

Chickawah Chirps



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HATCHET UNBURIED FOR FIRST TIME IN 22 YEARS Moe, Betty, Mickey and 50+ Alumni Return to Island Pond

TRIBES 2007 By Matthew Pace

After dinner on Friday night, all campers assembled at the campfire site to kick off the Tribes competition. The campfire was lit by Ira Mogul and the hatchet was unburied by Uncle Moe. The four Tribes captains and their teams were announced. The Meechicks were captained by Rick Horrow; The Utes by Ira Berezowsky; the Cohanes (or Cohones sp) by David Mogul; and Mick's Pricks (aka the Mick and Friends aka the Rolling Stones) by Mickey Saltman.

Tribal challenges began at the campfire where Marc Straussberg of the Cohanes bested Stephen Lerner of Mick's Pricks in a chicken fight, Dan Zirkman of Mick's Pricks beat his brother Joe of the Utes in a rigged game of Brother Where art Thou (bats and blindfolds supplied by Aunt Betty); Neal Shapiro of the Cohanes crushed Ricky Friedman of the Meechicks in an Indian Leg Wrestling Contest; Jon Blum of the Utes beat James Zirkman of the Cohanes in a game of Bizz Buzz (with Ira Berezowsky as the Bee) and Jeff Kridel of Mick's Pricks beat Ted Abrams (Cohanes) in an Indian Arm Wrestling contest. The highlight of the campfire challenges came when Greg Ellis of Mick's Pricks upset notorious windbag Rick Horrow (Meechicks) in a talking contest where the subject was Michael Vick's Dog Fighting charges. Mick's Pricks took a (cont. on page 3)

Your Moment of Zen



REUNION HIGHLIGHTS By Jeff Grant

Billy Solomon snoring like a freight train...Kelsey @ Brays in Naples...Alums filing in to find that things have changed a bit (no electricity in the bunks!)...An emotional Booma Lacka Choo for Moe & Betty at lunch...Swimming, Waterskiing & Basketball on first day...Mark Gelband's Island Swim...Betty playing piano in the Mess Hall...Ira Mogul officially lights opening campfire...“O, big chief Matty...”...Horror losing to Greg Ellis in a talking contest... “Brother Where Art Thou,” Zirkman-style...Neal Shapiro vs Rick Friedman in a leg wrestle...Jon Blum/James Zirkman vs Ira B in “Bizz Buzz”...Abrams vs Kridel in “the game where you hit the other guy til he falls over”...Tribe teams announced...Watching “The Seed,” with stars Scott Saltman, Jon Baime, Craig Gelband and Ken Mogul...(slightly) tighter-fitting 7 year jackets ...Howard Swimmer's trumpet call for reveille... Mickey's surprise entrance walking the bunkline... Bart Levy taking charge at flag raising...Ira Mogul strikes out Horrow and goes 3 for 3 in softball... Greg Ellis dislocates his shoulder in boxball, Mickey pulls a hamstring (calling Dr. David Scher!!!)...Alan Swimmer's brutal strike out in boxball...“Lerner has a big mouth, ooh ah” ...alcohol in the mess hall – not just for B&G judges anymore...Peter Ellis fires (blows up) dish soap-powered rockets.....first-ever vodka shots at Tribal Bowl...Jeff Kridel and Rick Friedman put Horrow's stuff on the deep raft in the lake just before a nighttime thunder storm...James Zirkman tickling the ivories late night in the Mess Hall...Uncle Moe's Sunday speech about “Initiative” (funny, we didn't think there was a letter “S” in *Chickawah*)...THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME!!!

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Stephen Lerner
Billy Solomon
Alan Swimmer
Bart Levy**

EDITORIAL

Many Reunion Attendees have expressed wonderful emotion and thoughts about the reunion weekend. When I deplaned at BWI for the eighth and final time in late August 1983, it finally sunk in that youth really is life's great treasure. Ever since then, I have hoped that this day would come. When it did, it certainly did not disappoint.

Please visit CampChickawah.com often to revisit the magic of 350 Island Pond Road, Harrison, ME 04040. Show the pictures to your children, post your thoughts on the Message Boards, and encourage "lost" alumni to come into the fold.

Here's to thinking of you no matter where we are...
JBG

**TELL THE EDITOR****Dear Editor:**

We measured that Mr. Horrow's radio broadcast had an audience of about 60 people this past weekend, 59 more than usual. Did he pay people to listen?

Sincerely,
Arbitron Ratings

Dear Editor:

The Reunion started on Friday?!?!?!?

Regards,
Phil Goodwin

Dear Editor:

Want to know the real reason why there is no electricity in the bunks? Two words: Peter Ellis.

Best,
The Gills

***** 2007 LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT *****

We, the Committee Members of the 2007 Camp Chickawah Alumni Reunion, being of sound mind and body, do on this day solemnly bequeath the following to the following:

Bart Levy.....An Acme Flag Raising kit, complete with Martini and Manhattan mix set
Mark Gelband.....a roll of toilet paper on the island
Jan Goldman.....grass stain remover
Jeff Grant.....more masculine flip-flops
Peter Ellis.....nothing because anything we leave him will get blown up
Rick Horrow.....Rick Horrow
Jeff Kridel.....Rick Horrow
Ira Mogul.....the original Cy Young Award
David Scher.....a promise to include his name on the Waiver next time
Gary Arkin.....a passport for his trip to Israel
Harry Klaff.....an inferiority complex from the full showing of the Zirkman clan
The Zirkman clan.....an inferiority complex.... just because they need one
Billy Solomon.....a luggage lojack
Craig Gelband..... the assignment of "Scores Girls" coordinator for the next reunion

Jim Weinstein.....permission from his mother-in-law
Ken Mogul.....an academy award for "The Seed"
Brad Solmsen.....the ability to summon the power of his nickname in the bunks at night
Howard Swimmer.....the Louis Armstrong Award
Glenn Schwartzman.....another set of tennis
Howard Shearer....a rematch with Lerner who kicked his butt all weekend
Mickey Saltman....a better excuse to not have to play Horrow in stick ball
Matty Pace.....senseless law suits from reunion attendees
Stephen Lerner.....a small mouth
Lowell Kronowitz.....a part in Driving Miss Daisy 2
Greg Ellis.....Sports Center coverage of his talking contest win over Horrow
Scott Saltman.....a gold glove and a batting championship
Carl Handman, Rick Wolkenberg, Rob Libas and Bob Klein.....Bunk 2
Paul Schottland....a bat to knock the smile off of his face

Tribes 2007 - by Matthew Pace (cont. from page 1)

commanding lead coming out of the campfire by winning 3 challenges with the Cohanes winning 2 challenges and the Utes picking up 1 win.

The following day saw the tribes take to the sports fields; The games were basketball, softball, volleyball and boxball. In the first games of the morning, the Utes and Mick's Pricks battled to a tie on the basketball court after Mick's Pricks completed a comeback with Stephen Lerner's 3 point shot at the buzzer. On the Boxball Court, the Meechicks and the Cohanes battled to a tie as well despite a stunning boxball strike out from Alan Swimmer. In the second games of the morning, the Meechicks defeated Micks Pricks 2-1 in softball in a game that saw Mick's Pricks tribe leader and namesake (I will let you choose which name was his) Mickey Saltman pull up lame on a groundball to first base (an injury that would sideline him from athletic competition for the remainder of the weekend), Rick Horrow's strike out against Mick's Pricks 78 year old flame thrower Ira Mogul (who also went 3 for 3 against Horrow) and a home run over the tennis court fence by Gary Leeds.

In the afternoon contests, Micks Pricks were defeated by the Meechicks in Volleyball and beat the Utes in boxball while the Meechicks beat the Cohanes in basketball and the Cohanes beat the Utes in softball (with a stellar performance including an inside the park home run from gold glove left fielder Scott Saltman). After the afternoon sessions of games the Meechicks Tribe held a slight lead (editor's note...we Meechicks were 3-0-1!) over the Cohanes and the Utes with Mick's Pricks a very close fourth.

The next competition was Saturday night after dinner when the Tribes assembled for Tribal Bowl. In a Tribal Bowl first, all contestants were required (although no one complained) to down pre-contest shots of vodka or bourbon. The always verbose and sometimes mildly humorous Rick Horrow reprised his role as Tribal Bowl host. The first match pitted the Utes featuring Ira Berezowksy, Craig Gelband, Howard Shearer and Joe Zirkman against a team of Alan Swimmer, Scott Saltman, Rob Libas and James Zirkman. The Cohanes won in a very close match; The second round featured a Mick's Pricks team that was led by Mickey Saltman who was joined by Rick Wolkenberg, Greg Ellis and Dan Zirkman against the Meechicks with Bart Levy, Glenn Schwartzman, Howie Simon and Harry Klaff. Mick's Pricks won a very close match when Mickey Saltman hit the 50 point final question by giving the full name of Uncle Chick. The final round match between the Cohanes and Mick's Pricks was decided again by the 50 point question when Mickey Saltman correctly answered the question that asked the 2 counties in which Camp Chickawah was located. After Tribal Bowl, the Tribes' point tallies were very close with the Meechicks having a slight lead over three other Tribes who were all tied for second place.

Tribes would be decided on the final day by the round robin tennis tournament. Due to inclement weather, one semi-final match and the finals match were rained out and as a result 3 teams were awarded points. David Mogul (Cohanes), Stephen Lerner (Mick's Pricks) and Ira Berezowsky (Utes) all won points for not losing in the tennis tournament which meant a 3 way tie for the Tribes championship between the Utes, the Cohanes and Mick's Pricks with the Meechicks (led by very unpopular captain Rick Horrow) finishing last. In celebration, each winning Tribe honored their captains appropriately and the Meechicks tribe put captain Horrow's bed and clothing on the water skiing dock in the middle of Island Pond (see picture on page 1).

Tribes was fun and spirited and everyone had fun (except Horrow). Thanks to everyone for their good humor (including Horrow) and their participation. How How How How.

The Ride Home - by Bart Levy

The ride back to Conshohocken was quite different than the ride up to Harrison. Bart was the one I thought had made the trip up, he paid, and he reserved space by email with Gary. The man who drove the Mustang back to Conshohocken was still so wholly different as to leave me with doubt as to my own authenticity.

My most beloved music, 1920s jazz and the marches of John Phillip Souza blared on the way up. Not only to keep me awake for 450 miles, but to give me the courage to face new faces and those last seen 37 years ago, and neglected since then. I needed to remind myself of whom I had become, for my own sense of security.

The first 240 miles back were however, spent in silence. Not the sort that accompanies grief or failure. I know the difference. This was a beautiful silence, something I had no plan or device to disturb. Like when my yard has a coating of freshly fallen and untracked snow. Like when a loved one can remain asleep just a bit longer and you can enable this sleep with your silence.

I was certainly not asleep. This was consciousness. They say that upon meeting another living being, the chemical composition of the brain changes. Whoever they are, I believe them. As I sailed, as I swam, even as I plodded along the athletic field, memories awoke. Each conversation, each sight, each sound, the taste of the well water, opened brain folders containing files. For the first 240 miles, in silence, all folders lay open as if on a table in a library awaiting research. They didn't have to wait long.

I was and I am authentically Bart. The mistake I made, the mistake upon which my doubts began, was one of the oldest analytical mistakes in the book; shame on me. I tried to see myself in micro terms without macro terms. I left Conshohocken on Friday and knew what I was made of; I left Harrison on Sunday and also knew what I was a part of. Those gathered didn't know me by some record, or even by the Senior Life Saving card I brought. I was known by the company I kept. I am and will always be so substantiated, so honored by Chickawah and all who have loved her.

Harvey Schwartz Memorial Buffoon Award Winner 2007



Jeff Kridel
(by unanimous vote)

Rick Horrow: Then and Now



Circa 1977



2007

What a difference 30 years makes!

CAMP CHICKAWAH REUNION 2007 ATTENDEES



Standing (L to R): Howard Swimmer, Jon Baime, Arthur Friedman, David Scher, David Baime, Michael Mandelbaum, Glenn Schwartzman, Rick Friedman, David Friedman, Jim Weinstein, Greg Ellis, Peter Ellis, Ted Abrams, Bart Levy, Gary Arkin, Bruce Levine, Rich Arkin, Harry Klaff, Jeff Kridel, Jon Blum, Marc Straussberg, Scott Saltman, Craig Gelband, Lowell Kronowitz, Neal Shapiro, Brad Solmsen, James Zirkman, Ken Zirkman, Gary Leeds, Howard Shearer, Carl Handman, Rick Wolkenberg

Seated in Chairs (L to R): Amy Steinberg, Ira Berezowsky, Ken Mogul, Ira Mogul, Moe Steinberg, Betty Steinberg, Mickey Saltman, Rick Horrow, Jan Goldman, Paul Schottland, Bob Klein, Rob Libas, Jane Ehlers

On ground (L to R): Bill Solomon, Steven Goldman, Stephen Lerner, David Mogul, Matthew Pace, Alan Swimmer, Jeff Grant, Howard Simon, Joe Zirkman, Rob Solomon, Dan Zirkman, Barry Simon, Mark Gelband, Mark Levine

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