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WELCOME TO NEW DIRECTOR JIM TALBOT

In April, 2000, the Board of Directors of Camp Tecumseh announced the resignation of CT Director Hench Murray and the appointment of Jim Talbot to replace Hench as the new Director of Camp Tecumseh.

Murray's resignation was effective September 30, 2000, and he served as the Director of Tecumseh during the summer of 2000. On October 1, 2000, Talbot officially began his duties as the new Director and will serve in that capacity during the summers of 2001 and beyond.

Included in this issue is a profile of Jim Talbot, quotes about him, and a long list of Hench Murray's accomplishments as Director of Tecumseh from 1995 through 2000. Many thanks to Hench Murray for his excellent leadership and welcome Jim!

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PEMI DAY 2000

“IT CAME DOWN TO THE LAST EVENT”

This past summer, I had the honor of returning to Tecumseh for a week to help run soccer clinic. It was the first summer since 1992 that I had spent any significant time up at Tecumseh. It was great to be up there again, and I was happy to tell everyone on my return home that Tecumseh was better than ever.

My first day there was Pemi Day. In my thirty-three years associated with Tecumseh as camper, counselor or loyal alum, this had to be the most exciting, intense Pemi Day I have ever known. Below is a brief description of how that day unfolded.

Tecumseh was down 6-3-1 by lunchtime. Knowing that Pemi had won the hat in 1998, I knew that Pemi Day was no longer a mere formality where Tecumseh would win almost every event. I watched the Pemi 11's baseball pitcher mow down batter after batter, then crack a pair of homers. From what I had heard, Pemi now takes "Tecumseh Day" very seriously and they spend a significant part of the summer training for their competition with Tecumseh.

At the end of lunch at Tecumseh, after our guests were excused, Jim Fraser (now in his 51st season at Tecumseh) gave a very emotional speech about digging down deep in the afternoon and doing whatever it takes (within the rules and ethics of the competition) to pull it out. While Tecumseh was down 6-3-1, Jim told everyone that Pemi's lead was not safe and challenged everyone to pull it out at the end. Suddenly the Tecumseh boys had a VERY serious look in their eyes; everyone was ready to go out and erase the Pemi lead.

Tecumseh took three of the five early afternoon events to close the lead to 8-6-1 for Pemi with only five events left. While it was

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MORE PEMI DAY 2000: DOWN TO THE LAST EVENT

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nice to reduce the lead, that was not enough. The day had been marred by lots of thunder and lightning delays, and with many swimming events scheduled in the late afternoon, the final round of events had to be postponed until Sunday. Again at dinner, Tecumseh focused on pulling out the win. We all knew that we had to take four of the five events on Sunday. Before the vans took the 10's and 15's over to Pemi, Mark Luff gave a very passionate speech about maximum effort from every single participant. I've known Mark since 1968 and I can honestly say, I've NEVER seen him that passionate about any sporting event. The Tecumseh Warriors followed Mark's lead and got very determined and very focused. Finally, the 10's and 15's were off to Pemi while the other three age groups prepared for their competition at Tecumseh.

I helped to officiate the two swim meets in the morning (why I was helping there is beyond me, I never finished better than last place in a swim meet as a camper). Ira Miles had a walkie-talkie and kept us posted on the events up on the senior baseball diamond. Tecumseh was down a few runs early on but later took the lead. Both swim meets at Tecumseh were neck and neck. One age group came down to the last relay race of the meet which Tecumseh won by less than a foot.

In the end, we won the baseball game and both swim meets at Tecumseh. That gave us a 9-8-1 lead but we needed at least a split in the two events over at Pemi. Nobody had ANY idea what was going on over there.

With all the Pemi people huddled together by the trunk room, and all the Tecumseh people huddled together about thirty feet away, we waited for the phone to ring. Finally, it rang. Coming out of the door was Tecumseh counselor Blake Stabert. With about 180 people staring at him, Blake announced, "It was just some parent calling from Philadelphia." After the groans died down, we waited another fifteen minutes. Finally, another phone call. After three minutes, Tecumseh Director Hench Murray slowly walked out the door and solemnly said to both camps: "Well, I don't know how to best say this, but there was a split over at Pemi so Tecumseh keeps the hat." The Tecumseh crowd went nuts, the Pemi people sank their heads in sadness.

Both camps gave a final cheer to each other and Pemi headed home just as the skies opened up in torrential rain. With the 10-9-1 win for Tecumseh, it was only natural that a mudslide ensued. Happy campers slid down the Lodge hill on their bellies. To top off all the celebrations, Big Jim Fraser did a beautiful Pete Rose head first dive down the hill. Fortunately, Mike Reardon's mom got a great picture of it (see picture of this event later in the newsletter).

It was the most exciting Pemi Day I've ever known. While I'm glad we won, I was most happy with how hard the Tecumseh Warriors battled and how the Tecumseh staff maintained their cool and displayed maximum sportsmanship, honor and integrity. The Tecumseh boys played hard and did it in great style. Down by three events at the halfway point, we took seven of the next ten events to earn a hard fought, exciting 10-9-1 win over Pemi.

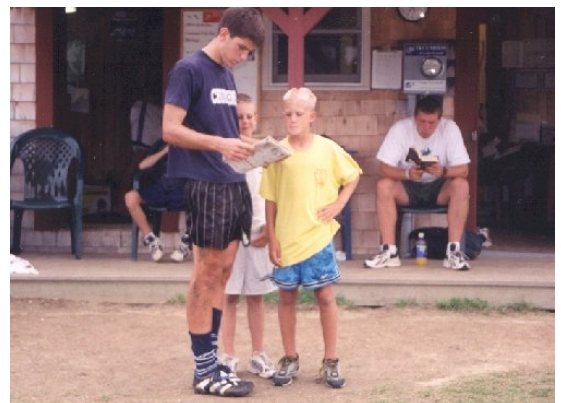
To quote many Sunbeam articles from years past: "All in all it was a good time, and a good time was had by all."

Biff Sturla



John Wright and Charlie Erwin sneaking off to Robindel.

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Chad Kurz reads a comic book to Will Addis.

TECUMSEH WINS 10-9-1, THE HAT STAYS

BIG JIM FRASER CELEBRATES PEMI VICTORY

Celebrating one of the closest Pemi Days ever, Big Jim Fraser joins in the mud slide in front of the Lodge. This event was witnessed by over 100 rather wet campers and counselors who had just learned that Tecumseh won Pemi Day 10-9-1 on the last event of the competition.

Photo by Mike Reardon's Mom.



THE HAT STAYS

Former Director Hench Murray holds "The Hat" after Tecumseh narrowly defeated Pemi 10-9-1. Tecumseh was down 6-3-1 at the halfway point of the competition but put on a furious rally in the second half of the event to win the competition and keep the trophy.

This was the last Pemi Day that Hench will be a part of, but one that he will always remember.

The campers, counselors, trustees and alumni would like to thank Hench for his extraordinary leadership at camp during the second half of the 1990s.



TECUMSEH'S NEW DIRECTOR

JIM TALBOT

Jim Talbot, Tecumseh's new Director, brings an impressive resume to the job. A professional educator with a 35-year history of success, Jim has a strong set of credentials which will benefit all in the Tecumseh community.

Jim was born and raised in Philadelphia and attended The George School, graduating in 1961. Jim attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC). He played both varsity soccer and varsity tennis for UNC, and he captained the Tar Heels' soccer squad in the fall of 1964, his senior season.

After graduating from UNC in the spring of 1965, Jim returned to The George School to teach English. In the fall of 1966, Jim joined the faculty of Chestnut Hill Academy (CHA) in Chestnut Hill, PA, just outside of Philadelphia, as an English teacher and soccer coach, and became head varsity soccer coach the following year (1967). During this time, Jim married the former Nina Sinkler. They had two children - a daughter, Nini, in 1968 and a son, John, in 1971. John was a camper at Tecumseh from 1980 through 1987.

Jim's tenure at CHA is nothing short of legendary. He worked there continuously for thirty-four years, from joining the faculty in the fall of 1966 until his resignation from CHA at the end of the 1999-2000 academic year, so that he could assume the Directorship of Tecumseh. He served as the head coach of the CHA varsity soccer team for twenty-seven of those years (1967 through 1993), winning nine Inter-Academic (Inter-Ac) League championships during that time. This included an incredible and unprecedented seven consecutive outright Inter-Ac soccer titles during his last seven seasons (1987 through 1993). Jim also served as Director of Athletics at CHA for the last nineteen years of his tenure (1981 through 2000). During his career he also coached baseball, basketball, golf, and tennis. Off the playing fields, Jim taught English at CHA and served as its Director of Admissions for five years (1972 through 1977). His contributions to CHA were enormous, and this fall the school dedicated its newly-renovated varsity soccer field, Talbot Field, in his honor.

These accomplishments are impressive, but do not begin to capture the values of honesty, integrity, generosity, kindness, and friendliness which are hallmarks of Jim Talbot's personality. Husband, father, grandfather, coach, educator, administrator, community member, and friend, Jim Talbot is poised to add a successful Directorship of Camp Tecumseh to his long list of lifetime achievements.

THE BLUE-GRAY BANNER CAMP TECUMSEH TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Many campers and counselors at Tecumseh are given nicknames that stay with them for many years. Try to identify which current or former Tecumseh camper / counselor owned the following nicknames from the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

Chickenhead, Squats, Mocha, Bubbles, Z-Man, Pelican Man, Midgie, Attitude, Wildman, Creo, Kermit, Derby, C-Doc, Stumpy, Stilts, Sluggo, Tex and Little Tex

2. What three campers in the 1980s later became professional soccer players?

3. What former Tecumseh camper / counselor has been in the Olympic bobsled competition the past three Winter Olympics?

4. What were the first names of the four "Allman Brothers" from the 1970s and 1980s at Tecumseh?

5. What former Tecumseh camper / counselor went on to become an All-American lacrosse goalie at University of Maryland?

6. What former Tecumseh camper is the current starting lacrosse goalie for The University of North Carolina?

7. What Tecumseh counselor from the 1970s and 1980s won the NCAA Squash championship while at Princeton University?

(answers can be found on page 9)

WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT JIM TALBOT, THE NEW DIRECTOR OF CAMP TECUMSEH

Below is a collection of quotes from people who have worked with new Camp Tecumseh Director Jim Talbot, or have known him for a long period of time:

"Jim is first and foremost an educator and he is an individual with many talents, including great energy, a good sense of humor, and rock-solid values. He is the quintessential sportsman and leader, and is a wonderful follow-on to Hench Murray. Camp Tecumseh is truly blessed."

- Walter Buckley, Jr., Member of the Camp Tecumseh Board of Directors (1975-present) and former Chairman of the CT Board of Directors (1991-2000)

"Both Hench Murray and Jim Talbot are the epitome of independent schools teachers and coaches. Jim is an incredible coach, a wonderful role model, an inspiration for young men, and will be one of a long legacy of great Directors of Camp Tecumseh. Where quality counts, to go from Hench Murray to Jim Talbot should be seamless - almost too good to ask for."

- Jay Crawford, Head of School, Episcopal Academy, Member of the Camp Tecumseh Board of Directors, and former Chairman of the CT Board of Directors

"High athletic achievement and outstanding sportsmanship...two of Tecumseh's titans of character lie at the very center of Jim Talbot's personality. He is the perfect man to maintain Tecumseh's rich heritage."

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— Jay Crawford

- Mark Luff, Member of the Faculty of Episcopal Academy, former head varsity soccer coach there (1982-1993), and current Camp Tecumseh Program Director

"Jim is the father of a former camper who attended camp for six years, an educator who taught English for twenty years at Chestnut Hill Academy, a very successful soccer coach whose teams won nine Inter-Ac Championships and were ranked number one in the City of Philadelphia and the state twice, the former Athletic Director for CHA for nineteen years, and a locally ranked tennis player. Most importantly, Jim is a family man who embodies the character values and spirit of Alec Grant, George Munger, and Hench Murray. Tecumseh is indeed lucky to have Jim guiding us into the next millennium."

- David McMullin, Member of the Camp Tecumseh Board of Directors and current Chairman of the CT Board of Directors (2000-present)

he has his groundings and fundamentals very strongly based. #2, he has a very easy sense of responsibility - he takes it on easily and deals with it easily. #3, he is a true sportsman in every sense of the word - very, very competitive, yet at the same time does not let the rush of the game, the competitive spirit, in any way compromise his sense of sportsmanship and maintaining respect for the other side. And he has always historically been a great athlete."

"He combines what a lot of us would always seek in the leader of a boys' camp in that he has both the foundation of the value system that you would look for, as well as the capability in so many different ways to lead by example."

- Scott Magrane, President of Pocono Lake Preserve (PA)

"I have known Jim Talbot for more than thirty years as a coach, teacher and friend. His understanding of Tecumseh's mission, his longstanding interest in developing good athletes and good men, and his enthusiasm for the role as Director will all ensure his success as Tecumseh moves into and beyond its 100th year."

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Who's, What, Where . . .

Camp Tecumseh's Alumni News

Mark Berwick writes, "I'm having difficulty remembering, but I think I spent two years at CT (1980-81?). My childhood is a bit of a blur and I'm still trying to reconstruct most of the late '80s and early '90s. I am originally from Gladwyne, Pennsylvania and attended Harriton High School. I moved out to San Francisco to attend Stanford and graduated there in 1993. After graduation, I spent three years in Los Angeles working in merchant banking, moved back to San Francisco in 1996 and am currently working in a small private equity firm. I got married to my wife, Alyssa, in March of 1998 in Deer Valley, Utah and we just had our first child, Mackenzie Anne, on May 24th." Drop Mark an email at mberwick@concentric.net. Mark adds, "Living in San Fran as well, **Brad Oberwager** and his wife, Karmi, just had a baby girl as well, Lauren, at the end of July."

Congrats to **Rob Ryan** and his wife Corrine on the birth of their third child, Reese, this past summer. Reese has two older sisters, Aletta and Claire. Rob lives and works in Charlotte, NC, and after a brief stint at PurchasePro.com, Rob is looking forward to pursuing his dream as a sidewalk artist and mime. "It's gonna be fun, out there all day, keeping it real, just painting and miming." Rob's performing name is "Sparkles", he promises to keep *The Banner* posted on what promises to be a surefire success!

Tecumseh stalwart and all-time best 007 driver **Kevin Cline** (CT 1981-'86) writes, "Long time no see, friends. I hope this e-mail finds all of you well. My father sent me the latest issue of *The Banner* and I enjoyed reading all the tidbits about the many people I remember from camp . . . I often think about Tecumseh and how lucky all of us were to have been given the opportunity to experience it. I have been living in Maryland for the past ten years, not including a brief eighteen month interlude in Chicago. I got married four years ago and in July my wife and I welcomed our first child, Brendan. He is a ton of fun and he will make a great rookie in a few short years." Drop Kevin an email at Kevin.Cline@TAP.com.

Kevin also reports that his brother, **Casey Cline** has moved back to the Philadelphia area after living in Mexico City for two years. He was working with J.P. Morgan in their international unit, but he decided to take his own shot at things. He now lives in West Chester and is working to build his company with a couple of his high school buddies. Not married and living large!

Sibby Browne is back after a magical mystery tour with the **Tousignant brothers** in California and writes, "I finally got back into Cyberville after a hiatus in Cali with the brothers Tous. I now work for the Yerba Mate Revolution, an internet start-up that my brother, Marcel, started. Check it out online at: www.ymrev.com. You should get yourself involved with this tea. It's amazing. We be jammin' in the name of the Lord!"

Roy Manwaring (CT 1975-'79) writes from Bethlehem, PA, "Long live Tecumseh!" Roy is married and the proud father of two daughters (10 and 6 yrs old) and practices law in Bethlehem.

Ben Park is doing the right thing in Brooklyn, NY and would love to hear from any CT alums. Ben's email address is bpark@pspsports.com.

Mark McGinley and wife Shelly are proud parents again with the birth of their third child, Mark, last fall. Little Mark joins brother Hayes (6) and sister Megan (3). Mark senior is toiling away in the financial services industry in New York and lives in Short Hills, NJ. Mark recently was awarded the Short Hills Kiwanis "Man of the Year" for his work with the Deer Rescue and Rehabilitation League of New Jersey. Mark has led an action response team of concerned homeowners who track, capture and monitor the growing deer population in the Short Hills area. "It gives me a chance to finally use all those skills I learned at CT about treating my environment with respect and giving back." Congrats Mark!

John Dornberger (camper from 1977 through 1979) is an attorney in the Harrisburg, PA area and reports the following funny story. He had a trial in which his star witness was also a Tecumseh alum (**Rhett Chiliberti**). The case was a fall down in a fraternity at Bucknell, and Rhett was a brother in the fraternity.

Nick Harmelin recently landed a job in San Jose, CA in sales and community relations with the San Jose Earthquakes of Major League Soccer. Prior to that, Nick was a bum, working field crew for Biff Sturla at Lower Merion Soccer Club. Earlier this year, Nick received his Master's Degree in International Business from Johnson & Wales in Rhode Island.

E.J. McQuade writes in that, "The lessons learned at CT still apply to everyday life and always will. I'm a LT in the Marine Corps, working at the Pentagon and will be going to Japan for two years in March, 2001." Congratulations and good luck, E.J.!

Gerry McGinley and his wife welcomed their second daughter, Kelsey, to the family on September 16, 2000. Kelsey and her sister, Grace, are doing great. Just before Kelsey was born, the family moved from NYC to Westport, CT. Gerry still works

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more "Who's, What, Where"

at DLJ (which is being merged into CS First Boston) in the Private Client Services Group.

Brett Miller has moved to the Boston area with Nantucket Nectars as of April, 2000. He is working in Cambridge, MA and lives in Charlestown, MA. Since his

move, he was able to go back and visit Camp on the final weekend for the first time in eight years. He reports that "...the place, people, and spirit have never changed and it is still the "best place on earth". Most notable moment I can publicly discuss is that the farm house is haunted and I got a visit from the old ghost myself!" Brett's Tecumseh sightings in Beantown so far are **Toebe Hinckle**, **Jim Gribbel**, and **Josh Jennings**.

Will Nord was the J.V. soccer coach at Cardinal O'Hara this fall and greatly enjoyed his first year as a coach.

Edwin O'Connor got married this fall, and moved to London for two years with his new wife Suzanne. The happy couple honeymooned in Thailand, and can now be reached by phone in London at 011-44-79-8077-0010.

Erik Strid reports a lot of news in his life this year. He got married on July 22, 2000 this summer to the former Karen Scardino (now Karen Strid). The happy couple has also just bought a new house together in Devon, PA. They also are proud to announce the birth of their son Carter William Strid. Congratulations, Erik and Karen!

Umberto Zappa reports the following: "...after making a mess at University, I finally found my way. In fact, in January I'll probably be going to Paris for photography school. Lately I've been shooting sports pictures, such as sailing and some have been published in national magazines and some newspapers. I was looking for a good school in the States (by the way...I'd like to thank Iain Anderson, his wife, and her sister for all their help), but at the end I found a good one in Paris, which of course is closer to where I live. Probably, I won't be doing my military service because they finally abolished it! THIS IS GOOD!"

Steve Lambertson writes, "I have been working for Public Financial Management in San Francisco for the last year and a half but just recently took a job in London with ABN AMRO which I will start in late January '01."

Victor DiNubile (e-mail vjdin3@home.com) has headed back to Philly from Colorado where he has run his own woodworking business. Vic writes, "I was accepted as an Exhibitor in the Philadelphia Furniture and Furnishings Show which takes place at the Pennsylvania Convention Center from April 20-22, 2001. I packed up my shop in Colorado and it is in storage, and I am currently renting space in a studio furniture building co-op in Fishtown. I build limited production, and one-of-a-kind furniture of all sorts, usually out of hardwoods and veneers, domestic and exotic." Congrats Vic and let's hope a few Tecumseh folks make it down to the show in April, checkbooks in hand.



WHO ARE THESE GUYS?

This photo, obtained from the Photo Album / Archives section of the Camp Tecumseh web page, was taken in 1981.

The first person to correctly name all five people will win a free Slushy at Jo-Jo's, courtesy of the 2001 Sunbeam Staff. Submit your answer to: The Sunbeam Shack, c/o Camp Tecumseh in New Hampshire.

NEW TRUSTEE PROFILES

GERALD J. DUGAN

One of the newest additions to the Board of Trustees is Gerald J. Dugan, parent. Jerry's three boys, Brendan, Mark and 2000 Tecumseh Boy, Kevin, have thrived at Tecumseh. It has been a wonderful and positive experience for his boys, according to Jerry and he looks forward to his involvement on the Board. Jerry is an attorney practicing in Philadelphia and manages Dugan, Brinkmann, Maginnis and Pace after many years in private practice.

Jerry also served for five years during the late 70's as a District Attorney in Philadelphia. Jerry graduated from law school at Temple University and completed his undergraduate studies at LaSalle College.

BIFF STURLA

Tecumseh welcomes Biff Sturla as a new term trustee. Since his first year as a camper in 1968, Biff has been involved at Tecumseh in numerous ways. Biff was a camper for six years and a counselor for another six. Biff has also spent an additional fourteen summers returning to Tecumseh for one or two weeks to help run soccer clinic, most recently in 2000. Biff also designed and maintains the Camp Tecumseh web page (www.camp Tecumseh.net).

Biff is currently the Sports Director at Rocket Sports, an indoor sports facility in Wayne, PA (www.rocket sports.com). He is also the President of the Lower Merion Soccer Club (www.lmsc.net), an organization that provides soccer for over 2700 kids each year. He is also the head coach of Conestoga High School soccer team and has been recognized as one of the outstanding soccer coaches in the Southeastern Pennsylvania region. His current teams at Lower Merion Soccer Club include current Tecumseh campers Will Addis and Drew Erickson, as well as Zach Weimar, a new camper for 2001. During his nineteen years of coaching, he has coached many other former Tecumseh campers and counselors, including Nick Harmelin, Will Nord, Jamie Griffin, Drew O'Donnell, Marc Tousignant, Richard Wilmot, T.J. Carella, Dan Keating, Matt Grimes, Matt Ogelsby, Chris Leo, Daniel Brooks-Potter and others.

Biff is a graduate of Hobart College. He has also earned an MBA from The University of Rochester, as well as a Masters In Computer Science from Villanova University. Biff, his wife Karin, their two children and two dogs live in Wynnewood, PA.

TECUMSEH'S NEW STREET HOCKEY FACILITY



Among the new additions for the 2000 season at Tecumseh is the Street Hockey rink. The rink is located next to the basketball courts, deep in left field of the Junior Baseball Diamond.

The rink is currently surrounded by foam matting to keep the puck in play. Future plans at Tecumseh include putting a roof on the facility to allow for play during rainy days.

Tecumseh also purchased a full set of certified helmets with facemasks to ensure the safety of all players.

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 2. Richard Wilmot, Ian Checcio, Drew O'Donnell
 3. Prince Albert Grimaldi from Monaco
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 5. Brian Dougherty
 6. Kris Blindenbacher
 7. John Nimick



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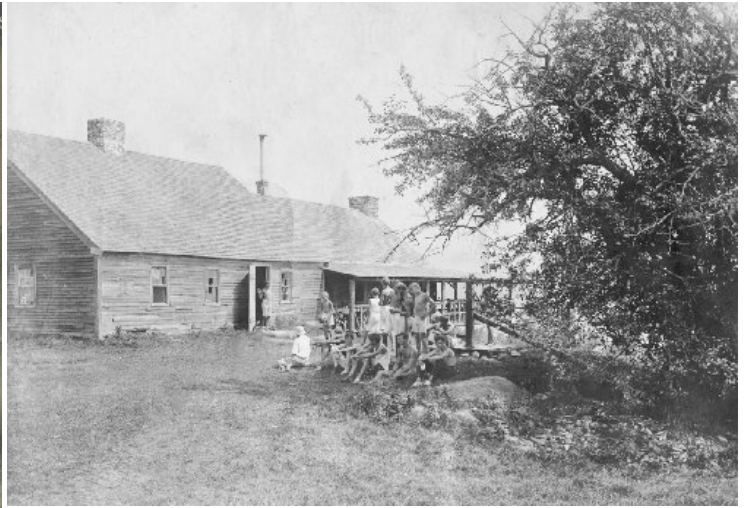
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CAMP TECUMSEH IN THE YEAR 1905



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Please be sure to include current news about your life and also the name(s) and address of CT friends, alumni, or staff who would like to get this and future editions!! Our goal is to expand our address list 100 names each edition.

Alumni information should be sent to Lee Allman, Bill Keffer or Edwin Van Dusen at the addresses at the top of this page. They will be sure to include this information in the next edition of The Blue-Gray Banner.

SUMMER 2000: PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



The Stanley Lacrosse Field (located in front of the Farm House) was well used in its second year.

Flag football was alive and well in 2000. In the Senior Blue-Gray game above, quarterback Artie Armstrong delivers a pass. Artie's father Jack (formerly John) is a long time Tecumseh counselor. His grandfather Arthur was Chairman of the Board for many years.



MORE WORDS ABOUT JIM TALBOT, OUR NEW DIRECTOR

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Hench Murray, Educational Consultant and Outgoing Director of Camp Tecumseh (1995-2000)

"I can't imagine a better man to lead Camp Tecumseh than Jim Talbot. His love of kids, athletics, and community is unsurpassed in my experience as an educator. Jim's easy personality and sense of humor make him the best of company in any setting, and I know that everyone at Tecumseh will come to love him as much as we do at CHA!"

- Dr. Richard Parker, Headmaster of Chestnut Hill Academy

A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE



Top row left: George Munger, former Camp Director (1982).

Top row right: Don McBride, former Camp Director (1979).

Second row left: Percy Stewart, long time cook (1955).

Second row right: Maestro Csiszar, fencing coach (1975).

Bottom row left: Pinky Shover taking down the flag (1975).

To see more "old-timers" pictures of Tecumseh, from 1903 up through the present, please visit the Tecumseh web page at: www.camp Tecumseh.net, click on Photo Albums and then Archives. There are now over 250 photos in the Archives section of the Photo Album. Any alumni who have old photos from camp, and would like to have them added to the web page, are asked to mail them to: Biff Sturla, 396 East Montgomery Avenue, Wynnewood, PA 19096. Be sure to include a brief caption of the photos (name of who is in the picture plus the year the picture was taken) as well as a return address for Biff to mail the pictures back to.

CAMP TECUMSEH 2000 IN REVIEW

By Charlie Erwin, Senior Staff Member

It is reassuring to know that, as I move through my days, I am not alone as I bump into strategically located memorabilia of Tecumseh summers past. *Sunbeam* covers find their way onto my walls; a Tecumseh coffee mug obdurately insists on staining my students' papers; operetta programs bring back the tunes to those familiar choruses, the words to which I never was fully confident, even as I sang them; and a photograph of sunrise over the Ossipees greets me as I rise each morning. Everyone I know who loves Tecumseh has his or her own reminders, and the memories associated with each keepsake are cherished.

Given the variety of Blue and Gray paraphernalia to which all of us are attached, it might seem curious that, for me, a simple wooden key chain speaks so powerfully to this past summer. On one side is engraved the Tecumseh Indian head, and the other bears the words "Always Remember July 30, 2000 With Thanks ..., HM." A highly valued gift from our former director, this token is a reminder of what is possible when Tecumseh truly unifies as a team.

July 30, 2000 was an unusual Sunday, to say the least. Sammy Griffin Day was a day deferred, and, while we were all a bit groggy at breakfast, nervous energy permeated the room. Mother Nature had postponed Pemi Day's afternoon games (from yesterday), and we were staring at a second straight day of competition with the need to win four out of five events in order to keep George Munger's Hat. Pemi was sure that they had us. They were confident that for the second time in three years, the Hat again would be theirs.

I'm not sure that Pemi anticipated our ability to believe. I don't think they realized our capacity to reach deep and to let it fly, so to speak, when it really counted. We shocked Pemi that Sunday, July 30, with a squeaker of a come-from-behind victory, a victory so close that the winner was determined by Tecumseh swimmers reaching to take a second place instead of a third in the thirteen's swim meet. The effort that was poured out that day was remarkable. Moreover, it was a capstone to a beautiful summer, and a true tribute to the essence of Hench Murray's mantra: Team Tecumseh.

While Pemi Day superseded all expectations for excitement, our entire summer was filled with fierce competition, energizing instruction, enriched friendships, and beloved shenanigans. In the evenings, we converged on the basketball courts for Junior and Senior League, and, as always, we kicked up dust on the tennis courts and gave Grant Field a reason to plead for a rest. Both the Junior and Senior baseball diamonds saw a lot of activity this summer, and the rookies kicked off football with a fun-filled Blue-Gray Classic. Mountain trips were again worth every step, and this summer, Jay Luff was assisted by Sibby Browne, who ran day trips for a month. A ten mile, three-peak hike up Mounts Haystack, Lincoln and Lafayette was Sibby's personal highlight.

Beyond activities, new facilities allowed our talents to shine. A new street hockey rink is now fully insulated for winter with the rubber left behind by Inline skaters, and Stanley Field played host to another season of poke checks, backhanders, and myriad lacrosse scrimmages. Notably, Tecumseh's new track facility is top notch, and was properly Christened at the Jim Gibbons Memorial Track Invitational. Jim certainly was smiling from heaven as Tecumseh thrashed the competition, defeating soundly, among others, Camp Pemi and, as Terry Cooper likes to say, "that camp down the road."

While Tecumseh may boast a superior coaching staff, we welcome visiting coaches to share their expertise. During clinic, alums Biff Sturla and Dan Leibovitz returned to present soccer and basketball instruction, respectively. Currently, Biff is the president of Lower Merion Soccer Club, is the Head Coach at Conestoga High School and the coach of several travel teams, is on the state coaching staff for the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association, and is the person we may thank for Tecumseh's web site. Dan has risen in ranks under the tutelage of John Chaney, and is now Coach Chaney's First Assistant at Temple University Basketball. During his time at camp this summer, Dan was especially impressed with his welcome; he felt as though he had never left. He stated that the "collective attitude and work ethic that Tecumseh has always shown" was stronger than ever. He also lauded Tecumseh's basketball program and the outstanding job Mike Dougherty has done coaching.

Seven weeks is never enough time, and, as we approached Tecumseh Day, the intensity built. We applied ourselves fully during clinic and earned the special treat of witnessing Jim Talbot's initiation as director: thirteen up-downs. Moreover, Jack Armstrong capped another great waterfront season with a ski show that impressed everyone watching; Senior Allan Rego literally ran for the hills as he won the Mini-Marathon; and Stage Director Mark Luff and Musical Director Mark Daugherty brought us an operetta favorite: *The Pirates of Penzance*.

Throughout this summer past, Hench Murray was at the fore of all of our accomplishments. He inspired us, challenged us, called us to task, and celebrated with us -- for each day was worth celebrating. Hench will be remembered for many things, but most especially for his integrity and principled leadership, and for his enduring belief in Team Tecumseh. Hench, you served us as the best of leaders serve, and on behalf of all who love Tecumseh, allow me to express our gratitude:

HENCH MURRAY— Always Remember June 1995 -- August 2000

IN APPRECIATION: HENCH MURRAY TECUMSEH DIRECTOR 1995 — 2000

By Lee Allman - Trustee

The Tecumseh family wishes to thank Hench Murray for his wonderful years of service as Tecumseh's Director. As Tecumseh heads into its second century, Hench's legacy includes making Tecumseh into the finest boys' summer camp around. His accomplishments are many, and below are just a few.

COMMUNICATION

- ⇒ Birthday cards sent to campers
- ⇒ Publishing an alumni newsletter, *The Blue-Gray Banner*
- ⇒ Four camper newsletters sent out per year
- ⇒ Communication by e-mail with campers and prospective families
- ⇒ Establishing a first rate web site
- ⇒ Establishing a staff handbook that meets the American Camping Association standards
- ⇒ Creating Huddle Groups and goal sheets for campers
- ⇒ Counselors call campers in their Huddle the week before camp is opened
- ⇒ Introduced morning Huddle after breakfast each day to focus on the day's activities
- ⇒ Introduced Tecumseh Meeting each Wednesday evening as a quiet, reflective, and sharing time

PROGRAM

- ⇒ Established a full week for staff orientation
- ⇒ All staff are CPR certified during orientation week
- ⇒ Established frequent visits from college and high school guest instructors
- ⇒ Established two trips for mountain biking each summer

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

- ⇒ New junior baseball backstop
- ⇒ New lacrosse field
- ⇒ New weight room
- ⇒ New tents on senior campus
- ⇒ New basketball courts and backboards
- ⇒ New track complex
- ⇒ Renovated bedrooms in farmhouse for guest instructors
- ⇒ New roller hockey rink
- ⇒ New archery range
- ⇒ Renovated laundry room
- ⇒ New video room and state of the art instructional video equipment
- ⇒ New office and porch area
- ⇒ New Boston Whaler boat
- ⇒ New TV dish systems in Glascott Hall and the Opera House
- ⇒ Kayaks

FINANCE / ENDOWMENT

- ⇒ Non-refundable enrollment deposit
- ⇒ Early bird tuition program
- ⇒ Steady and significant increases in Blue-Gray Fund

Again, the entire Tecumseh family wishes to say "Thank you" to Hench Murray for his wonderful years of service.

100th YEAR CELEBRATION PLANNING UPDATE

Many members of the Camp Tecumseh family are aware that Tecumseh was founded in 1903. The 2002 season will be Tecumseh's 100th season. In the year 2003, Tecumseh will be celebrating 100 years of Tecumseh's existence. The Tecumseh Trustees are currently starting preliminary plans for two events. One event will most likely be held in the spring of 2003 in the greater Philadelphia area. The other event will most likely be held in August of 2003 up at Tecumseh.

All Tecumseh alumni on our mailing list will be notified of the events as the details become known. Information will also be posted on the Camp Tecumseh web page: www.camp Tecumseh.net Current Tecumseh Trustee Lee Allman is heading up the reunion effort.

If you are not currently receiving *The Blue-Gray Banner*, and would like to be included in future mailings for *The Blue-Gray Banner*, and for the Reunion activities, please contact Lee Allman (LRA@jersey.net). The Tecumseh web page has a list of many former campers and counselors in the "Alumni" section. If you would like to try and find old friends from camp, please visit the page. Please also add your name to the list by contacting Biff Sturla (bsturla@netreach.net). Biff is currently putting together an extensive e-mail list to keep alumni up-to-date on reunion activities. Be sure that Biff has your e-mail address.

We look forward to seeing all of you in 2003.

HELP US IDENTIFY PROSPECTIVE CAMPERS

Many campers at Tecumseh were referred to camp by a former camper or counselor. If you know of a young boy who would be a good fit for Tecumseh, please contact Camp Director Jim Talbot with their name and address. Jim can be reached via e-mail at: Chtecumseh@aol.com or 610-275-6634 or 1906 Johnson Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462. Be sure to have any prospective campers visit the Tecumseh web site: www.camp Tecumseh.net

PROSPECTIVE CAMPER: _____		
PARENT'S NAME: _____		
ADDRESS: _____ _____		
CITY: _____	STATE _____	ZIP _____
E-MAIL: _____		
PHONE: (H) _____	(W) _____	



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