepie in 2007 will be able to work on the first level (Pioneer) BarkEater recognition, and those who have earned first level can earn second level recognition.

The third year of the program will focus on woodsman/lumberjack history and activities. Adults can participate in the program either by attending Massawepie during the summer with their units and completing the adult requirements or alternatively, by working 20 hours on Massawepie facility projects approved by the ranger, including at least two work weekends, such as Skills Weekend and Beaver Weekend. You can learn more about the program at www.massawepie.org. Requirements are as follows:

Pioneer BarkEater First Year Requirements:

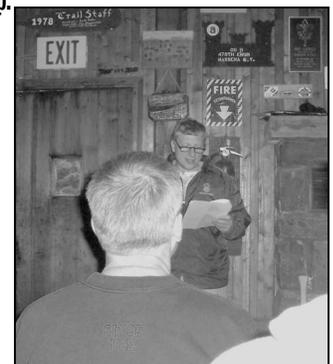
- Camp Attendance: Camp at Massawepie at least five nights during 2007.
- Massawepie Experience: Complete a day hike around Massawepie Lake. (An overnight outpost experience of suitable rigor can be substituted with written permission from the Camp Director but must be done that summer.)
- Massawepie Lore: Tell the story of "Bark Eater" and "Pontiac Point."
- Environmental Awareness: Describe what Loons and Ospreys are and why each species has been threatened.
- Service: Take part in a unit service project while at camp.
- Advancement: Must have earned the rank of Scout.
- Scout Spirit: Live by the Scout Oath and Law at camp.

Mountaineer BarkEater Second Year Requirements:

- Camp Attendance: Camp at Massawepie at least five nights during 2007.
- Massawepie Experience: Climb the tower or go on a Polar Bear Swim or go on an approved Mountain bike ride or participate in the Scoutcraft Challenge. (An overnight outpost experience of suitable rigor can be substituted with written permission from the Camp Director but must be done that summer.)
- Massawepie Lore: Describe the location and years of operation of the Childwold Park Hotel. Take a walking tour of the historical locations at Pioneer with the map/guidebook. Find the stairs to the Boathouse.
- Environmental Awareness: Identify the 4 distinct calls of the common loon.
- Service: Take part in a unit service project while at camp.
- Advancement: Must have earned the rank of Second Class.
- Scout Spirit: Live by the Scout Oath and Law at camp.

Forester BarkEater Third Year Requirements:

- Camp Attendance: Camp at Massawepie at least five nights during 2007.
- Massawepie Experience: Participate in the Massawepie Lumberjack Challenge.
- Massawepie Lore: Describe from whom the local Boy Scout council bought Massawepie (including the nature of their business) and the date of purchase.
- Environmental Awareness: Visit a beaver house or dam. Discuss the impact beavers have on the environment.
- Service: Take part in a unit service project while at camp.
- Advancement: Must have earned the rank of First Class.
- Scout Spirit: Live by the Scout Oath and Law at camp.



Welcome!

Welcome to our new members (most recent year of staff service shown) who have joined since the last listing:

Ian Burruto, 2006
 Jack Burruto, 1954
 Joe LoTemple, 2006
 John (Jack) LeBrun, 1956
 Richard Wright, 2006 Vol.

Membership Renewal

Is your membership current? Annual memberships expire on May 31. If yours has expired you should find a renewal form enclosed. Send \$10 (or \$20 for 2 years) to the address shown on the form. Or, you can receive a complimentary one-year membership (or extension) by returning the form with \$50 or more of donations (total) to the Massawepie kayak program and/or to the "Square Foot" Endowment (which will support Massawepie equipment and maintenance in perpetuity).

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Upcoming Events

March 2007

10 MSAA Beer Tasting (see article in this issue)

May 2007

18-20 .. Spring Skills Weekend at Massawepie
 All Alumni welcome – skill or no skill!

June 2007

1-3 Beaver Weekend at Massawepie
 ALL Alumni encouraged to attend!
 2 MSAA Annual Meeting following Beaver Weekend
 dinner, in the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle

December 2007

28 Massawepie 55th Anniversary Event (see article in this issue)

Each year our membership ranks decline in May, pending renewals and new members. As of the end of January, we are up to **98** members, almost at our goal of having 100 members this year.

If you know a Massawepie staff alumni or friend of Massawepie who's not a member, please encourage them to join or renew. Membership forms are available in the "About Us" section of MassStaffAlumni.org – download all you need.

TO: