

December 31,
2019

Winter Camp News

"Traditionally Unconventional"

"On Guard
Since 1986"

New Cross-Country Golf Hole Discovered

**This Makes Four
Three Teams Take The Challenge
Nobody Knew What Par Was**

The Beaver Creek Athletic Club, thought for many years to be a one-hole course, revealed yesterday that among its secrets was a hole running from the Jack Lord building to Clear-water campsite. This marks the fourth known hole on this layout.

The first, and still the favorite, hole runs from the former Beaver Creek Scoutcraft building to the pit at the back of the Ordeal site. Hole #2 shares a tee with #1, but runs to the flagpole at Trout Lake and was first contested as part of the Winter Camp Triathlon at Winter Camp XXXVIII. The third hole begins at Trout Lake and proceeds to CAG Rock. It saw its first Winter Camp action at Winter Camp XLI.

As it was two years ago, this year experienced the amusing coincidence that the tee box of the newest hole was conveniently located right outside our cabin. The week's three squads took to the links with great enthusiasm but without any previous experience. Dysfunctional Technetium and State Farm tied for the top spot with scores of 44. No one knows how many strokes above or below par this might be. The Migisi Opawgan Empire notched a 68, perhaps due in part to their occasional tendency to travel the hole in the reverse of the intended direction. They did, however, pioneer the technique of using an aquarium net as a club extension as they finished their round.

The search for additional golf holes continues.

Quotes O' The Days

"Your dad was you before there was a you."

—Steve Donohue, to Alan Wilson, referring to Doug Wilson, 29 December 2019.

"Jeff's on the Segway!"

—Kieran Bledsoe, referring to Jeff Rand, 31 December 2019.

"Multiple attempts to dispose of the pens by launching them into space proved futile."

—Steve Donohue, 31 December 2019.

Alimentary Endings

by Steve Donohue

The idea for the **No Waste Meal** was born back in late March when Jeff Rand suggested it. After some discussion, it was agreed that the meal would target no waste only at camp—the goal was to ensure we ate the whole meal and that we generated no garbage, such as food waste or discarded packaging, in the cooking of the meal. This would, of course, be important when serving food on a space station or in a lunar colony.

The reality of the meal probably demonstrated just how common waste is in a meal. It's hard to buy things that aren't wrapped in plastic or packaged in a box. In the end, Doug Wilson and Jeff Rand took a Model T to a bulk food store which allowed customers to bring in their own storage containers. They acquired most of the ingredients for the meal there. The meat was mailed to us by former camp ranger Dave Morosky.

The meal itself was pretty tasty—the main course was a combination of sausage, vegetables, mushrooms, and grains served with rice. We also had tomato and cucumber salad and a medley of dried fruit along with water to drink.

We didn't reach our goal of zero waste, but the attempt was interesting and fun.

How To Get Alan Wilson To Serve You A Refreshing Beverage

1. In a loud clear voice, ask "Can you carbonate this?"
2. Wait.

You'll not be waiting long.

Today's Schedule (All times WCST)

09:07:36.15	First Meal On The Moon (M.O.E.)
10:03:03.39	Re-Entry
11:01:30.57	Cleaning
12:01:30.37	Conglomerate Lunch (M.O.E.)
01:15:13.88	Continued Cleanup
04:17:00.00	Winter Camp XLIII ends

Winter Camp XLIV

December 27-31, 2020

The first Winter Camp with 4 different Roman digits

Short Takes From Winter Camp XLIII

- ⇒ The Blind Hike went to the Trout Lake pavilion.
- ⇒ One wall of the south bunkroom was perforated during the service project day.
- ⇒ Brian Maghran had his head shaved.
- ⇒ 6 ounces of cooking oil were purchased to pop popcorn this year. At Winter Camp XV, we bought a quart of cooking oil just to make popcorn.
- ⇒ Timmy Pfeiffer celebrated his birthday on December 29. With this birthday, there have now been Winter Campers born on every day of the weekette.
- ⇒ In declaring himself the youth leader for Winter Camp XLIV, Matt Grimbale is on track to be the first 3-time youth leader in Winter Camp history.
- ⇒ Nine other Scouts have served as youth leader twice.
- ⇒ Carbonated milk: It's not awful.
- ⇒ Alan Wilson built the first 3-D printer to appear at Winter Camp.
- ⇒ The JEFFHDA led all 3 squads to the triple intersection of all D-A subcamps. Last, but not least:
- ⇒ Chris Kirschke is neither here nor Canadian.

Service Project Aftermath

—by Jacob Ferns

It is pretty common for service projects at Winter Camp to result in some kind of destruction. This year, the predominant nondestructive project was cleaning out storage in barn 3. What was not planned, yet what was not surprising, is that cleaning barn 3 became very destructive. Many of the old light covers were broken and in many cases shattered as they were thrown to the cement floor of the barn. Many times, these items were also torn apart and damaged in attempts to separate plastic from metal in light fixtures that had not been previously broken.

What was odd about the service at barn 3 was that those who did the service gained more than the experience from doing the service. Some unopened light fixtures destined for the dumpster were taken by some who worked this space. Wood meant for the dumpster was loaded into a pickup truck and was burned later that night. Most odd, so much that it might make it into *Encyclopedia WinterCampica*, was that first-year Winter Camper Jacob "Francis" Ferns, also referred to as "Jake from State Farm," managed to salvage and procure a yield sign. The vintage road sign reads, "Yield right of way," and was previously used at one of the Scout camps. The origin of what camp it came from is not known. It could've been used at D-A, or have come from one of the now-closed camps of the MCC.

Back In The Day

Tales Of History and Imagination

Prenuptial Agreements

For the average Winter Camper, getting married can have a dramatic effect on his ability to attend camp. His own family may be used to his bizarre holiday habits, but his new family may expect somewhat more adult behavior. In particular, with no children of Scout age in his household, it can be difficult for an Arrowman to convince a spouse that he's going to camp for the boys..

Ron Donohue was the first camper to craft an explicit prenuptial agreement when he was married in 1996. While his agreement simply guaranteed that he could always attend camp, he missed the first camp after his wedding by his own choice to attend a wedding in Mexico. His wife made sure to point this out in their first Christmas newsletter. Mark Bollman—>'s 2000 wedding included a similar clause. Steve Donohue 2001 wedding included an agreement designed to take advantage of his wife's unique attitude towards Winter Camp and, not so coincidentally, top Ron's. The agreement posted on the Web at kristieandsteve.com has Steve promising Kristie that he will continue attending camp rather than Kristie promising to let him go. For her part, Kristie promised not to complain too loudly if updates aren't posted as frequently as she'd like. This last agreement was somewhat mooted when Kristie was elected to the OA in 2011 and began attending Winter Camp as a full member.

Winter Camp Trivia

From the 29 December 2019 issue:

1. To whom did Jeff Rand lose a dollar at Winter Camp XLIII?
—Brian Maghran
2. What did the answer to question #1 do to gain that dollar?
—He sat on a fire.
3. What traffic sign did Jacob Ferns take away from the Winter Camp XLIII service project?
—Yield right of way
4. Which cabin had part of its ceiling removed as part of the Winter Camp XLIII service project?
—Jack Lord

5. Who served as the presiding minister at Winter Camp XLIII's religious service?
—Jacob Ferns

For your consideration over the next 72.2 weekettes:

1. What video game took over Jack Lord's south bunkroom?
2. Who shaved Brian Maghran's head at Winter Camp XLIII?
3. Who brought Winter Camp's first hoverboard to camp?
4. While everyone who had attended Winter Camps I and II was out of camp on Day Two, which Winter Camper still in camp had attended the earliest Winter Camp?