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A FACELIFT: AN “INVESTMENT” FOR THE FUTURE...

Investors Group Highland Yard

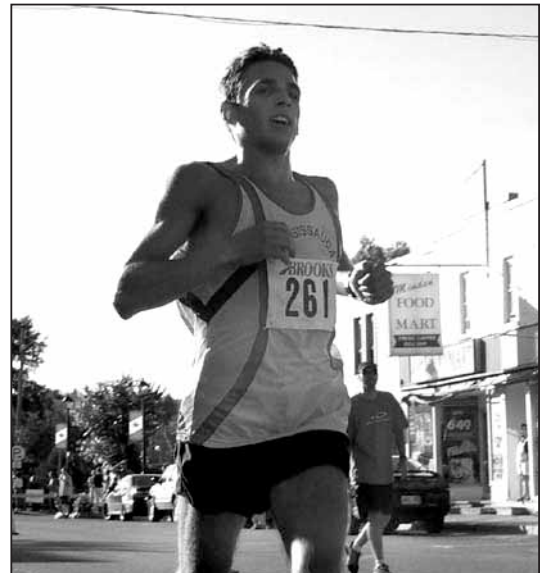
The Highland Yard has had many wonderful sponsors in its history of 33 years. Over time, the race has attracted many participants; cottagers, camp alumni and avid runners alike. We have been very fortunate to have had such a loyal and generous group of supporters. Now, in it’s 34th year, the Yard is about to undergo a facelift; a transformation due largely to the addition of our new partner and title sponsor: **Investors Group**.

Thanks to the hard work and genuine interest of Dennis Flaherty, the Ontario Marketing Manager for Investors Group (also a Gull Lake cottager and Highland Yard participant) the Investors Group Highland Yard will have much more to offer its runners in the future. Already hard at work, Investors Group and the Highland Yard committee are collaborating to give the Yard a new look. With the generosity of Investors Group we are now able to promote the race on a greater scale. Dennis is a brilliant source of ideas and enthusiasm helping us transform race day into a more enjoyable experience for runners as well as their fans.

We are all looking forward to the race and hope that everyone will make a special effort to attend this year. The Investors Group Highland Yard is a 7.4 km ORA accredited road race taking place on Friday July 29th in Minden, Ontario. Registration will take place at the Rockcliffe starting at 3:00pm. The START gun goes off at 6:00pm.

At this time, we are looking for prizes and race kit items. If you would like to make a prize donation or have access to large quantities of product samples please contact Jenn Roden at jennifer.roden@tel.tdsb.on.ca

People interested in volunteering at the race or exploring sponsorship opportunities should contact Billy Anderson by e-mail at banderson@amicicharity.org.



 JENNIFER RODEN

**Mark Friday, July 29, 2005 on your calendar today
and plan to attend and/or support
The Investors Group Highland Yard!**

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Organizational Growth . . . from within



There are many reasons why AMICI is such an amazing organization. But like every organization, it is only the product of the people who are involved – and AMICI has some truly incredible people working as part of the organization. AMICI's biggest strength, however, may be that it has its origins in Kilcoo and has, for many years, relied on Kilcoo, its staff, alumni, campers and parents for support. And Kilcoo has delivered – in spades!! Without the involvement of Chief and others from Kilcoo who have dedicated countless hours of time and energy to

the charity over the years, AMICI would not exist. So what really makes AMICI an amazing organization is that it has an amazing organization from which to draw its most ardent support – Kilcoo camp!

As we all know, Kilcoo trains young men to be the best they can be, to be “great, not just good”. The camp really is a “maker of men”. And it is these men, who are so moved by their experience at Kilcoo, who choose to give something back by contributing to AMICI. The result is that AMICI always has a roster of people to turn to for support and assistance and that roster is an “A” team. A squad that is built of Kilcoo campers, staff, alumni or friends of Kilcoo.

So when it is time for AMICI to expand or for new personnel to become involved, we always know where to look.

In this issue we see, yet again, how the Kilcoo network is serving AMICI amazingly well. This will result in the organization's continued growth and improvement, which will – in the end – mean more kids will get to go to summer camp.

As many of you know, AMICI has a new president. Allan Leal, who has been on the board for about a year, has taken over from Michael Roland. In this issue, Allan delivers his first “Message from the President”. As you will see by reading his piece, Allan brings to AMICI excellent experience, incredible dedication and an eagerness to get results. Michael Roland was an incredible president who achieved so much during his tenure that it is difficult to imagine the organization without him at the helm. But it is also clear – to Mouse and everyone else on the Board of Directors of AMICI – that the charity will not miss any steps by having Allan as its leader. How How!!

AMICI also recently made a decision to hire a part-time Executive Director. Yet again, we went to the pool of Kilcoo talent. Billy Anderson, who spent time at Kilcoo as a camper, has joined us in this role and is, frankly, fantastic!! He has put his heart and soul into this new gig and you can tell that it is the perfect job for him. If you don't know Billy, get to know him. You will not regret it. He is possessed of boundless energy and a positive attitude that is second to none. I know that the decision to hire Billy was a bit of a departure for AMICI, but based on what I have witnessed so far, I am certain a great decision was made. To learn more about Billy, please see his article in this issue.

Finally, there is Geoff Nelles, who is taking over as the editor of the Gull Rock Gazette. Geoff has embraced this opportunity with enthusiasm and, as you will see by reading his column, is motivated to be part of AMICI and the Kilcoo community again by a sense of a commitment to give something back so that others may have the opportunity to share the experience of summer camp. In my mind, this is exactly why Geoff is a great choice to take the reins of this newsletter.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me in my time as editor of the Gazette. There are far too many to mention, but I do want to single out Mike Adamson (a.k.a. “Huggy”). Huggy really is the reason that this thing gets done. Thank you Mike.

 COLIN GROUND '86

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

A new editor for the Gazette

In November of 2004 I received an email from John Medland '97, who was my L.I.T. when I was in cabin 18, asking me if I would be interested in meeting him and Colin Ground, another Kilcoo alumnus, to discuss possible opportunities for me to become involved in AMICI. After having read the email a wave of conflicting thoughts passed through my mind. While I was flattered that John would consider me to get involved with such a worthwhile cause, I struggled with the level of commitment that would be required to be a productive part of AMICI. Despite the conflict I decided to meet John and Colin for lunch to better understand the role that they had envisioned for me.

I was half way to the restaurant when I made up my mind to lend whatever time I could to AMICI, to try to play a small roll in giving others the opportunity to go to camp. As I walked up a crowded downtown Toronto street I began to understand how much camp really meant to me. I realized that the lessons and skills I learned during my ten years at Kilcoo — lessons such as, the importance of standing up and shaking hands when you meet someone, how to win, how to lose, and how to live and work with others. These lessons dwarfed what I had learned in any classroom or boardroom to date. I realized that many of my fondest memories were of the hours spent in the upper chairs, Redside, Olympics/Bushpeads, the RBTs (Really Big Trees) out west and canoe/hiking trips. I realized that I would not forget the friends that I made at camp, and that despite being largely out of touch with most of them, I know that if I were to see them today we could talk for hours. As I walked to meet an old friend and a complete stranger, whose only common bond was camp, I understood that we were among the lucky few who were afforded the opportunity to experience the pleasures of camp and I knew that I wanted to help give others the opportunity to learn valuable lessons, create lasting memories, and make life-long friends.

In my roll with the Gazette I hope to keep campers and former campers in touch with camp and help promote the importance of passing on the camp experience to those who are not able to make the trip north in the summer themselves. Please feel free to write me (geoff.nelles@scotiabank.com) with ideas for the next Gazette or stories you wish to share and I will make every effort to accommodate them.

 GEOFF NELLES '01

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Allan Leal talks about the current state of affairs of AMICI

When I first attended Kilcoo Camp back in 1968, I was put into the “Soup” Cabin which later came to be known as Cabin 23. As most of you can see I started my career at Kilcoo a little later than most, having already spent a number of years at Sherwood Forest Camp. I can still remember all of my cabin mates that year along with our counselor Des Dutrillac. There were some interesting characters in that cabin like Dave Hadden, Gary Kline, George Woods and Larry Gill to name a few, who had long and storied careers at Kilcoo. I came back the following summer as a CIT for one year and then became staff and stayed until the mid 70’s. Like most of you however, there came a time when I could no longer spend my summers up on Gull Lake. I joined the Bank of Montreal in Toronto where for roughly the next 22 years I toiled away in relative obscurity. Almost three years ago now I was in a position where I could take early retirement, so, simply put, I did.

When I left Kilcoo (although I think that you can probably say that you don’t really ever leave Kilcoo) I stayed in touch with many of the friends that I had made. Over the years some of those friendships have faded but many have survived and, in fact, grown a lot stronger. It was at a meeting with one of those “old friends”, Tim Currie, two years ago where we got to talking about AMICI and a potential Board position. I remember thinking that Tim would be the perfect guy for the job, but the next day I received a call from Mike Latimer who told me that he had heard that I was interested in joining the AMICI Board. The rest, as they say, is history.

Over the past year there have been a lot of changes at AMICI. At the Board level we have restructured Board member responsibilities to facilitate our focus on fundraising, event planning and communications as we move forward. We have made a real effort to ensure that our policies relating to investment, insurance and Campership properly reflect the environment in which we operate.



Perhaps most significantly, as many of you know by now, we have hired an Executive Director, Billy Anderson. Billy has taken on the responsibilities associated with running the organization on a day to day basis. Billy has been with us for roughly four months now and I think that it is fair to say that in a very short period of time he has made a significant contribution to the organization.

What do all of these changes mean for AMICI now and in the future? We believe that these

efforts will help to ensure that we can continue to “Share the Gift of Summer Camp” for as many young boys and girls as possible. In 2004 we sponsored 79 children at residential camps throughout Southern Ontario. As I write this message, we have received over 100 applications for this summer and will be sponsoring 83 children. Pretty impressive growth when you consider that in AMICI’s first year of operation back in the mid 60’s we sponsored 3 children.

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committee work or participate in the events that we run, your support is what we need to achieve our goals as an organization and, for that, we thank you.

Finally, I would like to thank Michael Roland. “Mouse”, as he is known to many of you, has been on the AMICI Board for 8 years, the last 4 as President. Under his leadership, AMICI has evolved significantly and every year the organization has been able to increase the number of children that it sponsored. I am very pleased to say that Michael has agreed to stay on the Board, at least for now, which is great news for all of us, given his wealth of experience and knowledge. Thanks Michael for all that you have done for AMICI. How How!

 **AL LAN LEAL '74**

President, AMICI Camping Charity



TENT C + D - 1974 - Back Row: Mike Baida, Ian Currie, Terry Love, Ian Stranks, Phil Sherwood. Front Row: Claude Amyot, Mark Furlong, Bill Newediuk, Richard Allhusen III, Hal Charlam, Tony Armstrong.

FIRESIDE CHAT

Reflections and news from Lub



It is a pleasure, once again, to be writing an article for this edition of the Gazette and particularly in this, a REUNION year. It has been so neat to see the huge response, so early, for this September's extravaganza, and especially the number of guys from the 50's and 60's who are making the trip back up to Gull Lake. Now having said that I must tell you that plans are well underway for summer 2005 and by the time you read this we will be well into Advance Camp and our school group program. This year Grayson Burke and Rob Chisnall were the first guys up at camp in mid April to start setting up for the spring and summer. The rest of the Advance Camp crew joined them on April 26th and on April 29th our first school group arrived. Kilcoo will be host to 15 different school groups through the Spring and Fall.

Things are shaping up nicely for the summer. Among the highlights are... The first new camper cabin built in over 25 years. The cabin is located up in the Nor'Wester section. (The old showers were torn down to make way for the new cabin.) Brian and Bob, who do all the maintenance, want to call it... 8½. There will be six new canoes to highlight our rapidly improving, and far more popular, canoeing program. Our fleet of Invitation sailboats is being rebuilt to complement our two Fusion sailboats. The soccer field was leveled and re-sodded in the fall. The "Tarzan Swing" and "Zip Line" are completed and ready for the aerial course. I am, of course, thrilled with the staff we have assembled. We only have three "new" to Kilcoo staff to work with a remarkable "returning crew". Kevin Way ("K-Way") is back for his 21st summer (after teaching at Greenwood) and his 6th as assistant director. Pat Tingley ("Tingles") continues to work full time for Kilcoo — in the office during the off-season and up at camp as Program Director from the Spring until Fall. We have great senior guys, like Grayson Burke and Marc Russell, also providing sound leadership to the staff and LIT's.

So it begins again... My 21st year as director and it is amazing how the time goes by so quickly. My boys are four now, my daughter is two and they continue to love "hanging" with their cousins, Tori, Thomas and Caitlin; their aunts and uncles; and of course their GiGi, "Mrs. Chief", who is back in top form after her broken hip in the fall (watch out staff and LITs on those miscellaneous accounts). I am excited about the summer and the reunion. Once again, please know that if you are ever driving up highway 35 please stop in and say "hi", take a tour, see your name in lodge, sign the guest book and take a trip down "memory lane". If not during the summer, I hope to see as many of you as possible at the reunion... Rip Ram!



DAVID "LUB" LATIMER

3rd ANNUAL JRL CLASSIC

AMICI'S Annual golf tournament set to go

The Third Annual JRL Classic Golf Tournament has been set for June 27, 2005 at Silver Lakes Golf and Country Club, in Newmarket. It promises to be a great day and we hope you can participate.

Last year was a resounding success, nearly sixty Kilcoo alumni and friends got together at Silver Lakes and even the sporadic, torrential rains (which I'm promised won't be repeated this year) didn't stop everyone who played from having a great time. Together, we raised nearly \$8,000 to help send AMICI campers to camp.



The price will again be \$175 per golfer and we ask that people complete the registration form (enclosed in this issue of the Gazette) and return it to us, by fax or mail, as soon as possible. It's a great day and we look forward to seeing you there.

As always, we will be looking for prize donors, sponsors and people to help organize the tournament, so please contact one of us if you can offer any assistance.

 **MARK DAVIS '92, JEREMY ANDREWS '89, & BRENT KNIGHTLEY '95**

Notes from some AMICI families

"Dear AMICI, thank you for sending me to camp. This was my best year ever. I learned a front flip on the diving board. We also did a joust, we stood on separate rafts and tried to knock the other person off. I won both times. It was the best!!"

"Dear AMICI friends, I'm writing this letter to you because I feel the need to let you know how much of an impact you have had on my life, but even more importantly, my daughter's. Asking for help was the hardest thing I've ever had to do, but I am so thankful and grateful to AMICI that I learned how to take help, and in so doing I was able to give my daughter a gift that could not be matched by anything else! She has grown and flourished over the last two summers and has known such total happiness and joy, that I cannot possibly express to you. I feel an overwhelming desire to let you know how profoundly your organization has touched our lives. So, from the bottom of my heart please accept my gratitude for your hard work and commitment, it has definitely made a difference that will last a lifetime."

"This summer AMICI sent me to camp for a week. I am writing to thank you for paying for the wonderful experience. I met lots of new people and did many things that I would have otherwise never gotten a chance to do such as water skiing, tubing, crossbow and many more. I liked it so much that I am saving my own money to go next year. My goal is to become an L.I.T. and eventually a counselor there. Thanx again."

AMICI CAMBERSHIP:

The numbers prove it. The message is getting out.

It is that time of year again, the birds are out, flowers are blooming and the Campership Committee is putting the final touches on the 2005 camping season. The Committee -- Kevin Stewart, Jon Millman, Kate Horton, Rob Fletcher, Allan Leal and Billy Anderson -- has been very busy over the last six months working with AMICI partner camps and families to ensure AMICI sends the most kids possible to summer camp in 2005

We are on track to send 85 children to summer camp this year, up 6 from 2004. Although our final numbers are not confirmed yet, it looks like our budget will be unchanged from 2004, which means we have been successful in sending more children to camp, without increasing the funds to do so. The committee has spent a lot of time speaking with camps and families and making sure that each and every child receives an outstanding camp experience. Even though we have managed to do more with the money we received, we have been very careful not to diminish the quality of the camp experience.

AMICI has once again been flooded with applications. We have turned away a growing number of applicants again this year and had a number of telephone calls which never made it to application stage.

This is a situation AMICI is unfamiliar with and we really do not like to have to say "no". We wish we could send every child to camp but, unfortunately, our finances do not allow us to do that.

For 2006 we will continue to work with our partner camps to determine the most cost effective ways to send the most children to camp. Please keep the donations coming in! Without the donations of people like you we would not be able to send as many children to camp as we do.

Once again our partner camps are our most significant contributor. If not for the relationships we have with our 19 camps, and all the time and effort they put in to ensure AMICI children are given an exceptional experience, we would not be able to accomplish as much as we do.

I look forward to updating everyone on what a great summer all our kids had, and on some new developments we are working on within Campership in the October Gull Rock Gazette.

Have a great and safe summer!!

 **BRENT KNIGHTLEY '95**
AMICI Campership Committee



AMICI PARTNER CAMPS 2005

Alive Outdoors
Balleleo
Couchiching
Frontier Trails
Glen Bernard Camp
Kandalore
Kawabi
Kawartha
Kennebec
Kilcoo
Kitchekewana
Medeba
Oconto
Onondaga
Ontario Pioneer
Tanamakoon
Tawingo
YMCA Wanakita
YMCA Pinecrest

A SUCCESSFUL BUT SOGGY BALL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Once again the Steamers can't be beaten!

On April 23rd we held our fourth annual AMICI Ball Hockey tournament, again at Upper Canada College in Toronto. As expected, it was a day that left everyone exhausted after some hard-fought battles on the court. Also as expected, the Steamers took home an unprecedented fourth consecutive title, narrowly defeating the BOMBA Relaxos in the final by a score of 4-3. The only part of the day that did not cooperate with us was the weather. We were greeted in the morning with a misty rain that came and went for the entire day. At times it was a full downpour but not one team had any complaints. The competition on the court was too great to be distracted by the weather.

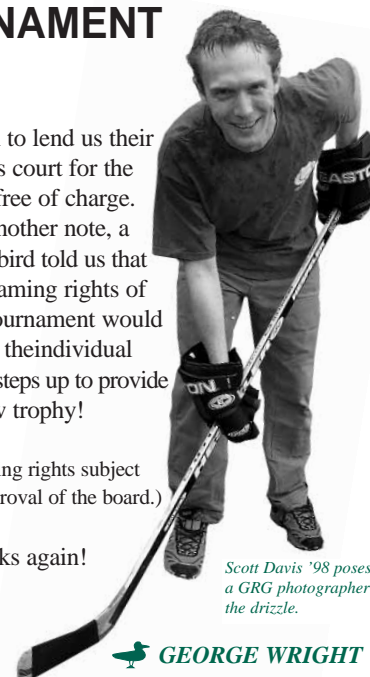
Although the Steamers took home the title again, I think most would agree that this year's field was the most competitive that the day has ever seen. One of the four-team pools had all teams with a 1-1 record going into the third game. Needless to say, both first and third seeds came down to the tiebreaker (total goals scored). There was no difference in the play-offs - with one quarter final game actually going to overtime, while another was decided by just two goals. The second goal was also scored on an empty net, as team AWESOME pulled their goalie for a last-ditch effort at a berth in the semi-finals.

A big thank-you goes out to all players, as well as the staff at UCC who were generous enough

again to lend us their sports court for the day, free of charge. On another note, a little bird told us that the naming rights of the tournament would go to the individual who steps up to provide a new trophy!

(Naming rights subject to approval of the board.)

Thanks again!



Scott Davis '98 poses for a GRG photographer in the drizzle.

 **GEORGE WRIGHT '02**

SO WHO IS THIS BILLY GUY ANYWAY?

Introducing AMICI's first Executive Director

I've been smiling a lot lately. But why shouldn't I? I'm the latest addition to an already fantastic organization that has a hugely positive impact on the lives of young boys and girls. I couldn't be more excited about this opportunity.

As the first Executive Director of AMICI, I have huge hopes and dreams for AMICI. I see more kids having the opportunity to go to summer camp, and I see us improving the way we go about providing that service.

So what brings me here? Way back in the old days when I was a youngster, I was a camper at Pine Crest and Kilcoo. Long after that, my professional background began in advertising, first in England and then here in Toronto. But I eventually realized that something was missing - my job satisfaction was minimal. So I left the corporate world, moved up to the family cottage for



4 years and did everything I ever wanted to do. I became a freelance writer, an Outward Bound instructor (which I still am in the summer), a volunteer at Camp Oochigeas, a Group Leader in Costa Rica for Youth Challenge International, a motivational speaker, and I focused more on my favourite hobby – jumping out of planes.

Believe it or not, it all led me to AMICI; mainly the desire to make a difference in young people's lives, and to get back into managing an organization. It's a perfect fit (if you ask me). Like maple syrup on an eggo.



The existing board members, as well as those that came before them, deserve huge applause. I'm continually impressed with their dedication. To send 79 kids to camp last year based on volunteer commitment alone is amazing. Our volunteers keep things rolling as well, especially the Campership Committee.

Looking ahead

So where does the road take us? The only thing standing between us and sending more kids to camp is funds and the time required to raise them. We plan to approach foundations and corporations as well as branching out to our other partner camps and their alumni. If we could get the kind of commitment from them that the Kilcoo alumni so generously gives us, it will open up huge opportunities.

We'll keep looking for volunteers too-- to help with existing events as well as planning new ones (feel free to get creative!). **All this will help to eliminate our most recent challenge: having to turn down campers.** This year has seen the biggest demand for our services and for the first time we received more applications for campers than we can fund. Having to turn down approximately 20 families is a heart-wrenching thing to do. We'll do whatever we can to keep this from happening in the future.

Thanks for reading this. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can. Remember, I'm only a phone call away and I'd love to hear from you.

 **BILLY ANDERSON**
416-588-8026

THE RACE IS ON!

The 2nd Annual AMICI Mile is scheduled for September 28

That's right! Mark it in your calendars. The Second Annual AMICI Mile is slated to take place Wednesday September 28th at Woodbine Racetrack. Building on last year's success, we look forward to another night of great food and great fun in a great venue – all for a great cause. The Trackside Tent puts you as close as you can get to the thundering hooves without a jockey's license. Once again, all in attendance will receive a free program, a \$10 Slots betting voucher and a \$10 horse racing betting



voucher. And with information and betting tips from our guest industry insider, who knows what that 10 bucks could become? Last year's AMICI Mile winner, Roy Massiah, paid off big at an astounding 55 to 1! But here's the real payoff: proceeds go directly to the AMICI Camping Charity. We get a night of spectacular horse racing under the stars, a sumptuous dinner, and a chance to hang out with our pals. In turn, more kids get to experience the magic of summer camp. A pretty great trade-off.

If you made it out to the First Annual AMICI Mile, you know you don't want to miss the Second. And if you couldn't attend last year's race, plan now to make it out this year.

More event and ticket information to follow.

 **SCOTT GLOVER '86**

Have an idea for an event or a fundraising initiative to help AMICI? Contact Billy Anderson at 416-588-8026 or by e-mail at banderson@amicicharity.org.

2004 FINANCIAL REVIEW

Another successful year for AMICI

2004 was another successful year for AMICI. 89% of the funds received went directly to sending children to summer camps.

AMICI has changed its fiscal year end to September 30 to align AMICI's financial year with the camping year. The change was made during 2004 and as a result fiscal 2004 represent a 9 month period from January through September. As a result of having a 9 month year in Fiscal 2004 it is a little difficult to compare the financials to prior years.

AMICI 2004 fundraising results were lower in 2004 versus 2003, as AMICI receives a significant portion of its donation support in December. Personal donations still account for 22% of total fundraising in 2004. These funds included funds donated in memory of Colnel Andrew Alston and donations made in conjunction with "Have a Heart" organized by Carolyn Langill.

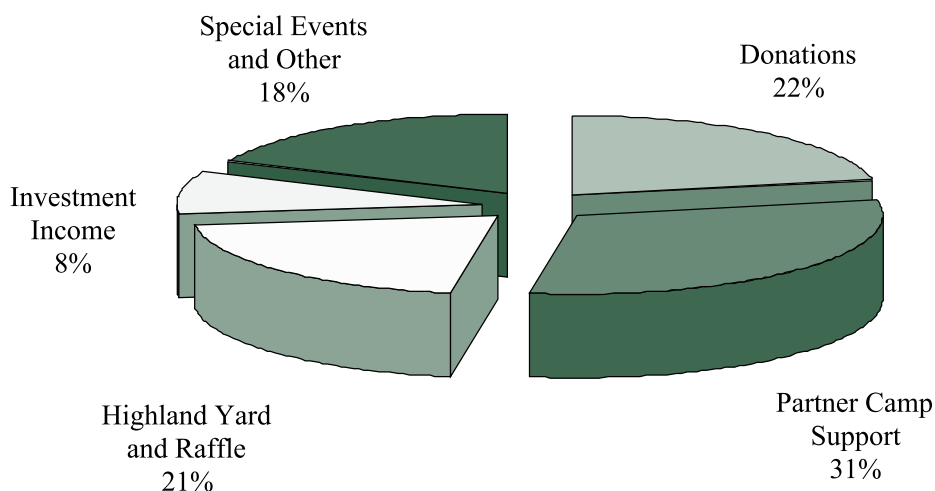
Partner camps continue to be a key contributor to our ability to send the number of children to camp that we do. Camps provide discounts for AMICI campers based on a number of factors. In 2004, discounts provided by camps accounted for 31% of our overall support.

A number of new annual events have recently been added to the AMICI schedule including The AMICI Mile (held at Woodbine Racetrack), The JRL Classic Golf Tournament, the Peter Taylor Art Show and the AMICI Ball Hockey Tournament. These events all provide opportunities to connect with Kilcoo friends and other camping enthusiasts. The Highland Yard and raffle continue to be AMICI's flagship events. These events contribute a significant portion of the annual budget.

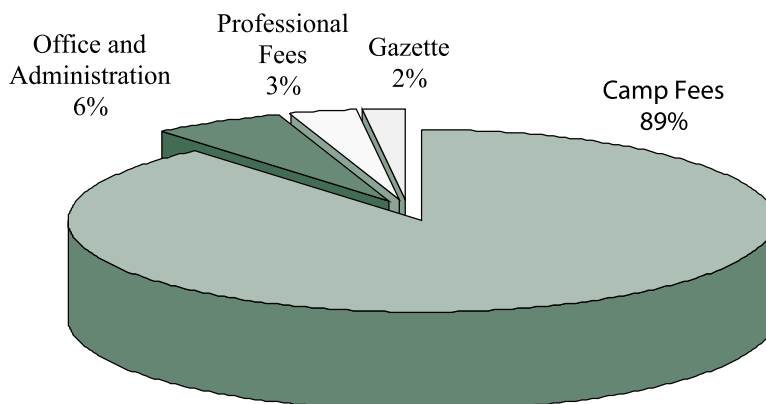
AMICI is continuing to move its endowment funds into a balanced fund managed by Phillip's Hager & North as the GIC's that the funds have traditionally been invested in mature. The endowment provides approximately 8% of the annual operating budget. The portfolio is managed by Michael Unwin (Kilcoo '98) at RBC Dominion Securities. Since the funds were invested in October 2004, they have approximately earned a 10% annualized return.

The expense side was relatively unaffected by the short year in 2004, as the vast majority of AMICI's expenses relate to camp fees

2004 AMICI Fundraising



2004 AMICI Expenses



which are paid in June. In 2004, AMICI's expenditures on camps accounted for 89% of out total expenses. Camp expenditures (including partner camp support) increased from \$118,000 in 2003 to \$126,000 in 2004. Other expenses included general administrative expenses (rent, part time admin staff, bank charges), professional fees and printing and publishing costs for the Gull Rock Gazette.

AMICI's financial results are audited each year by Henderson Partners Inc. Over the course of 2005 I will be working with Henderson Partners to develop a better format for our financial statements to make them more user friendly.

 JOHN MEDLAND '97

AMICI RAFFLE 2005 COMING SOON

Allan Leal reports on this years raffle

Well it's that time of the year again; time to get moving on preparations for the AMICI Raffle. I find it amazing that the mere mention of the word raffle in AMICI circles seems to elicit whoops of delight and excitement; at least I think that it is delight and excitement? Seriously, the simple truth about the raffle is that, though the event involves a lot of effort from a significant number of people, it remains one of the key fund raisers for AMICI. Combined with the Highland Yard, the raffle generates over 20% of our annual fundraising revenues. In years past AMICI has relied on a small core group of people to do much of the work associated with this event. Last year we tried to change that a little bit and introduced some new faces into the process. This year we will continue to try and do that in an effort to take some of the pressure off the people that have always been there for us.

Combined with the Highland Yard, the raffle generates over 20% of our annual fundraising revenues.

to move the draw night to the AMICI Mile which is being run at the Woodbine Racetrack on September 28th, 2005. What does this mean you ask? Well for those of you that sell tickets it means that you will have that much more time to sell them and for those of you that buy them it means that the excitement will build for an additional two months!! How good is that?

As I have indicated above, the Raffle is one of AMICI's key fundraising events. Your participation by way of sourcing prizes, selling tickets, buying tickets, coercing friends into selling tickets or all of the above is very much appreciated. We will be cranking up the Raffle machine over the next month, so please don't hesitate to give either myself or Billy Anderson, AMICI's new Executive Director, a call if you would like to get involved.

ALLAN LEAL '74

President, AMICI Camping Charity

We are implementing one other significant change this year. Instead of holding the raffle at the Highland Yard we have decided

KILCOO SCRAPBOOK - Some images from Kilcoo 2004



KILCOO TRIVIA

Test your knowledge of Kilcoo Trivia

1. What is Charlie Plewman's middle initial?
2. Until recently Kilcoo L.I.T.'s traveled north to a cabin on secluded lake for two weeks of leadership training. What is the name of that lake?
3. Legend has it that every summer on a particular night three calls for help can be heard coming from the Ghost of the Narrows. What night are the calls heard?
4. Name the most famous visitor to Kilcoo during the summer of 2001.
5. How many campers and staff attended the first summer of camp in 1932?
6. What do two stars beside a camper's name in the lodge signify?
7. What country won the first Olympics in 1956?



8. The restroom facilities at Kilcoo are often referred to as K.Y.B.O.s; what does K.Y.B.O. stand for?
9. Grand council is graced with the presence of a great native leader that watches over the ceremony. What is his name?
10. How many English words can be formed using all of the letters in Kilcoo?

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A NEW WEBSITE FOR AMICI

Visit www.amicicharity.org for all of your AMICI news

Root, zip, log and surf. That might sound like the great outdoors, but I'm actually referring to something seemingly bigger; something that has affected the working world and how it operates more than anything else – the Internet. Trying to run a business (or a charity in our case) without a website is like winking at someone in the dark; you know what you're doing but nobody else does.

A huge thanks to Wilder & Associates, because the AMICI website (www.amicicharity.org) has recently gone from great to gorgeous. With a brand new look that launched in March, the AMICI site continues to evolve, enjoying more visits every month for the last 5 months.

Dave Wilder (Kilcoo 1990) and his team deserve a huge round of applause not just for this new look, but for their ongoing dedication to AMICI. When a change is needed on the site, the Wilder people are on it immediately. They also help me when my computer is on the fritz, my papers aren't printing, and countless other office annoyances that I wouldn't have a hope of figuring out on my own.

But even with the website's dashing looks, beauty is only skin deep (at least, that's what my therapist keeps telling me). So, while the site has done a great job until now, the increase in demand for our services this year means we have to ensure that it is even more comprehensive than ever before. It also needs to motivate people to learn more about us and get involved.



As a result, we are in the midst of finalizing additional content for the site that will provide a better picture of what we do, how we do it, and what the impact is. We'll have testimonials from AMICI campers and their families, financial data to improve our "transparency" to potential donors, and better dates and details for the camper application process.

Your feedback is always welcome (especially if it's good). How does the website look? Is the information laid out clearly? What else would you like to see? We'd love to hear from you. So grab your mouse, some comfortable attire for surfing, and check us out at www.amicicharity.org

 **BILLY ANDERSON**

Executive Director, AMICI Camping Charity

NEXT STOP...THE KILCOO REUNION

Could this be the biggest ever??

The Kilcoo reunion is fast approaching. It is being held the weekend of September 16th to 18th, 2005!!

For those of you who would like to get a jump on a great weekend why not start with friendly game of golf? The Reunion Committee has booked fifty spots at Minden's picturesque Blairhampton Golf Course starting at noon on Friday September 16th. For a fee of only \$85.00 you will get a round of golf, dinner and possibly a really cool prize. Feel free to enter a four-some or send your name to any member of the Reunion Committee and they will get you hooked up with some guys from your era.



Be sure to sign up early for the Reunion or you are unlikely to have a spot because this reunion has generated the most interest and highest advanced registration in the history of Kilcoo! In addition to the golf on Friday, here is what Reunion weekend offers:

- Beers and BBQ Friday night with your best friends
- Seniority ball Saturday afternoon
- A salute to the Chief on Saturday night
- Chapel service and Brunch on Sunday

This will be a weekend to cherish forever! So sign up or you might miss your chance!

If you have already received your weekend and golf registration forms, send them in as soon as possible as space is limited. If you need more information call Ian Currie at: 416-867-4651 (afternoons) or 416-322-6563 (evenings) or Michael Sherwood at (w) (416) 255-6131 ext. 467 (days) or (c) (416) 562-3591.

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 **IAN CURRIE '83 & MICHAEL "WOODY" SHERWOOD '85**

FROM THE ARCHIVES...

Take a look at an old Kilcoo brochure from Charlie Plewman's time

Times have certainly changed over the course of Kilcoo Camp's history. A few years ago, Chief and I were going through some of the archives, and he found a number of photographs from various generations and some have been featured in previous editions of the Gull Rock Gazette. He also gave me a Kilcoo brochure from the 1940's. It is fascinating, in a day of glossy brochures and websites, to see how the camp was marketed back then.

Some of the photos and descriptions of the program look startlingly familiar. For instance, pictures of canoeing, tennis, archery, crafts, and a picture of the tower



do not look terribly different from now, considering how long ago the photos were taken. The brochure also reflects a philosophy that the camping experience will be "a healthy,

happy, purposeful experience...and it means exhilarating adventure in creative living amidst the beauties of nature...he will make new friends, discover new interests, develop new skills and feel the joy that comes from achievement." Activities such as swimming, canoeing, sailing, handicraft, sports, campfires and tripping all still exist today.

There are also some obvious differences. No shooting, haircuts, riding, puppetry, or boxing (ouch!) are offered in 2005. The trip can also be made from Toronto to Kilcoo in under 3.5 hours.

The following excerpts come from the brochure - some similar and some very different:

"One of the most popular places in camp is the Lodge. Spacious in size it serves both as a dining room and recreation centre."

"One thing, that a Kilcoo camper prides himself on is his proficiency in paddling...brand new paddles are available for \$1.25."

"In these days of motor cars most city boys are deprived of the pleasure associated with horses. This is unfortunate, as with many boys the ability to ride and care for a horse means to be supremely happy."

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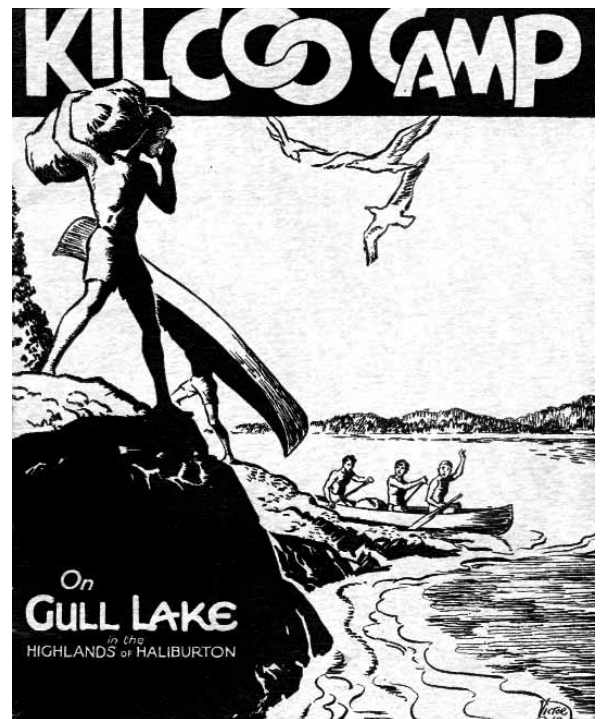
"...Indian Council Ring Program is a big attraction with its Indian costumes, head dresses, totem poles, camp fires and ceremonies...Here boys have the opportunity of trying themselves out in challenge games, plays, pageants and stunts."

"The camp fee for the full term is \$125, of which \$15 is payable at time of application, the balance before the camper enters camp."

"David writes that he has had a good time and we are very pleased to learn that he has added seven pounds. ~ a parent"

"Our son arrived safely on Saturday. He looks so brown and healthy... ~ a parent"

 **MICHAEL ADAMSON '97**



Tracking Down our Alumni

If you know of Kilcoo Alumni who are not receiving the Gazette or have lost touch, please have them call Kim Bouchard at the Kilcoo Camp office at 416-486-5264 to have their names added to the Alumni list. **If you move, change jobs, or if any of your personal information changes, please contact us as well.** We don't want to lose you! Also let us know if you have any interest in getting more involved in the various social and fundraising programs of AMICI. It is going to be a great year!

SETTING OUT ON THE TRAIL AGAIN

John Medland sets out into the wilderness after 6 years

During my time at Kilcoo I was introduced to canoe tripping and quickly took a love for it. When I was on trip I felt as if I was experiencing Canada in its raw state, I felt a sense of unlimited freedom and as if I was really pushing my personal limits. As I progressed at camp I was given the opportunity to try more challenging and interesting trips from whitewater rivers to hiking in the Adirondack mountains.

Upon graduating to a staff member I began to lead these trips and pass on my outdoor knowledge on to a new group of campers – the culinary arts of tripping, how to carry the pack so you could still paddle at the end of a portage and the beauty of waking up at 5:00 am to hit the water early. Taking responsibility for the wellbeing of 9 people in the wilderness is arguably the most responsibility I have ever been entrusted with.

Canoe trips are often most memorable for the obstacles that you encounter along the



way. In addition to all of the good times I experienced on trips I remember long paddles on rainy days, being kicked out of the Adirondack park only to spend the remaining 6 days of the trip in the comfort of a nearby cottage, food being snatched by a bear and not being able to find a campsite on Georgian Bay as darkness set in. When confronted with these circumstances on a canoe trip you have no option but to deal with them and make the most of what you are dealt. These trips were terrific in developing my confidence, appreciation of nature and creative problem solving.

After being away from camp and canoe tripping for almost 6 years I have decided that this will be the summer to return to the trails and relive the exhilaration of the outdoors. My first destination this summer will be the Adirondack's high peaks region for a long weekend hiking trip. I will be heading back to the top of Mt. Marcy (reaching above the tree line at a staggering 1629 meters it is New York State's highest peak), Algonquin (1559 meters) and Mount Coldon (1437 meters).

Tripping post-camp appears as if it will be much different game. The first time around everything has to come together from scratch -- from food to equipment to permits. There's no tripping den staff to layout all of the necessary equipment (although MEC does a fairly good job of this if you are willing to pay up) and Jean Marie has not



prepared a menu. On the accommodation front the specifics have not been finalized but it looks like I may pass up the tent alternative altogether and spend a night in the lodge at the trailhead. This detail may significantly alter the experience but it was a necessary in the negotiations with my girlfriend to win her over that this would be a relaxing weekend getaway.

I am excited to see if this trip lives up to my memories of trips with Kilcoo. I am sure it will be different but I hope I can experience some of the excitement again.

 **JOHN MEDLAND '97**

The staff at the Gull Rock Gazette wishes John the best of luck on his trip to New York and hope that it is the first of many new adventures.

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ASK LUB

The Gazette asks the tough questions to Lub

1. What are some of your favourite places around camp?

That is a great question, and a very tough one. If I had to narrow it down just to a few places they would be, in no particular order:

- * Behind Grand Council overlooking the lake;
- * Chapel Point, and specifically Chief's Rock;
- * the Lodge, particularly during a sing-song;
- * Bob's Boulevard at Polar Bears in the morning; and
- * The Swamp, that beautiful muddy pool across the highway, not the cabin in the "Staff Ghetto".



David handing out Vitamin C on Bob's Boulevard.

2. Describe a few of your most rewarding accomplishments as director of Kilcoo?

Simply entering my 21st year as Director makes me feel very proud of what the entire camp has done over the last 20 years. I have witnessed many kids, guys like K-Way and Tingles, grow through the ranks of Kilcoo, from campers, to staff, and to long serving senior staff members. I am proud of our decision to remove the always popular waterskiing, and the renewed strength of our canoeing program stands as reason enough. Over the last couple years the skills and passion for canoeing have greatly increased. Kilcoo has also experienced success in numerous canoeing regattas outside of camp. There has been a resurgence of sing-songs and campfires, particularly the old favourites. Old King Cole, which we sing once per month in Chief's honour, Sunshine and Happiness, The Titanic, the Kilcoo Blues and When you Walk Through a Storm continue to be requested along with Zoomba-Za. It was also very special to see Chief become such a big part of camp during the last few years of his life. Of course I love that my mother is still such a big part of camp, and that my brothers, along with my own family, get more and more involved each year.

3. It is no secret you are a huge hockey fan, so how are you filling the void left by hockey this season?

The arrogance and greed is staggering. The situation is ridiculous. I think that both sides should go down to Chapel Point and figure it out. Then we should play Maker of Men and move on!

4. Kilcoo has had many camp dogs, are there any that are particularly memorable, and why?

Kilcoo is a very dog friendly place. Beth and I have Smokey, and Kelsey, who was donated by the Sherwoods. There was Ashley who came up for 10-12 years, also from the Sherwoods; and my Mom's dogs Charlton, Smudge and Max, who was hit by a car on Visitor's Day when he was fifteen. Don't worry, he made it back the next year. There is also my brother Mike's dog, Jackson. Finally, there is George, my dad's dog. They all seem to carve out their own little niche in Kilcoo lore. Former campers and Staff can usually identify the dogs that were at camp during their time at Kilcoo. I think that's pretty cool.

5. What are some of the most memorable challenges you have witnessed, or been a part of at Kilcoo over the years?

There are always a few interesting challenges every year. There has been a few gross ones involving eating very quickly; including, Spam, cheese omelettes, and pickled eggs straight from the counter of the Rockcliffe. Last year a number of staff started moustache resurgence, and I too was challenged to join the moustache revolution. I did join for a few weeks, but I had to shave before Visitors' Day as it looked like someone wiped charcoal under my nose. While I may have Magnum P.I.'s physique, unfortunately I cannot pull off the Tom Selleck moustache.



David with his 'Tom Selleck' moustache.

6. You tell countless stories over a summer, are there some that you enjoy telling more than others?

We continue to tell the classic's like "The Ghost of the Narrows", "The Moon Island Trapper", for the Trailblazers it's "Scat the Cat". "The Finger" and "Fireman Nelson Archer" are very popular stories in the loud and shocking ending category; and the stories during Grand Council are still very well-liked. I am very proud of the fact that every kid gets a story every night... it makes camp!

 **GEOFF NELLES '01**

Do you have a question for "Lub"? Send it to Billy Anderson and he will pass it along to the editors!

5TH ANNUAL AMICI ART SHOW

Peter Taylor paints for AMICI once again!

Working in the studio with the shadow of an upcoming art exhibit always puts me into high gear. It's the middle of April and I have four weeks until the 5th annual AMICI show. It's hard to believe it's been five years. Over 150 paintings, 40 pounds of paint and who knows how many beers.

This year brings many changes, the biggest being a change in venue. The show will no longer be moving to the Mountain Equipment Co-op, making this a one night only event. The new location is the Women's Art Association, a place of historical significance. When I first walked into the building, I felt a deep sense of history that I could relate to. Many distinguished Canadian artists, including Emily Carr, have been actively involved with the Association over the years. There was a close friendship with members of the Group of Seven, who included many of the women artists in their exhibitions, and A.Y. Jackson and Arthur Lismer were honorary members. I was amazed to see some of the original paintings by my Canadian heroes hanging on the walls. The gallery is well lit and spacious enough to view a painting from fifty feet.



I'm looking forward to hanging my work in a new place and seeing familiar faces for an evening of food, drinks and art. That said, I have a lot to do and need to get back to painting. Remember this event is one night only so mark it in your calendar and spread the word. If you would like to see paintings from my previous AMICI shows, please visit my web site at www.petertaylorpaintings.com.

 **PETER TAYLOR '02**

**Art exhibit in support of AMICI
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Women's Art Association
23 Prince Arthur Avenue

*One block north of Bloor, between
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and in Yorkville.*



These samples were taken from Peter Taylor's website. Feel free to browse the site (www.petertaylorpaintings.com) to see more of his fantastic work, and plan to attend the Art Show on May 18, 2005 at the Women's Art Association.

KILCOO TRIVIA

How well did you do?

1. Charlie Plewman's middle initial is F.
2. The lake was called Little Redstone Lake.
3. The famous calls are said to occur on August 21.
4. The Stanley Cup was brought to Kilcoo in 2001.
5. There were 39 campers and 15 staff - not a bad ratio!
6. One star signifies that the camper's father came to Kilcoo and two stars indicates that his grandfather was a camper.
7. New Zealand won the first Olympics.
8. K.Y.B.O stands for "Keep Your Bowels Open"
9. The leader's name is Hiawatha.
10. Those seven letters form no known words in the English language.

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