

The St. Nicholas Lead

Camp Cherry Valley Alumni Association Newsletter

Winter 2001

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By Ron Wood

Greetings from the beach--Huntington Beach, where daily (if the weather is clear) I can see where so many fond memories were made--Camp Cherry Valley on Catalina Island. Many of us have fond memories of some sort that emanated from camp. I encourage you to relive those times. I thank all of you who have contributed to camp in your own way as a result of your CCV experience.

Camp Cherry Valley has a new Camp Director for the 2001 summer season: Dave Hopkins. Dave is familiar with the camp as he served on the rifle range under Delose Conner. Mr. Conner retired after six summers of service to camp. We thank him for his leadership.

As we all know, success at camp depends a lot on the behind the scenes activities. Summer at camp is the "pot of gold at the end of the rainbow". In 1988 the Camp Cherry Valley Alumni Association was formed. This group of guys and gals has made so many positive things happen so our camp could not only continue, but flourish. Contributions in the form of time, work, producing training aids, staff training, working in camp, and yes, money too, all work to the welfare of the great camp experience. I thank you for your efforts and encourage you to continue your support. Visit camp! Encourage Bill and Karen, Ranger and wife, and the rest of the staff working there so the best product will shine. Camp is great!

Camp looks great, thanks so much to "Hartley" leadership. Their reign of 12 years definitely shows their love of CCV. The good facility and programs year round come largely as a result of in-camp workers. CORE Staff--the weekend warriors who come to offer program during non summer months help to spread the CCV message.

Camp was and is great! I hope we can participate together in continued support.

MESSAGE FROM CAMP

By Bill Hartley

All of us at camp hope you had a great holiday season and are looking forward to the coming year. Many changes are occurring at Camp Cherry Valley and I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about them.

Jack Bohlka, our Council Program Director, has left Scouting and joined the Sierra Club. We wish him our best. Jack has done so much for CCV over the last few years it would be difficult to share all of his successes with you. To give you some idea of how important he has been to CCV and the SGVC, under his leadership we have maximized our program attendance, increased our revenue to the highest in the camp's history, and began our much-needed capital improvement program. We wish Jack our very best.

Gary Jensen is our new SGVC Program. Gary has over 20 years experience as a Scouting Professional and is looking forward to his new position. If you're at the council office, stop by his office and say hi.

Delose Conner, our Summer resident Camp Director, has resigned and will be directing at his old camp this coming summer. We are looking forward to working with Dave Hopkins who will be the new SRC Camp Director. Dave has worked at Cherry before as a camp staff member and will bring with him several veteran staff members. Colby Nalder will be the SRC Program Director. I hope all of you have a chance to visit camp this summer and welcome them.

We recently completed a new bench and shade structure on the beach that was provided by Scott and Barbara Bice. Mike Kilbride donated a dump truck to the camp, which will be a great asset to us. Our capital improvement projects are moving forward and we hope to begin our water tank and fire distribution system this year. We are finalizing the Dining Hall plans as well as establishing the Waterfront redevelopment plans.

One change you may not be aware of is that we will be relocating the Warehouse further up canyon. Because of many variables, we are now planning to relocate the Warehouse to the area across from the Rifle Range and put the new Dining Hall where the Warehouse currently is. One advantage to this change is we will again have a large parade ground and playing field at CCV, which we have not had since we began protecting the salina area.

I hope all of you are planning to visit CCV this year and if we do not have a chance to see you, we hope you are doing well and will visit when you can.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Rick Scobey

I often think back to when I was a scout at Camp Cherry Valley, and later when I attended on staff. I remember the sights, the sounds, and the smells. I also remember the activities, the people, and most important, the traditions. Traditions that we want to see continue.

Please help us support the Scouting Program at Camp Cherry Valley. Dues are still \$25 per year and are tax deductible. Junior Membership (ages 16-20) is \$10, and Life Membership is available for \$250. Of course, if you were on Summer Staff or CORE Staff last year, your dues are free for this year.

Your contact information is important to us. We want to be able to contact you for important functions. If you have updated membership information for us, please contact us. And if you have not done so in the past, please take a minute and fill out the enclosed slip and return it to us so we can update our database.

Again, please help us support the Scouting program at Camp Cherry Valley and send in your dues now. Your membership is needed and it does make a difference!

MEMORIES OF CHERRY VALLEY*

By Tallman Trask

Summer camp is history
It will not return again,
But I fondly cherish memories
Of the camp where I have been.

It is oft I think of Torqua
And the lessons that it taught,
Of the Chinese junk "Ning Po"
And the battles that it fought.

Of the campfire locations
With programs, always great;
And that big dining pavilion
With the best meals you ever ate.

Of the Life Problem classes,
Of the church in the cherry grove,
Of Pirates Cove for swimming,
And the yachts moored in the cove.

Of the staff, ever faithful,
And boating every day,

And sailing and canoeing,
And swimming in the bay.

Oh, these memories that I cherish,
I can't tell them all, I fear;
This I know however--
I'm going back next year.

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- Taken from *Memories of Camp Cherry Valley on Santa Catalina Island, 1932.*

ACTIVITIES

Winter Dinner/Business Meeting

The Winter Dinner/Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 3, at Susan Wood Roche's house in Glendale, starting at 5pm. There will be a short meeting to talk over plans for the coming year. The dinner will be a potluck, so please bring an entrée, salad, or dessert. Please call Dave Minnihan by Feb. 28, to RSVP. We will be showing old photos and videos of camp, so if you have any, please bring them along.

Work Parties

Buddy Renzullo will be organizing several work parties at camp during March and April. Please give him a call if you are interested in helping.

Staff Week

The CCV Summer Staff will be arriving and setting up their program areas and Camp during the week of June 10-16. The Alumni will be going over for a few days during Staff Week to give them a hand. If you are interested, please contact Ron Wood or Dave Minnihan.

Staff Barbecue

We'll be going over to CCV on Saturday, July 14, for our annual steak barbecue for the Staff. This is a great chance to go over to camp for a weekend, get to know the Staff, and enjoy some great steaks. We'll have more information in the Spring Newsletter.

NEWSLETTER

The St. Nicholas Lead is published three times a year to help keep you informed of the happenings, changes and improvements at Camp Cherry Valley. We also keep you posted on Alumni Association activities and have articles on CCV's history as well. We are always looking for articles and old pictures to use, so if you have something that would be interesting to our members, please send it in. See the Calendar for deadlines for articles.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The picture below had the inscription "Staff Indian Dancers 1930-35, Skull is 'Oscar'" on the back. Does anybody know how "Oscar" got his name?

Note: In the picture used in the last newsletter, we did not know the identity of the Sea Scout. Ping Bodine, 1927 Staff, identified him as Ted Sierks who was also on staff in 1927.



CALENDAR

March 3 Winter Dinner/Business Meeting
May 8 Newsletter article deadline
June 10-16 Staff Week at CCV
July 14-15 CCV Staff Barbecue
August 7 Newsletter article deadline
Sept, 14-16 Old Goats Weekend at CCV

OFFICERS

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