



# SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM THE SHORES OF MOOSE POND . . .



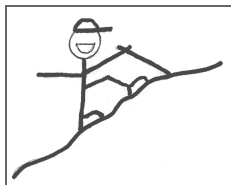
I am really not quite sure how it all happened so quickly, but as I write to you this fine Saturday evening, the Senior staff has just finished saying goodbye (quite reluctantly I might add) to an amazingly staunch group of first half campers just as our second half Senior Winona men store their trunks, find their bunks, and get ready to go. While there is no doubt that I will have a great deal to say about the trips, games, and activities to come, there is still much to know about what everyone has been doing since my last update.

### Lake Swim

First of all I must apologize for omitting the lake swim from my last letter.

**Gonzalo Pampillon**, "gently" called me out on this omission last Sunday night, and I will make good on my promise to get it into this letter right now. Last Thursday a brave and water resistant group of "aqua-men":

**(Gonzalo Pampillon, Max Keser, Branden Laverdiere, James Geraghty, Brian Hnat, Geoffrey Kahle, Arturo Marzal)** braved the chilled morning waters of Moose Pond to swim the mile or so from the dock of the Kearns Family Estate to the docks on Intermediate Winona. The first Senior to arrive on the dock of camp nine was **Max Keser** followed by **Gonzalo Pampillon**. Surrounded by a fleet of canoes and kayaks, with the bat barge near by, the group showed their endurance and fortitude by making the swim look relatively easy.



### Triple Crown Mountain Trip

On Monday, **Uncles Scott Israel** and **Blaise Jenner** set a challenge for the campers: Can you climb three separate Mountains in one day? Well as you might expect from the tone of my letters thus far this season, and that the fact that this is the summer of "Going For It," the boys rose to the occasion. After a stout breakfast the hikers set off for

Sabattus Mountain in Lovell, Maine. The boys ascended to the top of the dramatic cliff face, taking in views stretching back towards our own Pleasant Mountain. The gang then drove off to nearby Streaked Mountain and Jockey Cap enjoying additional panoramic vistas and completing the legendary Triple Crown of Senior Mountain tripping and to top it all off the intrepid crew actually made it back in time to partake in a Dining Hall feast.

### 3v3 Basketball Tournament

On Monday nine courageous hoopsters returned to Camp Micah for their annual summer 3 v 3 basketball tournament. Looking to take home the trophy once again, we arrived energized and ready to play. The Winona players entered the tournament with two dominating squads. Team one consisted of **Nick Cagganello, Isaac Kouk, Mike Pulsifer, Max Bochman** and **Luch Bol Bol**. Team two consisted of **Eric vom Lehn, Fritz Gemmer, Ruay Bol Bol, Thomas Braxton** and **Deaquan Bryant**. The first

round of play proved to be no competition for either of our teams as we won both games by more than five points. However, in the second round we faced more of a challenge, as Micah's first team faced Winona team two and dealt us a bit of a set back with a tough defeat. Despite the loss, however, this tourney was far from over. Thanks to spectacular teamwork from Winona team one, we quickly shut out Camp Wigwam, bringing the heat on offense and playing defense that allowed us to make it into the final round with a big win and the opportunity to play Micah team one. With the bench pumped up to take on Micah's best, our players found a way to keep their composure and kept the game within a two point differential until it was called off due to the rain. Even with the inclement weather interrupting play, it was a great day of hoops, and left the Winona athletes enthusiastic about their performance. Although the boys still remain hungry for a rematch with team Micah, they will have to wait for another day and that new chance to bring the golden trophy home to the Dining Hall mantle piece.



(Over for more news!!)

## West Branch of the Penobscot/Lake Chesuncook Canoe Trip



On Monday **Uncles D. Todd Littlefield, Theodore "The Kid" Levene** and **CIT "Fat" Tony Maggiola** took campers **James Geraghty, Zechariah Martinez, Tovic Ben, Connor Grant, Branden Laverdiere, Robbie Zisselman, Perry McCarthy, Max Keser,** and **Alex Brown** on a trip in the north woods of Maine to tackle the West Branch of the Penobscot and Lake Chesuncook. Though the group ventured out late in the morning on Monday, after a six-hour car ride and a short paddle they were

still able to secure a great campsite on Thoreau Island (named for a visit by Henry Thoreau.) Unfortunately, a copy of *On Walden Pond* was not available for a lesson in transcendentalism, so a healthy serving of stir-fry was delivered instead. A mysterious chocolate soup capped off the night, and shortly after the group hit the hay in preparation for what would be several grueling days of paddling.

Tuesday proved to be the longest paddle the group faced, totaling sixteen miles down the West Branch of the Penobscot. With beautiful weather on their side, the paddle was tackled with relative ease. A stop was made at Big Island for a snack before some light rapids, and later on for a lunch break of BLT's. The group made camp at the Boom House site on the end of the river. Shortly after pitching tents, the party set out on foot to find the Chesuncook Village, including Graveyard Pointe and the mysteriously titled "The Store." After getting lost in the woods and an uneventful village visit, the campers returned to an epic mealtime of paella championed by **Uncle Theo**, along with a dessert of pineapple upside-down cake .

Day three of the voyage took a yeoman's effort from both campers and staff. The paddlers battled through thirteen miles of headwinds and horseflies on Lake Chesuncook before they arrived at Mowser Island on the far side of the lake. A hearty lasagna cooked in the "Dutch oven" did wonders to return strength to the weary party, but after cleanup the entire party near collapsed of exhaustion. The next morning, the group awoke to a special breakfast of s'mores, and after a short paddle the canoes were back on the trailer and the travelers were headed home. It was not the easiest of trips, but good food and fun times made for a most excellent journey.

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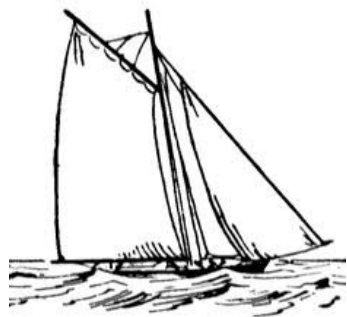
## Rifle Match Camp Birch Rock

On Tuesday **Uncles Phil Clough** and **Nate Brown** took riflemen **Guillermo Banon, Gonzalo Pampillon, Sebastian Olazabal, Charles Nelson, Alvaro Nicolau Mancera,** and **John Rigby** to the BIG GUN range in Waterford for a rifle match against camp Birch Rock. The 6 Musketeers did an outstanding job and won by an astonishing 300 points.



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## Wyonegonic Regatta



This week's yachting news comes from the southern shores of Moose Pond and the Wyonegonic Regatta and features the sailing team of the following: **Angus Wilson, Jack Krivitsky, Nick Cagganello, Eric vom Lehn, Isaac Kouk,** and **CIT Jas Spearman**. Because the breeze was steady with gusts in the high 20's, the race committee stretched out the playing field and selected a longer, more exciting Olympic course for all of the day's races.

In race one **Angus & Jack's** JY 15 received a devastating crash from their port side. Although the Winona boat had right-of-way, the collision dropped **Angus** and **Nick** to their knees for a few seconds, and their boat back more than a few places. After recomposing themselves, **Angus** got back to the business at hand, and started up wind and into a tacking battle Royale. The effort was well worth it, as the crew rounded the windward mark in 4th place washing all of the boats they passed in some serious Winona bow spray.

Racing action continued all day with a big breeze and crews living on the edge. Winona placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> in the next three races. **Nick & Eric** each took a turn at the jib sheet blocks. In the penultimate race Angus & Jack stepped up to the next level. They had a great start and never looked back, collecting the first bullet of their young sailing careers. The first place finish now put Winona in 2nd place, only 1.75 points behind Camp Wawenock. In the finale, **Jas & Nick** were forced to the unfavorable right side of the starting line but were not deterred. Keeping their composure, they were able to scoot ahead of the Wawenock crew, and remain there by keeping a tight cover over them around the course. Finishing ahead of their talented female competitors assured the Winona sailors of a second place team finish for the regatta and another trophy for the Dining Hall mantle. It was a great day of sailing highlighted by ample winds and intense competition.



## Kennebec Kayak Trip

On July 19<sup>th</sup> **Spenser Simon, Joaquin Nicolau Mancera, and Will McCarthy** led a group of excited Inty campers into the Maine wilderness. Accompanied by **Uncles Ben Hurd and Cody Wasuta** the band of kayakers paddled the massive Kennebec River. Amidst the enormous, car-sized waves packed into the gorge, the campers paddled like champions and achieved manly status as expert boaters. The crew learned a great deal navigating this substantial whitewater, and after three days exhausting days of staunch river running they returned to camp totally wiped out but more than satisfied with their trip.

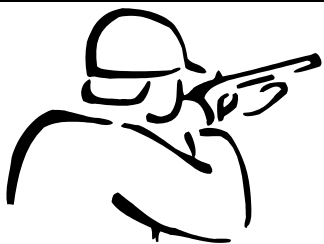


## Cathedral Ledge Rock Trip

On Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, Senior Rock Climbers **Leyton Johnston, Deaquan Bryant, Geoffrey Keating, and PJ Benson** led by **Uncles Andrew "AJ" Johnson and Tristan Yerkes** climbed at Jockey Cap and Cathedral Ledge. On the first day, the band stopped at Jockey Cap for some filling climbs and even more filling grilled cheese sandwiches. The boys spent the night at The Dry River Campground in Crawford Notch, and had an unexpected meeting with **Camp Fernwood**. Following a dinner of beefy cheese and nachos the climbers invited the ladies for S'mores around the campfire, and went to bed shortly thereafter. The next morning, after breakfast burritos, the bleary-eyed climbers met guest star Winona veteran climber **Bob Baribeau** at the wall for another full day that saw each boy work his way up five separate climbs! The day of superb climbing ended with a delectable spread of cold cuts and white bread. Everyone arrived back at camp happy with the days events!

## Indian Acres Tennis Tournament

On Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, the Senior Winona Racquet men traveled to Indian Acres to participate in their Annual Tennis Tournament. One of six camps in attendance, the team fared quite well with singles matches played by **Charles Nelson, Antoine O'Quin** and **Maxime Pelier** and doubles matches played by **Alvaro Nicolau Mancera and Gonzalo Pampillon** along with **Sam Maggiola** and **Mike Pulsifer**. Coaches **Z(ussman)** and **Javi Ventas** were impressed on how the players' skills improved throughout the tournament, and especially how teamwork developed between doubles partners. Thanks to their hard work Winona's team came away with a bronze, not to mention an unforgettable tennis experience.



## Big Guns @ Waterford

On Thursday seven of Winona's finest marksmen were picked to travel to the range at Waterford to experience the world of larger caliber riflery. **Uncles Phil Clough and JK Purtzer** accompanied **Guillermo Banon, Alvaro Nicolau Mancera, Jonathon Merritt, Gonzalo Pampillon, Sebastian Olazabal, Charles Nelson, and Arturo Marzal** to the range and oversaw the marksmen as they got to shoot

**Uncle Phil's** Ak-47, his German Mauser Sniper Rifle, the Mini- 30, and **Uncle Graham Miles** AR-15. On top of that they shot a Colt .45 semi-automatic pistol, a .38 caliber pistol, and a .22 caliber pistol with **Uncle JK**. There was no doubt that the Winona boys were in the house as the blasts could be heard for quite a distance! If the cheek-to-cheek smiles on their faces were any indication, the boys had great time at the range, and are already looking for a return visit.

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### First-half Celebration



On Thursday evening the Senior unit and the rest of the camp were treated to a dining celebration to mark the end of the first half. In true Senior Circus style the campers enjoyed root beer floats, chicken tenders, meat balls, onion rings, French fries and more. **Uncles D. Todd Littlefield** on steel guitar, **Mike Harrist** on stand up bass, and **Bruce Allsopp** on the banjo entertained the camp with tunes ranging from the Grateful Dead to straight up Kentucky bluegrass. It was a meal

filled with good food and even better friends!

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Are you all as impressed as I am? I certainly hope so! For the past three and a half weeks the boys of Senior Winona have outdone themselves over and over again, leaving every ounce of their energy right here on the shores. Never satisfied with simply being at camp, they have taken the summer and made it their own by going after everything that came their way. Whether it was Gray-Red competition, tribal events, trips, athletic competitions, they did it all at race pace, and did it as group. It has truly been my pleasure to watch the bond that has grown in the Senior Unit of 104! So, until next week for some of you, and next year for others, this is **Uncle Clay**, from his desk overlooking the most beautiful pond in the world, wishing you well and hoping to see you next year here on the shores of Moose Pond.

