

Axe and Saw

Alumni Newsletter
Fall 1990 and Spring 1991

Greetings Alumni!!!! This fall has been quite a successful semester for the 1990 Outing Club. The club membership is as strong as ever!! We have an enthusiastic group of new-comers, and who could forget our older members, who are so carefully training the "young ones" to carry on a strong future for the Outing Club. This made it a really special semester, with the new and old members working especially well together. Many of the newer members are looking forward to the day when they too will be "passing the torch" onto new-comers like themselves.

The officers for the Fall 1990 semester were:

President: Sean Dippold
Vice-President: Bruce Rodgers
Secretary: Kathy Hunt
Treasurer: Ann Higgins
Alumni: Heather May, Nancy Polen
Historians: Allison Hooper, Jill Miller

The newly elected officers for the Spring 1991 semester are:

President: Allison Hooper
Vice-President: Ashley Wenger
Secretary: Melissa Lesney
Treasurer: Brad Zinnecker
Alumni: Heidi Hutchins, Mike Zorn
Historians: Dan Fischer, Tom Brannan

We are all looking forward to a fun-filled, successful new year in 1991-92!!!!

Nancy Polen

Letter from the President - Fall 1990

The Grove City College Outing Club has undergone many changes this semester. The Outing Club may no longer participate in activities that place the college in "uncommon liability". Such activities include rock climbing, skiing, and Canadian trips. Despite these new regulations, the club has continued to support the student members, the college, and the Outing Club Alumni.

A record number of people came to this year's Pig Roast. Over 150 college employees and their families were treated an exceptional meal in the cabin and under a big tent on the front lawn. Homemade pies and fresh mashed potatoes accompanied the two 110 pound pigs that roasted for 19 hours.

The GCCOC Alumni Association just returned from two tremendous trips to Brule Lake. All the students and alumni who went extend their sincere thanks to Doc Kase. I would like to thank all the officers for their dedication. I especially thank Bruce Rodgers for his hard work in organizing the Pig Roast and the concession stands. They may be ugly, but they get the job done!"

Sean "Dippy" Dippold

Letter from the President - Spring 1991

Once again, due to the culmination of four years here at "the Grove", our membership has been greatly reduced. We will be bidding farewell to over a dozen of our "regulars" and several others, as they join the ranks of GCCOC alumni. I would like to extend my appreciation to these members for their dedication to increasing membership last year, and passing down the timeless tradition and invaluable experience of the outing club to members like myself. Thanks one and all for the establishment and passage of this tremendous opportunity!

We are reduced to a few and faithful members, but club spirit continues to escalate! A few seem to spend more time at the cabin, during both week and weekend, than on campus. New excursions are sprouting, and old adventures continue to thrive, though not all are officially sponsored by the club. We are gearing up for the fall and increased membership, though also savoring weekends at the cabin with a few, rather than crowds.

As always, a BIG thanks to Lee McCoy for his immeasurable support and help with the club and Alumni Association. Many thanks to my friend and fellow officer, Ashley Wenger, for his support and patience. And our sincere thanks to Mitch Brown for his involvement with the club. His computer expertise made this newsletter much more efficient!

Allison G. Hooper

Outing Club Opens With A Splash

The wet weather of Sunday, September 16th did not dampen the enthusiasm of the old and new members of the Outing Club. We went on our first trip to the cabin of the 1990 school year. As the rain poured down, some of the more zealous members played football. They ran and slid around until it came down to a fierce dual between the two most determined players. Others decided to hike along the muddy trails and even dared to walk across the suspension bridges. Many new friendships were formed as they watched the cascades and finally reached the Allegheny River. The hike was enjoyed by all who went, except maybe the three people who got lost on the way back. The day was topped off with a favorite feast of hungry campers: hot dogs, sauerkraut, baked beans, and chips. If Sunday foreshadowed the spirit of this year's members, it will definitely be an interesting year.

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Hiking At McConnells Mill

On Sunday, September 23rd, a group of 14 enthusiastic Outing Club hikers loaded up the cars and headed out to McConnells Mill State Park for a refreshing fall afternoon away from the books. The leisurely 2 mile hike along the river provided excellent

views of the fall foliage, displays of skill by local kayakers, a self-guided tour through the mill, and a chance to get together with some friends for some fun and laughs. A few members of the Outing Club have expressed an interest in making this a regularly scheduled activity with a possible backpacking trip in the spring.

Karen Emery

Work Weekend

We arrived at the cabin around 1 PM on Saturday, September 29th. As cabin manager, these weekends are just like a vacation. Who would trade these days where you sweat, get splinters in your hands, cover your body with a layer of creosote stuff, and get eaten alive by bugs? No, by golly, these small, meaningless obstacles weren't going to stop us! DARN! I just broke a fingernail! I just had them manicured! --

But anyway, we got a lot of work done. Wood was moved from above the cabin, where it was stacked, to the pig pit for use when we roast 'em. It was split and stacked.

Back at the cabin, one of our luscious senior cabin wenches took some of her younger siblings under her wing and organized them into a team. Their objective: Arrgh! The book shelves in the cabin. But our beloved wenches were up to the task. The shelves look great!

Meanwhile, some hearty souls were creosoting the front porch. Now they know what it means to be tarred and feathered. It does look great though.

After all of the work was completed and the sweat cleaned up, we had fun. Hikes, card games, and a huge paddling machine for one of our younger members who lost at cards, She hasn't sat down since! What a fun and productive weekend.

Andrew James Procter III

Pig Roast

Well, the 6th annual Outing Club Pig Roast has come and gone. It was another great event chalked up by the Club and the organizer of the event, our very own Bruce Rodgers.

We weren't too sure the weather was going to be all that great as we prepared the pig for its long 18 hour 'cook-a-thon'. The forest is a little emptier now after we cut down 2 or 3 trees, plus the one that just fell down for us.

Everyone pitched in to help prepare the pigs, including gathering the spits and 'shoving' them through the pigs. Ann was a great help inside with the food, - well, except for those off colored cinnamon eggs.

There was, of course, a lot more fun than work, including plenty of football, card playing, and swimming. Speaking of swimming, make sure you don't sit too close to the fire afterwards, you wouldn't want to burn a hole in your shorts like some people.

Generally, though, it was a great weekend and this short story can't really account for all the weird bonding and time we spent together preparing our feast for the faculty and staff of the college.

Special thanks to: Bruce - organization, Sean - our president - 'nuff said, Ann - our cook, Andy - our cabin

manager - (and for cramming me in his truck for a ride back to the college to study for my mid-term!!) And thanks to ALL others that helped, especially those that turned the pig. It was a blast and we'll be back again next year!

Bradford James Zinnecker

Ice Skating

NOTICE: TO POLICY HOLDER, AZOC 18270

Subject: Memorandum concerning allegations of criminal negligence, supplying bladed weapons to minors without parental approval prior to the infringement, and 18 counts GCCOC Association Funds to supply carcinogenic substances.

Memo: It is the foresworn policy of this insurance agency to suspend coverage when it has been determined that our clients have violated any of the negotiations of the state. We therefore are, in response to the allegations that are now presently being levied against club members. Until the present dispute involving accusations of 18 members of the club maliciously ice skating and partaking of chocolate and candy-coated dessert confectioneries, this company will not cover you in any of your dangerous and possibly catastrophic activities like ice skating, folk dancing, and walks around the quad to observe the flora. When you curtail these risky ventures and return to the responsible, safe activities, like chapel going, that have given this club the upstanding reputation that it now has, we will resume our business with you. Until then, good day.

Ashley Wenger

Grove City Nannies and Babysitters Insurance Agency

Skiing

Sunday, January 27, was an exciting day for Outing Club members. On the day of the Superbowl, a large group of excited skiers traveled from the Grove to Peek-n-Peak Ski Resort in Clymer, New York. The day was beautiful, sunny and warm - perfect weather for skiing! A good powder had lightly dusted the trails, making the slopes easily navigable for beginners, while the more advanced skiers tried their luck on the challenging mogul runs. The annual ski trip is always a popular Outing Club activity, and we all look forward to next year's trip.

Nicole Magas

Car Wash

On Saturday April 27th, the Outing Club sponsored a long-awaited car wash at Country Fair. For about four hours, 10-15 members worked hard washing cars. The weather was perfect for a car wash with temperatures in the 70's. Much fun was had trying to convince passersby that they needed their cars washed. A water fight with some of the members ended the day. Overall, the car wash was a great success!!

Sandy Lindstrom

First Canada Trip

The first Pringrove trippers were off to an early start on January 1, 1991. The 4:00 AM contingent consisted of five students- Heather May, Nancy Polen, Andy Procter, Ashley Wenger, and myself- and Mitch Brown, Tom Parker, and close friend, Ben Kudrick.

Our Pringrove greeting committee consisted of Kevin Stevenson- with Dusty and Bailey, of course! Lynne Wolf, the Morris', and Chris Stevenson were sorely missed- a daily reminder that not all life is as simple and pleasant as Pringrove!

Energy abounded throughout the week. Trips to Islet Lake, down the road bed, and up the cascades were all accomplished. Due to the previous lack of snow and cold temperatures, an attempted conquest of Grassy Bay, during blizzard conditions, was only possible up to MacIntosh Creek.

Annual experiences with whiskey jacks, filling the ice house, wood splitting, and memorable fireside evenings were highlighted with three days of snow (never to be seen in PA or Ohio) and an incredible low of -30 F!!- during which Tom and Ben slept outside!

Humor and entertainment was continuous and free of charge- special thanks to Kev, Tom and Ben (the bearded men!). Old club stories circulated, as well as new ones, bedtime trivial pursuit reverberated throughout Algonquin Park, and stars were made with the video production, sent to Saudi Arabia. (Chris, did ya' see Kevin in the bikini-wear from the 60's?).

A cheer to Doc Kase and Pringrove- source of lifelong memories, a reminder of history long past but REAL living, and the best cross-country skiing ever! Doc, continual thanks for your hospitality and generosity!!!

Allison Hooper

Second Canada Trip

Since 1938, bands of GCCOC students have made the journey to Pringrove, to experience the adventure of Canadian winters on Brule Lake. Due to technicalities with insurance, our treks can no longer be officially sponsored by the GCCOC, but the traditions continue to live on! In fact, they have grown to include two annual trips to Pringrove! This was our first - and it surpassed all expectations! We began our journey with great excitement and a bit of anxiety. We were the sole females among a group of 10 GCCOC guys and 2 men (although we are tempted to classify them all as boys!) Beyond the challenges of cold weather, snow, and lack of indoor plumbing, was the adventure of exploring the male psyche for 9 days. Despite our initial hesitations, the week created lifelong memories - our thanks to the 12 strangers whom we are now blessed to call friends.

In sharp contrast to the early birds of the first trip, our group enjoyed the greater portion of our mornings by sleeping in, waking only for hearty, 11 o'clock

breakfasts prepared by master chef, Dean Antoniazzi. The short hours of daylight that remained were quickly consumed with chores and activities. A first-time experience for many of us, our day of ice cutting aroused historic nostalgia - as well as the Spirit of the Polar Bear in Lee McCoy! Woodsplitting became another major task for the week as everyone was given their quota of sleds to haul across the lake. Despite the needed work, there was always time to enjoy each other's company in wholesome recreation. Cross country skiing, snow football, and the construction of a hillside sled run (adaptable to day or night use!) are just a couple of the highlights. Evenings were usually spent in fellowship as a group.

Our week of Pringrove preceded our declaration of war in the Persian Gulf, and it was obvious that concerns for the future darkened the souls of our 10 guys. Admire the pines and winter brilliance of Brule, though, the rest of the world melted away in the distance. May this world always have places like Pringrove, where man can stand back and appreciate life for its simplicity, and God for His grandeur. Thank you, Doc!

Lorri Mantz and Deb Chaves

Pittsburgh Excursion

Early in February, several members of the outing club spent the afternoon at Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh. It was an interesting getaway to say the least. We saw such things from prehistoric dinosaur bones, paintings by Andy Warhol, to ancient Egyptian mummies. After several hours we were getting tired and hungry. It was off to the Original O - a place where french fries come by the pound and ribs by the rack. Someone proposed the idea about going up to Mt. Washington to see Pittsburgh at night. Andy "said" he knew how to get there, so we decided to go. We questioned his sense of direction driving through those deserted streets otherwise known as the scenic route, but we finally made it. Pittsburgh was as picturesque as any postcard could have portrayed. Thanks for driving Andy, we all had a great time!!!

Mike Jorn

The year was a very busy one. The cabin was a favorite place for relaxing and yes - studying. Night hikes are still a favorite. Although everyone is very busy with their course workloads this semester, we still found time to have fun. We have a great group of members and faculty actively involved this year. We are really looking forward to next year. So all in all, it was a fun and unforgettable year!

Heidi Hutchins