



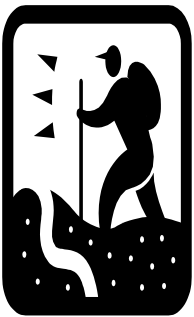
SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM THE SHORES OF MOOSE POND . . .



...and the beginning of our 104th season here at Winona. Opening day has come and gone, and with the help of some excellent weather, Senior has had three full days of activities, have hiked two mountains, have paddled some whitewater, and have competed in a number of athletic contests. This is **Uncle Clay Miles** from the Log Cabin writing to you in this first of many Newsletters to come. So, without further a do, lets get right into it.



Friday marked the beginning of our tripping program's substantial schedule as **Uncles Scotty Israel** and **A-Frame**, along with six strong hikers, braved the trail and headed out to ascend the Mount Hale Loop. The courageous crew consisted of **Max Keser, Charles Nelson, John Rigby, Hugues Chevalier, Salvador Casellas** and **Jordi Montana Lopez**. During the invigorating climb to the top, panoramic views of the Southern Pemigewasset Wilderness could be seen. Once the misty summit was reached, the group enjoyed a delicious lunch of cold cuts and Ritz crackers. As the group left the peak, good ole Mr. Sunshine made an appearance and warmed things up before a refreshing stop at Zealand Falls. All-in-all the day was a success as the Mt. Hale trip kick started the summer for Senior Mountain trips.

Friday continued with our first canoe trip of the year and easily could have been confused for a free swim. The idea was an exploration of the rapids between Steep Falls and the Limington Rips in preparation for the upcoming nine-day Allagash Wilderness Waterway Adventure.

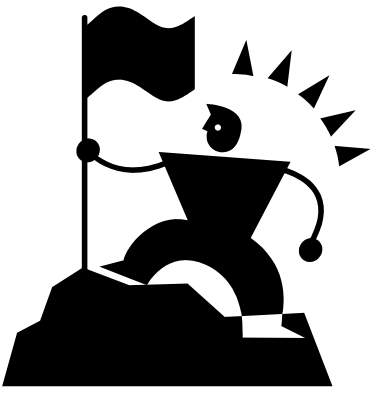
Uncle Mike Harrist, aka The River Thug, led the charge, with **Zech Martinez** in his bow. His boat and that of **Matt Clayton** and **Brad Goodman**, went left instead of right and as is sometimes the case in whitewater paddling, they became upside-down instead of right side up. After quickly fishing them out and righting their boats, the paddlers once again headed downstream, lulled into a false sense of competence. The boat of **Uncle D. Todd** and **Spenser Simon** was the next to turn shiny side up, followed in very short order by that of **Uncle Alex Poeppel** and **Eric vom Lehn**. It would seem that in the future the picking of the proper line would be better left to the guys on the trip who actually remained dry while they paddled: **Conor Grant, Fritz Gemmer, Jesse Liljedahl**, and **Walker Crouse**. Walker was the first to sign up for next week's canoe trip to Umbagog, though no one can figure out why.



Friday also kicked off the athletic program in Senior with our first tennis match versus O-AT-K-A. The band of seven brave court crusaders consisted of **Max Pelier, Antoine O'Quin**, and **Gonzalo Pampillon** playing singles matches and **Pablo Portuondo/Guillermo Banon** and **Sebastian Olazabal/Bernardo Cuenca** playing doubles matches. With a great deal of effort, dedication, and sportsmanship the Winona Raquetmen emerged victorious with a 3-2 win over their opponents in the green and white of O-AT-K-A.



(Over for more news!!)



Saturday proved to be no less activity filled as the day before as **Uncles Scott Israel, JK Purtzer, and Aunt Veronika Nemcova** set out for the craggy ledges of South Baldface Mountain in Evans Notch, NH. The intrepid crew of **Zech Martinez, Jesse Liljedahl, John Rigby, Jordi Montana Lopez, Alex Brown, Will Powers, and Leyton Johnston** trekked through shady pine groves to the open granite slabs of Baldface's ridge and then clambered up to the summit, basking in the awe inspiring views of Mt Washington and New Hampshire's White Mountains. Once these vistas were permanently etched into their memory banks, they descended to a refreshing dip in Emerald Pool - a perfect finish to an excellent climb and a beautiful day.

Also on Saturday, ten staunch and true Winona Hoopsters went to Camp O-AT-K-A for our first basketball game of the summer. With a talented team consisting of **Isaac Kouk, Luchmuch Bol Bol, Ruay Bol Bol, Matt Clayton, Nick Cagganello, Max Bochman, Robbie Zisselman, Thomas Braxton, Deaquan Bryant, and Mike Pulsifer** the boys hit the court ready to play. Despite a slow start, Winona came back from a 15-4 O-AT-K-A lead to end the half on top by two points. With solid offense from **Isaac Kouk** and **Nick Cagganello**, and strong defense from **Matt Clayton, Mike Pulsifer, and Max Bochman** we kept the game close until the last minute of play. Overall great play and sportsmanship from the Winona Hoopsters was not quite enough, however, as we had trouble executing our game plan in the final minute and ended up losing a well fought contest by four points.



The day continued with yet another athletic event versus O-AT-K-A. This time the Winona baseball team that included, **Max Bochman, Deaquan Bryant, Eric vom Lehn, Nick Cagganello, Isaac Kouk, Samuel Maggiola, Robbie Zisselman, Bradley Goodman, Matthew McShea, Connor Harrington, Angus Wilson, Timothy Harris**, took on the O-AT-KA team at home. **Nick Cagganello** and **Eric vom Lehn** combined for six hitless innings, at the same time **Nick Cagganello** hit a three run home run to lead the team to a 4-1 victory.

Our short week ended Saturday evening. The entire camp gathered in the Cobb Grove to usher in our 104th summer with Winona Night. Winona Night is both a celebration of our past and a joyful ushering in of our new season. Each unit recapped exploits of last year's tribes and color teams, sang their unit songs, unveiled this year's totems and in general reveled in the fact that we are all back on these beautiful shores for yet another year.

The leaders of the Red & Grays, and Indian Tribes were also announced. Leading the Grays to what they hope will be a third summer of dominance will be Captain **Matt Clayton** with the assistance of his Lieutenants **Bernardo Cuenca** and **Spenser Simons**. Hoping to turn the color of the banner back to red will be Captains **Isaac Kouk** and **Nick Cagganello** and Lieutenant **Walker Crouse**.

On the tribal front, the Mohawks with Chief **Luchmuch Bol Bol** and Sub-Chiefs **CJ Harrington** and **Nick Walker** will take charge of our new totem the "Claymooley" (don't ask) and do what they can to get the "Hawks" back on the map. The Ojibways, with Chief **David Fields** and Sub-Chiefs **John Rigby** and **Hugues Chevalier**, the Delawares with Chief **Henry Kremer** and Sub-Chiefs **Conor Grant** and **Branden Laverdiere**, and the Senecas with Chief **Eric vom Lehn** and Sub-Chiefs **Antoine O'Quin** and **Josh Karen** will do what they can to make sure that their tribe end up on next summers banner.

For now, this is **Uncle Clay**, from his desk on the shores the most beautiful pond in the world, wishing you well.