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Camp Pasquaney

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Pasquaney during the Second World War: 1943 to 1945 Pop Watson Steps In and Young Counsellors Step Up

by Dick Beyer

Pasquaney, about to open its 112th season, came close to not making it to its 50th season, because of World War II. On February 19, 1943, a special meeting of the trustees was held in New Haven, Connecticut, to discuss "the probability of [Charlie] Stanwood entering the

service." Seeing the probability of being drafted before the end of the camp season, Charlie had decided to apply for a commission in the Navy in the Spring. The minutes of the meeting stated that, if Charlie entered the service, "the Trustees [would] enlist the aid of Mr. [Bill] Bullitt in an effort to secure the services of Pop Watson as Director for the summer of 1943." Bill Bullitt, a camper from 1904 to 1907, had been Ambassador to the Soviet Union and later to France, and was a close advisor to Franklin D. Roosevelt. The board felt that only he could convince the President of Dartmouth College to release Pop from obligations there.

The minutes went on, "if neither Watson nor Stanwood are available, then it is decided that the camp be closed for the

duration. This decision is based upon the determination of the Trustees that Pasquaney's traditional reputation be not risked with the possibility of an inferior season." Later the minutes stated, "Mr. [Nelson] Curtis reported that the [Camp Pasquaney] Association has funds to guarantee the survival of the Camp property for about two years." Bill Bullitt was indeed successful, and, as Charlie Stanwood wrote in *Portrait of Pasquaney*, "Pop generously responded to our cry for help," and took over as Director for the seasons of 1943, 1944 and 1945.

So what were those war years like at Pasquaney

under Pop's leadership? In addition to consulting *Annuals* and *Portrait of Pasquaney*, we have had conversations with a number of campers and counsellors from those summers. Recollections about Pop's leadership were similar: Jack Blessing (age 13 in 1943) said that Pop was

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The young counsellors in 1944: Back row, from left, Bob Rousseau (age 15) and Don Winslow (15); middle row, Lester Kinsolving (16), Ben Wood (17), and A. L. Resgister (15); front row, Peter Armstrong (16), Bill Davies (16). The photo, not in the 1944 annual, is courtesy of Bill Davies.

well-respected and loved by everybody. Jerry Humphrey (age 17 in 1943) described him as "a real gentleman and a tremendous guy." Bill Davies (age 16 in 1944) added "there was no mistaking Pop for Charlie Stanwood, in looks or physical ability. What I remember was his love for Pasquaney, that came through loud and clear." Art Mudge (age 14 in 1943), who lives today in the house in Hanover, New Hampshire, where Pop lived when he was Director, said, "Pop was the opposite of Charlie in many ways. He was involved in the theater and not the athletic endeavors. He was wonderfully eloquent and could be inspirational in chapel. He made lively announcements. He started the tradition

of dramatically reading 'Casey at the Bat' before the boys-council game, ending with the great roar."

In Charlie Stanwood's tribute after Pop died in 1961, he wrote, "Pop was, in a true sense, an inspirer. He was certainly no flatterer, and he could be a caustic critic; yet he had a sure ability to make us want to be our best - and to give us confidence to try to be so ... When things looked blackest, Pop could tell hilarious stories that would restore our scale of values; when selfless dedication was necessary, Pop could produce it himself and arouse it in others with eloquence and deep sincerity."

What came through in the discussion with alumni from the war years was that camp was not that much different from the camp we know today in all the most important areas. But there were some interesting differences at that time, mostly due to the war. The size of the camp was about half the size of today's Pasquaney community. In 1943 there were 52 campers and 13 counsellors, and enrollment dropped to 40 campers and 16 counsellors in 1945. The council was comprised of older, longtime staff like Pop, Gil Bovaird, Nordy Nordstrom, and a few who

could come only sporadically like Fuzzy Kneeland, who led the chapel " services in 1943 (shortly before his death), Professor Longhurst from Dartmouth, who did the music and plays, and Father John Spaeth, who led the Long Walks. Because most of the college-aged counsellors were off in the war, Pop called on 15 and 16-year-

old recent campers to complete the council.

Peter Armstrong, one of the 16year-old counsellors, wrote in the front page of a 1944 Annual he donated to camp in the late 1980s: "It was before my junior year in high school! I had no business being on the council. Yet the exigencies of the war left no recourse. It was a great responsibility and one that I was not ready for. But I did my best and somehow Pasquaney muddled through regardless of my shortcomings. Bill Wood and I jointly edited this volume of the Annual. But, of course, Gil Bovaird quietly looked over our shoulders and saw that it all got done. We had no idea that Pasquaney was barely hanging on. It was the mark of Pasquaney's Pop Watson (right) with Charlie Stanwood leadership that we did not know this."

Bill Davies, another of the 16vear-old council in 1944, added, "what a good summer it was, being back at camp. We knew that Pop was counting on us, and we needed to perform. Nordy was a taskmaster, but we had confidence in him, and the traditions and customs continued." Charlie Stanwood spoke about this group of younger counsellors in Portrait of Pasquaney, referring to the "man-sized job performed by a group of younger counsellors who rose to the occasion and stood at Pop's shoulder with a sense of responsibility far beyond their years."

In addition to Pop, Charlie also saluted Gil Bovaird, who "somehow kept the accounts straight while coping with rationing and stacks of reports demanded by many government agencies set up during the war. And Nordy managed to leave his teaching job at Dartmouth two or three times a week and rush to camp and lay out an official

schedule of events to cover the time he could not be there himself." Charlie also spoke of Nelson Curtis and Phil Tyler "who from Boston kept food and indispensable supplies flowing northward to Pasquaney ... when many another camp had to close" because of shortages.

Several alumni recalled walking from camp on the hikes and the Long Walks because there was no gas available. Art Mudge said, "there was nobody on the roads, so road-walking was safe and pleasant. We walked to Chocorua and the Franconias ... and

> we appreciated the summits more." After the Long Walk dinners at the Pemigewasset House in Plymouth, they would walk back to camp. Jack Blessing, and several others, recalled the day in August, 1945, when Gil Bovaird caught up with the Long Walk halfway up Mt. Mooselauke to tell them that the United States had just dropped an atomic bomb on

> Japan. A note in the August 14, 1945, camp log in the *Annual* stated: "Japan has surrendered since Ben Wood reported to his draft board today."

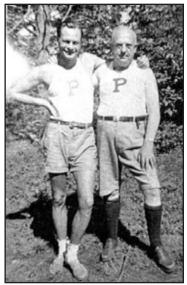
> Larry Brownell (age 11 in 1943) remembers walking through Hebron to Mt. Cardigan and playing capture-the-flag in a big field with a large group - maybe half the camp. Ballard Morton (age 11 in 1943) spoke of carrying blankets while hiking on hot days and sleeping on the summit of Mt. Cardigan on a particularly starry night. beautiful, Ballard also said that little if any sugar was available for cereal. Due to the young camp, he was a senior at age twelve. Others were not surprised to hear that since Ballard was such

an outstanding athlete. Jerry Humphrey said he was scared to death as a first-year counsellor (age 16) when Nordy told him he would be giving a Tree Talk.

There was great singing during the war years as Barty Bartholomew, then President of the Board of Trustees, was a frequent visitor. Because of the small camp, the only regular baseball league was the senior league. But Jack Blessing recalls spending lots of time on the ballfield with Ben Wood, Art Mudge, "Blitz" Bovaird, and Bob Rousseau. "We lost a lot of balls and kept asking Gil for more when they were so scarce."

Most alumni we talked with said that, while aware of the war, it was not on their minds while at camp. As it has always been, camp was a peaceful refuge from the outside world. Art

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in the summer of 1943, shortly before Mr. Charlie left to serve in the Navy.

Mudge stated, "I was keenly interested in world affairs, but not too aware of it at camp." He said they read *Time* to get the baseball scores and batting averages.

Charlie Stanwood was released from the Navy in March, 1946, and had to scramble to bring the enrollment back up to 65 that summer. There was much to do shoring up buildings and acquiring much-needed new equipment. But a special fund had been raised by a Parents Committee organized by Chandler Cudlipp. Fortunately,

"Skipper" Tillson was released from the Army about the same time as Charlie. Skipper and his wife moved into Eastbourne that Spring to superintend the refurbishment of camp while Charlie was on the road recruiting.

Thanks in large part to Pop Watson, the loyal older counsellors, and a dedicated group of very young counsellors, Pasquaney had survived World War II. Very few of us ever knew how close we came to closing the camp before the 49th season.





At left a photo from the 1945 Annual shows camp reduced to 40 campers and 16 counsellors because of the war. At right 60 years later, last summer's Annual shows 95 campers and 28 counsellors.

Excerpts from the War Year Annuals

The *Annuals* from the war years, 1943 to 1945, were about half the size of today's *Annuals*. The "Activities" section was consolidated into a two-page series of phrases to cover "things that stand out, things we like to remember." Here are a few of them:

From the 1943 Annual, dedicated to "Mr. Charlie" for his twenty-three years of service: Ben Wood's stroking in the Senior Crew Race ... Jerry Humphrey as the father in "Love Rides the Rails," who had to step out of the picture to hold up the scenery ... Jack Bolton's dramatic line: "Shall prudish modesty send those innocent men to their death, No, No, a thousand times, No!" ... the Cardigan Walkers beating Onaway to and up Cardigan even though Onaway took a truck ... the commotion caused when an airplane was finally spotted ... Larry

Brownell's grit and good sportsmanship while wrestling in the Theatre ... Ballard Morton's excellent diving that easily took the open dive... an air raid drill and all accounted for in five minutes... Mr. Charlie, Buddy Dodge, and Jack Bolton holding a jam session in Baird Hall ... On August 23rd, Mr. Charlie gets final orders and goes to Boston for uniform and papers ... Pop Watson's superb leadership that made Pasquaney the same as ever in spite of the war ...

From the 1944 Annual, dedicated to Gil Bovaird for his twenty-three years of service: Our Fiftieth Season! ... The counsellors' quartet, Don [Winslow], Lester [Kinsolving], Bill [Davies] and Pete [Armstrong] ... Nordy hopping from Hanover and back every weekend with anywhere from two to twenty gallons of ice cream ... Bill Davies' canoe trips, never on time for dinner ... Gil's posters and place

cards ... four out of every five photos in the *Annual* taken by Pop ... Mr. Rockwell gives chapel talk and the camp sings the camp song (which he wrote) to him ... many boys working in the victory gardens ... Pop Watson's superb addresses at chapel ... campfire at Watersports was burning of Hitler's effigy as we sang the camp song and "America"

From the 1945 *Annual*, dedicated to Nordy Nordstrom for his eighteen years of service: Action at the quoit pits with Blitz and Artie leading the pack -- the close competition for the ringer championship ... Jack Blessing edging out Ballard Morton by a fraction of a point to gain Senior General Excellence ... many skits written, produced and acted by Paul de Hertelendy ... high hopes for Mr. Charlie's return for '46 ...

Alumni News

Alumni notes are listed under the decade in which the majority of their camper years fall. If camper years are evenly split in two decades, they are listed in the decade in which the alumnus was an older camper.

The 1930s

Andrew Heminway, a camper in 1939, passed away last year.

Bill Howe recently retired from the Naval Research Laboratory. He has also had a second hip replacement and two eye surgeries with good results. He writes that while his activities are reduced somewhat, he and his wife Mary Louise are "still vertical and optimistic." Bill joined other Washington, D.C. area alumni at a camp gathering hosted by Cesar Collantes last January. In introducing Bill, Cesar mentioned that he had introduced the Collantes family to Pasquaney, as well as many other people. Bill commented in a brief talk that he could still remember about 80% of those who were at camp with him, and he could not say that about any other school or college he had attended. He said that camp worked on the intangible traits that stay with us through life. He felt fortunate to have introduced international campers to Pasquaney where boys from different places could learn that they all "put their pants on one leg at a time!"

After seeing the fall calendar, **David H. Jones** wrote in to the office that the George Jones pictured in the Welton Falls photograph from 1899 might have been his uncle, whom he met only once in New York in 1940 and knew little about. Camp's new office manager, Elaine Loft, searched through some of the older *Annuals* and was able to confirm that the George Jones pictured was, in fact, David's uncle! She sent on a few copies of pictures and articles from the *Annual* and a mystery was solved!

Bob Stone, father of Gregg Stone and grandfather of current camper Robbie Stone, passed away on April 18th from complications following a stroke. A second-generation Pasquaney alumnus, Bob was an enthusiastic supporter of Pasquaney. An obituary written by Michael Levitt reported that Bob served as national co-chair of the highly successful Harvard University campaign, which raised a record-setting 2.6 billion dollars for the school. He also served on the Harvard Corporation, the University's governing body, for 27 years. From 1981 to 1983 he served as the 48th Commodore of the New York Yacht Club and was only the 12th recipient of the New York Yacht Club Medal in 2003.

The 1940s and 1950s

Milo Berking writes, "I will never forget my six summers at Pasquaney ... My two sons, Christopher and Carter followed, and I'm proud that my grandson, James Sands-Berking, is looking forward to his second summer!"

Jack Blessing noted that, "I have fond memories of the 1940s when Art Mudge, 'Blitz' Bovaird, Ben Wood and I probably spent more time than we should have down on Hobbs Field taking batting practice and shagging fly balls. Now Art and I both live near Dartmouth College and as loyal Princeton Alumni, often get together when Princeton comes up here to compete."



Photo by Dick Beyer.

Dick Thorington at the Smithsonian

We caught up with Dick Thorington last month at the National Museum of Natural History (Smithsonian Institution). It had been a long time since he was studying the white-footed mouse as nature counsellor in the 1950s. After graduating from Princeton (1959), he went on to Harvard for Masters (1963) and Ph.D. (1964) degrees, all in Biology. He worked at Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology until he moved to the Smithsonian Institution in 1969. His current position there is Curator, Division of Mammals, and he has held the government's highest Civil Service rating, GS-15, as a zoologist since 1981. His primary focus has been Mammalian biology, systematic evolution, anatomy, and functional morphology, primarily of primates and squirrels. Dick Beyer took the photo above while "Thor" showed him a small sampling of the 30,000 squirrel specimens in their collection - probably the largest collection of squirrels in the world. He said that the study of DNA has opened new worlds in his research.

Dick has lived in Bethesda, Maryland, with his wife, Carey, a wildlife artist, since 1969.

One of their daughters, Ellen, is a French professor at Ball State University, and their other daughter, Katherine, is completing her Ph.D. in Biology at Wake Forest University, with her thesis on flying squirrels. Dick recalled riding his bike to work and enjoying the natural world along the towpath of the C & O Canal before a little understood genetic nerve disease, called Charcot-Marie-Tooth Syndrome made that impossible. By the early 1980s, the disease forced him to curtail the fieldwork he was doing in Central and South America, and by 1993 he was confined to a wheelchair. Today he gets around the museum well with the aid of a scooter.

Dick's list of awards and professional appointments is long. His bibliography of publications on tamarins, squirrel monkeys, howler monkeys, flying squirrels, and tree squirrels runs eight pages. One of Dick's loves continues to be music, which brings him to New Hampshire regularly to see friends involved with the Strathspey and Reel Society.

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"Here at Pasquaney it is not at all unusual to see a boy taking advantage of his splendid surroundings to develop personality, tact, leadership, and the ability to mix."

"Still Pasquaney aims to help boys learn the art of living with other people, to acquire an interest in a broad range of activities, and above all to honestly enjoy a summer."

The quotations above, taken from the 1931 and 1933 *Pasquaney Annuals*, still ring true today. Camp has always been, and will continue to be, about helping boys develop into healthy men, "able to do and think for others as well as themselves," as Mr. Ned put it.

However, every year we are continually reminded that the magic taking place on the hillside each summer is made possible by the generosity of so many parents, alumni and friends of camp. Annual Giving this year totaled \$158,819, helping to bridge the gap between the actual cost per boy and the cost of tuition, making Camp much more affordable to parents. Endowment and operating scholarship gifts reached \$61,783, enabling 19 campers to experience Pasquaney this summer who would not have been able to do so otherwise. Gifts in memory of John H. West, Jr. reached over \$8,000 while other memorial gifts reached over \$6,000.

In addition to Annual Giving and Scholarship Giving, many alumni, parents, and friends of Camp generously contributed toward several capital projects: the rebuilding of the tennis courts, the purchase of a new fleet of Vanguard 420 sailboats, the construction of the Gemmill Lodge, the redevelopment of the Camp website, and the construction of the Nelson Curtis Adams Museum. We wish to thank all of you on behalf of the campers, counsellors and staff, both present and future, who benefit so greatly from your generosity.

With warm regards,

Hugh T. Antrim

President, Board of Trustees

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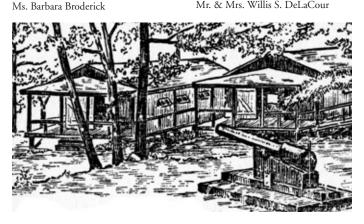
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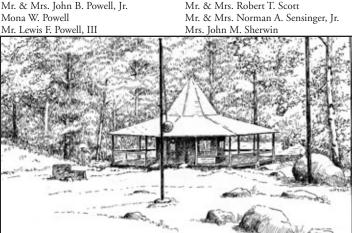
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Correction!

Please note our error in the Pasquaney Calendars sent out earlier this year. The days and dates on the last page (covering the months of September through December) are wrong by one day. Please accept our apologies!



Heber Howe and the doe he rescued on the bathhouse float. Photo from the 1903 annual.

The 1940s and 1950s Cont'd.

John Curtis is helping to organize the Acacia School in Livingstone, Zambia, where his wife Alison is head teacher for twenty children, aged four to seven.

Mary Jean Pelham sadly reported the death of **Donald Pelham** after a fall and a short time in a nursing home on September

27, 2005. She wrote that, "He loved Pasquaney and was pleased that his nephews, Andrew and Randolph Carlson, and Andrew's son [Greg Carlson, a second-year camper] attended the camp. Donald's cousin, Robertson Hesse [P' 28-32] started the camping experience at Pasquaney and, as you see, the love has continued." David was a member of the Plastics Pioneers of America and was the owner of Aeromold Products in Ellington.

Bill St. John and his wife Joan missed their annual lunch with Nick and Barbara Bolton because of the arrival of another grandson!

Peter Oleson entered retirement and is looking forward to having more time to write, travel and sail, "which I learned at Pasquaney." He writes that **Erik** (P' 85-86) is doing well as the producer of *The*

E-Ring on NBC, recalling that his love of drama began at Pasquaney.

David Sperry had a great time rowing in the "Masters Nationals" this past summer at Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, MA., where he won the E-G club quad and placed third in the F quad. He writes that "rowing and male camaraderie always bring me back to Pasquaney – age 13 – rowing on Newfound Lake, being in stride, getting and staying fit by regular healthy exercise . . . it was great then and still is at age 60! What a great way to live and balance out my life in pediatric neurology."

The 1960s and 1970s

Alex Cook is still rowing in Philadelphia and invites anyone to stop by for a Pasquaney row!

A Great Camp Naturalist, Heber Howe

by W. Barksdale Maynard

The Golden Age of Mr. Ned's camp nature program came in 1901-1903 under counsellor Heber Howe. He replaced Glover Allen, his co-author on *Birds of Massachusetts* (1901). At 26, Howe had just gotten his master's degree from Harvard, and he brought great professionalism to the job at Pasquaney.

He gave lectures, illustrated with magic lantern slides. He showed pictures of unknown birds and had the campers guess ("Golden-eyed Plover?" "Yellow-spangled Whirlpool?"). Once he lectured in front of a blazing fire in Dana Hall on animal camouflage, or "protective coloration."

Heber Howe had lived a colorful life. At Harvard he steered the four-oared crew to victory against Yale. He shot skeet, sailed, and earned money for college as a "gentleman jockey" steeplechase rider. He served in the cavalry in the Spanish-American War. And he wrote four bird books while still an undergraduate.

Howe's greatest legacy at Pasquaney was the Natural History Journal he established. Campers kept a daily tally of bird sightings. Happily, they survive and allow fascinating comparisons between then and now, which I compiled in 1997. Howe recorded birds on trips up the Cockermouth and Fowler Rivers, to Mt. Cardigan, and on the Long Walk. He carried a gun to "collect" specimens, as naturalists did back then. At Lonesome Lake in 1901 he was sorry to be "unable to secure" two rare Black-backed Woodpeckers. Mr. Ned bought a cedar exhibition case for the Museum, and a Boston taxidermist spent two weeks in 1902 preparing fifty birds and ten mammals that Howe had collected.

The highlight of Heber Howe's last summer, 1903, was the doe spotted swimming in the lake one July morning. Deer were rare then. Howe captured the terrified animal before she could commit "self suicide by drowning." He hoisted her onto the bathhouse float, where he wrapped her in a blanket to warm her up before releasing her behind Eastbourne.

During the winters, Howe taught at Middlesex School, Concord, Massachusetts. To my surprise, I stumbled upon his name again while writing my 2004 book, *Walden Pond: A History*. The lists he compiled about 1905 have recently been used to study changes in the bird life of Concord and as part of a fight to stop Middlesex from developing an ecologically sensitive woodland it owns.

Howe went on to found a camp, South Pond Cabins. For many years he taught at Belmont Hill School. You can find his beautifully drawn initials in Northern Birch, a silent reminder of Pasquaney's great early naturalist.

If you have questions or ideas about camp history, you can reach Barksdale Maynard at wbmaynard@att.net.



Willie Adams inspects the boathouse in late May of this year with Peter Sargent looking on. Water reached within inches of the 1973 flooding. Fortunately, camp suffered little serious damage. Photo courtesy of Gordon Adams.

Fred Dittmann had a good hike with Vin Broderick last August and is looking forward to the Alumni Reunion at camp this summer.

Steve Dittmann ran into **David Cist** (P' 75-79) at a Princeton vs. Harvard game last October. David's father attended camp (P' 30-33), and his nephew, **George Ughetta**, will be in his third year of camp this summer.

Hunter Harris and his wife Shirley are still living in Wayland, MA. Their son **Matt**, an engineer, lives down the road with his wife and three children.

Jim Kerkam writes that Ted Kerkam (P' 86-90) married Kate Acheson last August and is now living in Portland, Maine. Jim (P' 57-60) is living in Duxbury, Massachusetts.

Randy Mudge and his associates were presented with the 2006 Excellence in Architecture Merit Award by the New Hampshire chapter of the AIA for the design of Dartmouth's Corey Ford Rugby Clubhouse. The 6,500-square-foot clubhouse, which was dedicated last September, serves both women's and men's rugby teams. Its amenities include locker rooms, a trophy room, a referee room, and a club room with a fireplace. The jurors commented, "The building speaks for itself and the durability of it works well with its function."

In a recent camp note card of **John Gemmill** leading a lamp duty, **Brooke Stoddard** recognized himself and **Phil Hoversten** (P' 58-60) as two of the campers with **Jim Hooker** (P' 60-64) and **Charlie Levering** (P' 57-61).

Erich Weissenberger retired from his active roll in investment management last July and has been enjoying his time since pursuing other activities.

Cesar Collantes has had a busy year! He has been an outstanding volunteer in coordinating many alumni activities from spearheading this summer's reunion, to hosting a gathering at his home in January, to placing an alumni order of quoits this spring! At work, he was selected for the U.S.

- Spain Young Leader's Fellowship Program, which "brings American leaders to Spain each year to familiarize them with the social, cultural, economic, and political realities of contemporary Spain, and in so doing, foster stronger understanding between Spain and the United States."

Last December Chandler Cudlipp left the Zurich Opera to begin a new chapter in his professional life as Managing Director for the Zurich Chamber Orchestra.

Tony and Nancy Morehouse, their two daughters (now Onaway campers), and Vinnie Broderick enjoyed the hospitality of Michael (P' 73-74) and Theresa Morton, and their children, Kyle and Luke Donovan (currently campers at Pasquaney), Casey, and Ballard (now four years old) at a small gathering in Lake Forest, IL, last March. Thank you again Michael and Theresa for hosting!

The 1980s

Billy Cannon is currently working at a correctional facility for boys during the day and coaching baseball in the afternoon. He was chatting one day about summer camps with one of his players, Jordy Gowen, only to discover that they both attended Pasquaney! Jordy will be entering his third year as a camper this season.



San Fransisco area alumni gathered January 22nd for the first "Bay Bowl," an event hosted by the Fong-MacInnis family. Shown here are: back row from left, Andrew MacInnis, Bill MacInnis, Jonathan Callard, Kerrigan Addicott-Case, Zach McReynolds, Dan Russakoff, Brooke Southall, Brewer Stone, Hayden Stone and Oliver Guildersleeve; front row, Vin Broderick, Ian MacInnis, Amy MacInnis, Sky McReynolds, Sam George and Jake Southall. Photo courtesy of Nop MacInnis.

Charles Constant joined 30 other Greater Washington D.C. alumni at Cesar Collantes' gathering in January. His wife gave birth to a girl in December.

Jim Covington is living in Boston with his wife, Melissa. He is working as a software engineer and Melissa is an anesthesiologist at Brigham Women's Hospital. While living in Salt Lake City, Jim built an airplane, and when they moved east, he flew it across the country over the course of five days while his mother and Melissa drove the car. In his mom's words, "It was quite an adventure."

Gino Freeman is living in Baltimore, where he joined several

other alumni and current campers for a gathering at the home of Sibley and Ward Classen (P' 73-74) this past March. Gino is currently practicing adult internal medicine at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center. Ward's son, Pierce, will be in his second season as a camper this summer.

When he stopped by at the Collantes' DC gathering, Rick Kellett had just finished a week doing some anti-proliferation study.

Brandon Neblett is in his sixth year of teaching history at Sage Hill School in Newport Beach, California. While enjoying West Coast life, he writes that, "there is never enough time for soak! All in!"

Chad Poist is living in Los Angeles, where he is working for UPS Supply Chain Solutions. This past fall he enjoyed attending USC football games and watching their star running back, Reggie Bush, in person.

Neil, Steve and Dan Russakoff all convened in San Diego last March for the finals of the World Baseball Classic!

Last December Bill Sanford completed his four-year transition from teaching to medicine when he was hired as a family medicine physician's assistant in Raleigh, North Carolina. He writes that, "I'm sure things will be crazy at work for the next few months. But, regardless, I'm very excited to be finally embarking on my new career."

Van Taylor was victorious in the March 17th Texas primary election, and looks to unseat incumbent Chet Edwards this fall in the congressional race for the 17th District. Van is a U.S. Marine Corps Captain, and a veteran of the Iraq war.

Steven Vachon recently wrote in to camp after 20 years of service in the United States Army. He noted that, "I base my success on the fundamentals taught to me at our camp, starting with the inspections, attention to detail - before, during, and after police call, the great advice and guidance during Tree Talks, the confidence given to me during the



A few of the guests at a January gathering hosted by Cesar and Caroline Collantes. Standing from left: Cesar Collantes, Trey Winstead, Briggs Anderson, Doug Camp; front row from left: Nate Carmody, Vin Broderick, and Michael Hanrahan. Photo courtesy of Cesar and Caroline Collantes.



Chris Reigeluth (standing at right) organized a local alumni gathering in Boston over Presidents' Day. Shown here are: from left, Brad Simpson, Chip Carpenter, Jameson Case (standing) and Gregg Stone. Also in attendance were Vin Broderick, Alden Cadwell, Rod Crevoiserat, Alec Southall and Jon Sycamore. Photo courtesy of Chip Carpenter.

many skits, and having the privilege to act in a major production."

The 1990s

After finishing his University studies last spring, Nicolas Burckhardt began his Ph.D. studies in St. Gallen, Switzerland. For a change of scenery, he moved to Zurich, a larger town than St. Gallen, and is enjoying life there. Last fall he spent a month and a half in Barcelona developing his Spanish and enjoying the local food and museums.

Cole Branch is currently a physics major at the University of Arizona. His brother David is at the University of Texas, Austin, getting a graduate degree in architecture.

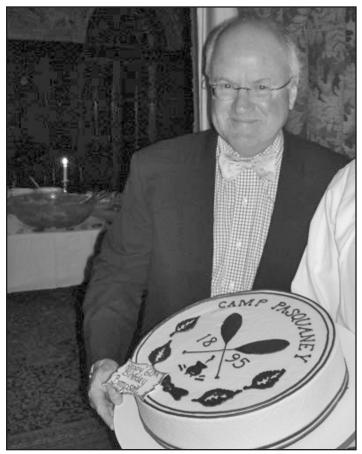
Andrew Callard is chairing the middle school math department at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C., where he is enjoying his teaching immensely. He writes that he has also developed a passion for salsa music and is playing keyboards for a local salsa band!

In July, Charles Hampton returned from his tour of duty in Saudi Arabia as a Marine Corps guard at the US Embassy, and is studying to be a history teacher now that he is back to civilian life. While in the Middle East he served on the security detail of Condoleezza Rice when she toured Israel, and he got in a Stanford University tour of the Nile Valley with other members of his family.

Jaime Hickey-Mendoza has just finished his second year of law school in Madison, Wisconsin, and wrote that the "time has gone quickly!"

Jamie Hillis is at Berklee School of Music. His brother Taylor has been head of his high school service program and goalie for the lacrosse team.

Sam Madeira spent the winter teaching skiing at Stevens Pass Ski Resort in Skykomish, Washington.



At the spring Trustees' Meeting in April, alumni and friends gathered at Royal Orchard in Afton, Virginia, to celebrate Bob "Bumpson" Thompson's 60th Birthday. Photo by Dick Beyer.

Mike Richardson is living in Hamden, Connecticut, and working at AT&T in New Haven as an IT specialist. At a recent gathering hosted by Bill Davies, Mike recalled the benefits of a challenging backpacking expedition and Long Walk.

Now that Take-The-Field Foundation has successfully finished its project of building playing fields throughout New York City, **Peyton Williams** has accepted a position with the Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation as a Senior Program Manager, supervising ten comprehensive after-school programs in K-12 public schools in New York City. More recently, on May 6, he and Phoebe Elizabeth Apgar were married in Millwood, Virginia!

Trey Winstead is working on a construction project right near his Baltimore home in Fell's Point - a house he bought in November.

Alex Zanecchia graduated from Berklee College of Music with degrees in Music in Contemporary Writing/Production and Piano Performance. He is currently working for Berklee in its admissions department and applying to the New England Conservatory for graduate work.

Gio Zanecchia graduated in the spring of 2005 from Franklin College in Switzerland with degrees in Communication Arts and Italian. He spent his fall training with the Red Cross and helping with the relief effort in Alabama after Hurricane

Katrina. Since then he has moved to Virginia and is working in computer tech support at the Norfolk Naval Base.

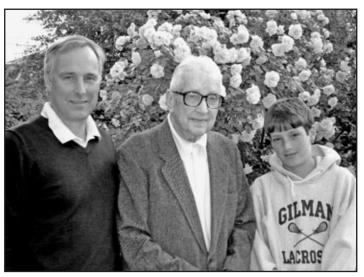
Michael "Mike" Sidney, bus driver for the Long Walk over the past 15 years, will sadly not be with us this summer after retiring from driving. He hopes to attend the Long Walk ceremony this summer, and writes that, "I hope you know how much you guys have made working with you a great time for me."

The 2000s

Max Brindle made the honor roll this past year at Salisbury School in Connecticut. He continues to enjoy sports, winning the MVP defenseman award for his football team and the MVP of the junior varsity basketball team.

Rob Denious graduated this spring from Detroit Country Day School and will be heading to college in the fall at Amherst College. In the following excerpt from a speech to his senior class, he reflected on his time in school: "Like many of you, it's in my nature to set goals and to work hard to achieve them, but opportunities for friendship, education, compassion, and fun often spontaneously arise. I haven't always set aside enough time for the others around me, but as I pack my bags and saddle my horse, I'm going to remember to lift my head up, recognize the steps of my journey, and make a conscious effort to take an interest in those spontaneous moments."

During December and January, James Gregg worked for the Albany River Rats hockey team, as part of an internship for his sports management major at the University of Connecticut. He lived with his brother Peter (P' 92-95) in Niskayuna, NY and they were joined there by their father and mother, Paul (P' 57-58) and Betty Gregg and the rest of the family for Christmas. James will be back for his fourth year on the council this summer, working in the shop and on Hobbs Field.



Three generations of Pasquaney alumni: At left, Ward Classen (P' 74-75), Gaylord Gillis (P' 25-26), and Pierce Classen, who will be entering his second summer as a camper. Thank you again to Ward and Sibley for hosting a gathering this March! Photo courtesy of Ward Classen.

Dr. Syed Hussain had a very busy fall fundraising and shipping medical supplies to the victims of the terrible earthquake in Pakistan. He volunteered there in December for several weeks.

Nate Johnson finished Concord-Carlyle High School this spring, and will be heading to Cornell in the fall.

Tyler Kinney was written up in a local paper for his award-winning role as a member of his high school drama club. He has received numerous awards from the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild for his acting, set design, and set construction.

Vin Broderick ran into several alumni in early May at Gunnery in Connecticut. His crew competed against Will and Alex Newell rowing for Wayland/Weston, with Nelia Newell coaching. Seth Blodgett (P' 82-84) was coaching the Blair women.

Keshav Persad was elected president of his senior class this past year.

Inigo Philbrick recently accepted an admissions offer from The University of London's Goldsmith's art school and will be starting a three-year honors BA course in history of art this fall after serving on the council for his second summer.

Alec Raiken had a busy fall applying to colleges, finishing a terrific soccer season and running winter track.

Ian Robinson will be dancing and touring with Mikhail Baryshnikov and Hell's Kitchen Dance this summer on

the West Coast and in Spain. According to The Center for the Arts, "The Hell's Kitchen Dance tour offers a first-time opportunity for national and international audiences to experience fresh talent, and the works created by artists selected by Baryshnikov and produced in the stimulating environment of BAC."

Rob Siefker recently wrote in to the office that he is living in Las Vegas and working for Zappos.com. He wrote that, "Things are going well for me. I just bought a house and I'm trying to keep the place organized. It's a blast!"

Brad Simpson is studying film editing at Emerson College in Boston. His father reported that, "he made two films this year ... [and] wrote one screenplay with a friend ... They submitted the script and it was accepted. Brad was elected as associate producer. Filming is done - looking forward to seeing the results."

Dr. Jim Vailas, who is returning for his 10th summer at Pasquaney, was named one of the top 48 doctors of the year in *New Hampshire* magazine. The voters for the award consist of several thousand doctors who are asked who they would send their family to see if they needed a doctor in 42 different specialties. Congratulations, Jim!

Christof Zanecchia "has been working with the stage crew for the Berklee Performing Arts Center and Boston's Symphony Hall while going to school full time at Berklee where he is majoring in Guitar Performance, Song Writing and Voice," according to a note from his family.



The final alumni gathering of the year was held at the National Arts Club in New York City, hosted by Ted Swenson (P' 56-58) and Ed Swenson (P' 90-92). Guests who stayed later in the evening enjoyed a round of Pasquaney Jeopardy and some indoor quoits!

Pasquaney Set to Launch New Website on September 30th, 2006

Pasquaney will launch a newly redesigned website this coming September 30th.

After last summer's meeting of the Board of Trustees, a committee comprised of current campers, parents, counsellors, alumni and trustees researched and brainstormed ideas for a more robust site. Camp then began a search for a creative web developer and found one in Clay Dingman, who worked in communications for many years in Washington, D.C., before moving to Bristol, New Hampshire, down the road from Camp. Work began in earnest this spring and will continue throughout the summer.

Once completed, the site will offer a number of

new features, such as an email registry to help alumni stay in touch with each other, online discussion forums, historical photographs and materials, archived Tree Talks, and timely news about upcoming events during the camp season and alumni gatherings in the off-season.

Be sure to visit the new site at the end of September to check it out!

And Many Thanks to . . .

Sam Adams for his years of service voluntarily maintaining Pasquaney's current website. His help was essential in creating Camp's first web pages, and in planning for the future site. Thank you again, Sam!





Above: a sketch of the Nelson Curtis Adams Museum. Below: construction in progress this spring, showing the foundation for the rear vault and front viewing room.

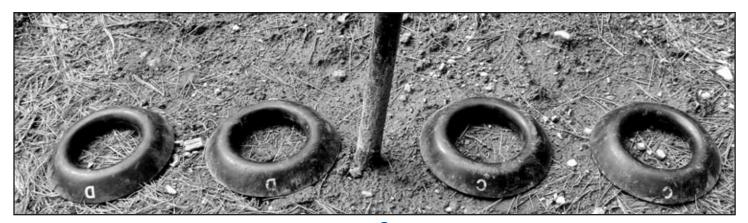
Fundraising and Construction Begins on Nelson Curtis Adams Museum

Building is under way on a Camp museum and archive, named in honor of Nelson Adams.

Following the announcement by the Board of Trustees in late 2003, a committee consisting of Bob Bulkeley (chair), Bob Thompson, Barksdale Maynard, Dick Beyer, Brent Powell, Trey Winstead, and Vin Broderick began work on the project. They determined the size, location, and design of the building, as well as its potential uses during the year.

The final site was chosen about 160' southwest of the Chapel entrance, nestled back against the woods. The building will consist of two rooms: a vault for safekeeping Pasquaney's many archival materials, and a display room where visitors can view historic photographs, documents and rotating exhibits. There will also be a computer station with archiving software that will allow camp to create a database of its historic materials.

Fundraising for the project began late this spring and will continue through the summer. Camp is first approaching counsellors who served under Mr. Charlie, but welcomes contributions from anyone interested in giving toward the preservation of Pasquaney history. For more information about the project, please call or email the Winter Office at 603-225-4065 or office@pasquaney.org.



A League of Our Own The Birth of the Pasquaney Alumni Quoits League

by Nate Carmody

In the last few months, there has been an explosion of interest in quoits among the Pasquaney alumni. Quoit pits will soon be a noticeable landmark in many alumni backyards. I received my set two years ago as an anniversary gift from my wife who tired of hearing of some weird game about which no one else had heard. We can all trace our first experiences back to a few awkward throws at camp, trying to learn how to make them land right-side-up without rolling down under Cardigan.

The earliest versions used heavy iron rings that traced their roots to an ancient method of shoeing horses (as far back as the 2^{nd} century). It has been said that followers of the Greek army were the first to pitch these rings at posts set in the ground, when they could not

afford to have a proper discus. Quoits has a long history at Pasquaney, with the earliest pits being behind the old dining hall (where the Watson Theater is now). The first reference to quoits, cited by Barksdale Maynard, is in the camp Nature Log for July 1909: "Green Grass Snake found by S. C. Kelley in bushes near lower quoit ground." Some time in the 1930's, the old suture-inducing iron quoits were replaced by friendlier rubber quoits, as well as the move to the current pits uphill from Birch

and Adams. Outside of Pasquaney, quoits have largely been replaced by the less challenging game of horseshoes, but there are still some thriving quoit leagues. These have been the source of Camp's rubber quoits, as well as the foundation for the recent alumni interest.

Following a midnight pit construction at Cesar Collantes' house during a recent Pasquaney gathering, the plans for the Pasquaney Alumni Quoit League (PAQL) were formed. What began as a simple attempt to clarify

the rules turned into a running history of personal experience with quoits and how it has affected the rest of Camp life. Highlights included the most notable quoit battle of recent years, which occurred in the mid-80s: Stuart Wood and Neil Russakoff engaged in a epic struggle for quoit dominance. Their goal was to throw over 100 ringers during the normal course of camp. While it took late into the night of the final evening, both surpassed the century mark. Since then I don't believe anyone has come close to that total. Many former players attribute their early retirement to a desire to leave at the top of their game. Michael Hanrahan retired in 2000 after only his third toss, a ringer. He maintains to this day that he is the percentage ringer champion. Bob Bulkeley attributes his retirement in 1954 to a stander.



drawing by Gil Bovaira

While I'd like to take credit for the renewed alumni interest in quoits, those on the bandwagon know that Cesar Collantes is the driving force behind this movement. His negotiations with various suppliers to provide Pasquaney players with reduced pricing has resulted in over ten alumni owners so far (I've heard another group will join the ranks this June).

The first Nationals for the PAQL will be held this summer, between August 17th and 20th, at the Alumni reunion. Shortly after registering for the reunion, find your partner (I've already found mine) and start practicing.

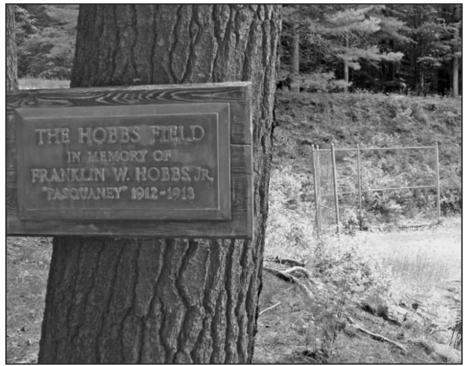
For more information on leagues, rules, and getting your own set, please go to paql.carmody.ws. There will soon be a place for this on the new Pasquaney website as well.

Alumni Baseball and Hobbs Field Are Back!

by John Marshall

After a rather lengthy sabbatical, once again everyone will have a chance to relive their glory days on Hobbs Field this August. For every camper or counsellor who has had the pleasure of taking a Hobbs Field bounce in the chest, digging out a ball in the right field woods, battling the white pines in center, climbing the bank in right center, or choking on the dust around home plate on a scorching summer day, it is your chance to do it all again.

The spirit of Briney, Baetjer, Pinkard, the Reigeluth brothers, Powell, Dittmanns, Ryder, Simpsons, Keen, Hardwick, and McCandless, just to name a few, gives rise to some of the most competitive and fun games of all time. As we all know, Hobbs Field is a true classic. It is the Wrigley Field of summer camp baseball. It is a field that Norman Rockwell would have appreciated. Who can ever forget baseball duty and the constant



Hobbs Field: ready for the season and the Alumni Reunion!

weeding, raking, sifting of dirt around the bases, lining the baselines and cleaning out the green "clubhouse"? Even better, the constant search for baseballs in the woods and behind home plate, Mountain League ballgames, the captains picking teams at the beginning of each season, and the battle to win your respective division.

Hobbs Field has it all. We were, and continue to be, part of a great place that was a small part of a much greater place, Pasquaney. Come back and recapture the sprit. WE NEED YOU!!!

Sign Up for the Alumni Reunion August 17th-20th! Visit www.pasquaney.org/Gatherings/Alumni_Weekend.htm!



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