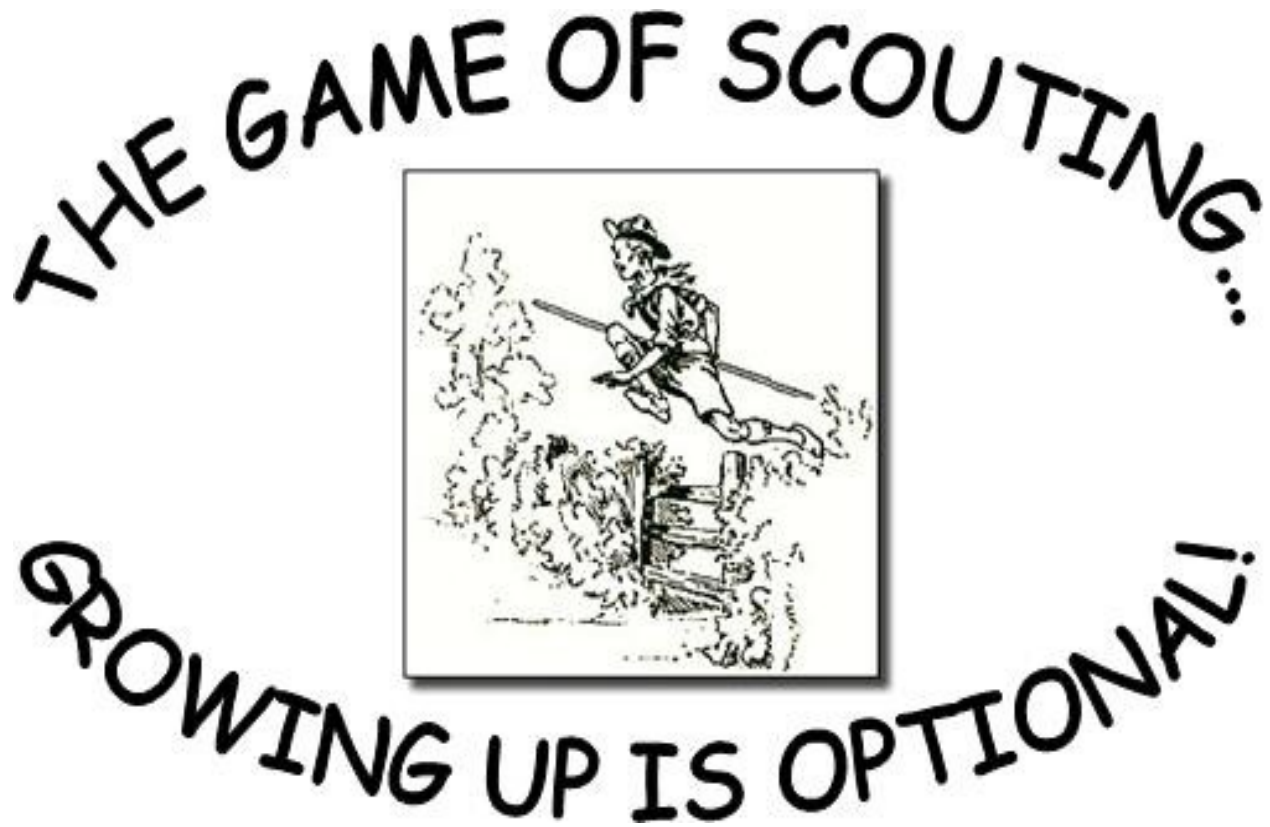


# LOG 'N' BEADS

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*Lord Baden-Powell organised and ran the first training course for Scouters at Gilwell Park in England in 1919. At the end of the course, to celebrate the fellowship of Scouting, he invested the Scouters as members of the 1st Gilwell Park Troop by presenting them with two each from a set of Zulu beads he had recieved as a gift when he was in Africa. The tradition has continued to this day around the world.*

*Today, Scouters who complete their Woodbadge Training are given the "Gilwell" Scarf and a leather thong containing two wooden beads. These are the mark of an individual who has invested the time needed to complete the Wood Badge training.*

*Each year, Gilwell Reunions are held as an opportunity for those who have completed their Woodbadge (aka Gilwellians) to meet together again. These Reunions are planned for and by Gilwellians.*

In My Dreams I'm Going Back to Gilwell  
(the Gilwell Hymn)

In my dreams I'm going back to Gilwell,  
To the joys and happiness I found,  
On those grand week-ends with my dear old friends,  
and see the Training Ground.

Oh the grass is greener back in Gilwell,  
and I breathe again that Scouting air,  
While in memory I see B.-P.  
who never will be far from there.

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Friday Evening: September 11, 2009

Current Registration: 1,133

## Welcome to the 58<sup>th</sup> Gilwell Reunion!

The Log 'n Beads goes Green!

This year Log 'n Beads is undertaking some dramatic changes. Each Contingent will still receive their daily editions, via our efficient "delivery boys and girls" (make sure your mailboxes are out!). In these editions, we've tried to include more on-site stories of interest, and more information that you can shake a stick at. Please enjoy them at your leisure, and if you have any ideas, stories that you would like to see included, come by the basement of Ridley Lodge. We'd be more than happy to discuss them with you.

This year's final edition is being supplied to you in a new format. For the first time ever, the final edition is to be supplied to each Contingent on a USB stick! These sticks will include all the photos from the weekend, that are supplied by Contingents, Committee Members and "staff" of the Log 'n Beads.

The Gilwell Committee has been discussing during the past year, how to make the Reunion more environmentally friendly. One of the areas of concern was the vast amounts of paper that were used to print the completed issue, and how many of the copies that were distributed actually were kept. So, in an effort to make our world a better place, we've chosen this new route.

This year, each Contingent will be supplied with a single stick, so members can print their own copies if they wish. Next year, the plan is to offer a souvenir edition stick to each member, which will be emblazoned with the Log 'n Beads

logo and the year.



***Kermit says "it's not easy being green", but we don't agree. Enjoy this year's editions of the Log 'n Beads!***

Editor in Chief  
Lloyd George

## Reunion Chair's Welcome



A most sincere welcome to those of you arriving for your first Gilwell Reunion, and a great welcome back and thank you to those who are back for anywhere from their 2<sup>nd</sup> to their 58<sup>th</sup> time to support their reunion.

To those of you who, during the past year, have made the investment of your valuable time to

achieve your part two, and are here for their first Gilwell Reunion, our hearty congratulations and thank you, on behalf of Scouting, the Youth and Gilwell. This weekend is your very special time, and hopefully you will still recall it that way when you get your turn to sit under the Parade of Years tent on the main field at the 95<sup>th</sup> or 100<sup>th</sup> annual reunion.

To each contingent, that has thoughtfully prepared afternoon and evening activities, and who are sharing their experience, resources and Scouting spirit with our newer Gilwellians, I thank you. Without you, our work would be for naught. There is no place else in Scouting when such a quantity of great, experienced and resourceful Scouters are in the same place, at the same time. This is the true Convention of Scouting, this is the Senate, the House of Lords, of our Canadian Scouting community. We need to share our strengths with more of our younger Gilwellians and leaders... and we need your help to do that.

This is the time to let loose, enjoy the fun, take yourself and life just a spec less seriously, renew friendships with those you trained with and who trained you, to make new friends, to add to your resources, **to run for committee**, to pat a volunteer worker on the back - including that special group who have been here preparing for us for almost a week - the Blue Springs Camp Committee. Have a fun filled kick off to the Scouting year. Perhaps it will help recharge the batteries for your spirits, that help make Scouting such meaningful fun for the Youth. Yes, let the games begin, and let them carry on throughout the Scouting year until you can once again, return to Gilwell! And... Remember Growing up is Optional, particularly this weekend.

**2009 58<sup>th</sup> Gilwell Reunion Chair**  
**David Coutts**

*You know you're a scouter when...*

*you go to London to visit the BP house  
and everything else is a side trip!*

## Your 2009 Camp Chief! Mark Young



Mark started in Scouting at the age of 18. His father sent him to be on the Group Committee for 1<sup>st</sup> West Grimsby Group to keep an eye on his younger brother Les, who had just joined cubs.

Mark's unselfishness and dedication has provided leadership for countless youth and adults. He is an outstanding example of a giving Scouter, willing to tackle almost every type of challenge presented

### **Service**

- Akela for 1<sup>st</sup> West Grimsby shortly after joining.
- ADC Pack in 1972 for Fruitbelt
- District Commissioner, 1975 – 1978 for Fruitbelt.
- Chair for Growth for a few years along with becoming the Vice President of Fruitbelt District Council 1980 – 1982.
- In 1985 he was on the committee for assisting youth to attend CJ '85 and organized large fundraising events to assist in their cost of the Jamboree.
- Elected to the Gilwell Reunion Committee in 1984 and was the Chair of the Gilwell Reunion Committee 1986 – 1987.
- 2 more years as ADC Pack, on the Fruitbelt Service Team, before becoming an Assistant Provincial Commissioner for the old Niagara Region for a 3 year term in 1989 – 1992.
- On the Provincial Honours and Awards Committee from 1997 – 2002 and he chaired this Committee from 2000 –

2002.

- Deputy Commissioner – Recognition and International Relations – Central Canada from 2002 – 2004. *During that period of time he chaired a committee that looked at the Honours and Awards Procedure in Central Canada and was instrumental in writing a new process.*
- September 2004 became Chair of the Blue Springs Camp Committee. *Blue Springs had recently been turned over to Central Escarpment and the focus of the camp was changing. Mark put together a team of Scouters from Councils in Southwestern Ontario to serve as the Camp Committee. Under Mark's leadership, Blue Springs has gone from a deficit to a surplus in the last budget year. June 2005 saw Blue Springs Scout Reserve recognized by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and as Scouts Canada's first SCENES Centre, enabling and encouraging members of the camp committee to develop and proceed with WOSM requirements, certainly brought this great effort to a successful conclusion.*

### **Honours and Awards**

1974 - 10 year medal  
1982 - Medal to Good Service  
1995 - the Silver Acorn  
2007 - bar to the Silver Acorn

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### **What's on tonight:**

8:00pm Karaoke in the loop  
Reunion in the Campgrounds  
9:00pm Friendship Campfire – Campfire Circle

In the event of rain the karaoke and friendship campfire will be moved to the Huron room in Ridley lodge.

**Come out, meet new friends, see old ones and have some fun!**

**Bus Schedule:**



We have two shuttle buses this year from Denny's Bus Lines in Acton. They will run the loop during the following times:

Friday 1:00 PM – 12:30 AM

Saturday 7:30 AM – 1:00 AM

Sunday 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM

*\*\* Remember the buses will not run during the ceremonies or during the dinner hour on Saturday.*

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### **First Aid:**

First Aid is on the west side of Ridley Lodge - the entrance is by the paved loop. If someone requires assistance, we are available 24 hours a day.

First Aiders will transport your casualty safely - please do not carry someone to us if they are not well. If you are a first aider, doctor or nurse and want to offer your assistance, stop by and you are welcome. We always appreciate extra help.



## Library:

Located in the lower section of Ridley Lodge, entrance by the phone booth. Come, relax and enjoy a quiet moment reliving the memories from your Part II.

### LIBRARY HOURS

(Same as Store Hours)

#### Friday

7pm - 11pm,

#### Saturday

11:00am (*immediately after Opening ceremonies*) to 2pm

3:30pm - 5:00pm.

### NO SUNDAY HOURS



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## Scout Shop:

### Visit our Reunion Scout Shop...

... and check out all our new items, too many to mention! Be sure to pick up a copy of the 2009 - 2010 Catalogue.

### Introducing new Scouts Canada products and Crests

For the scouting wardrobe,

### A Golf Shirt with Scouts Canada Logo

Very stylish and sleek with quick drying material - your choice of navy or black!

### STORE HOURS

#### Friday

7pm - 11pm,

#### Saturday

11:00am (*immediately after Opening ceremonies*) to 2pm

3:30pm - 5:00pm

## Leave No Trace:

### WASTE WATER

Waste or Grey Water disposal is available for waste cooking and washing liquids only. Cutlery should be removed before dumping. Garbage should go into the appropriate disposal bins. Solid items clog up tank drains and suction hoses, delaying emptying the tanks and causing additional expense.

### GARBAGE

Items which do not fit into the above categories are 'garbage'. These should be bagged and packed out! Last year thanks to everyone's efforts only 6 bags were left behind. This year, consider taking any compost material home for your garden. You may start a trend.

### RECYCLING

You can recycle corrugated cardboard, tin cans, glass, plastic and newspapers in the bins marked "recycling". The same guidelines apply as in most Ontario towns with regard to what can be recycled. Recycling bags are being provided.

## Parking:



Parking is being handled by Browsea and BYGTWO contingents this year and they would like to remind everyone to:

- enter by the main parking before accessing Ebor or Main fields
- be mindful of traffic when out and about
- watch out for the workers directing vehicles
- use parking spaces wisely

The parking staff would like to thank the following:

- Control for their cooperation during the transitions to the fields
- The team that laid out the parking areas – keeps things flowing and efficient
- The rangers, Paul (Blue Springs) and Kevin (Everton) for their timeliness in shuttling trailers
- Sheila Bayne for staying out of the staff's way!

## Fire Prevention:

Each contingent should have a fire safety officer.

Please watch for our people wearing the red fireman's helmets.

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## Blue Spring Gilwell Pipe Band & Colour Party

The Blue Springs Gilwell Pipe Band and Colour Party will meet at 8:00pm at the Oshawa Contingent on the Main field. Any pipers and drummers interested in joining the band should stop by.



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## HAZING: Not part of the Game of Scouting

Part of the process of engaging new and younger Gilwellians and convincing them to

attend and continue to attend Reunion must be to do away with the old concepts of “hazing” **newbies** at Gilwell reunions. The things that we old timers may have thought as fun, and not at all as hazing, are now not seen that way today. Let's look for innovative ways to recognize and identify our new comers in a positive as well as fun way that in no way demeans them or their accomplishments.

**We have received substantial negative comments re these practices and are aware that there is substantial feeling against attending because of this outdated practice.**

The concepts of babies in diapers or sucking on soothers simply are not justified in today's world nor are any process that does not respect a person's sense of body space, religious sensitivities or personal embarrassment. No one in scouting should be made to feel embarrassed or feel “peers' pressure to perform any ritual which is discomforting to them or to the persons that they are approaching. Nor should anyone be subjected on the other end to receiving the results of such a process, Even the pinning of something onto someone bears risks, needs to be done with approval or offered to the individual for them to do themselves. We have had complaints of putting things on the breasts of our female members and some feeling their personal body space has not been respected. Some may take part because of “Peer Pressure” but never return again.

Surely that is not our desire.

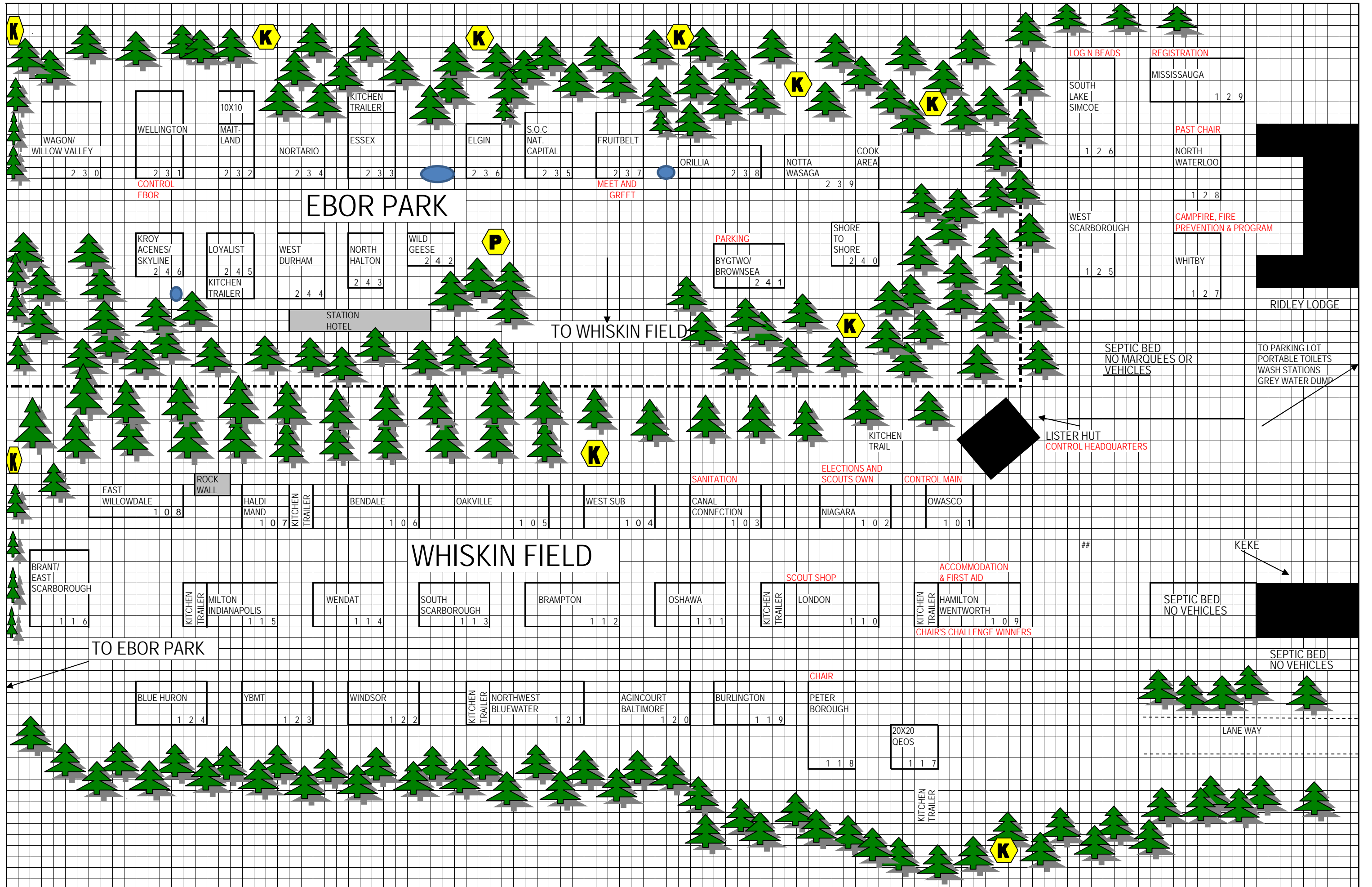
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## Welcome to all New Gilwellians!

**Walking Tour of Blue Springs  
Friday 6:30pm  
(everyone welcome)**

**Tour of Contingent Activities  
Saturday 12:30pm**

**Meet at the welcome table**





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**Saturday Morning: September 12, 2009**

**Current Registration: 1,141**

## **Gilwell 2009 Goes Karaoke!**

This year, the working contingent Fruitbelt, on behalf of the Reunion Committee, ran "Karaoke in the Loop" to replace the square dancing traditionally held there on Friday nights. From first impressions, it looks like a positive change.

The sound was very good, there were multiple mikes and lots of singing support from the Gilwell attendees. One Fruitbelt volunteer wore a computer screen that showed the sound levels of the songs. It certainly added to the colour of the event.

The first song, enjoyed thoroughly by this reporter, was "Back in the BSSR" (Blue Springs Scout Reserve). It was an interesting and comical look at the adventures of a Gilwell weekend. The lyrics, sung to the tune to "Back in the USSR" were perfectly executed by Bob Prentice. That's the same Bob who's songs we enjoy at every opening and closing of Gilwell weekend. Apparently he likes writing songs so much, he has a new one for every reunion committee meeting. We are waiting to see what his new song for the opening will be. I wonder if we just had a preview?

The audience were clearly excited as they perused the song lists. "There's lots of choices," one member commented. "This could be lots of fun."

The Four San Franciscan's wowed the audience with their rendition of "I left My Heart in San Francisco." Actually there were five: Kathleen Padvaiskas, Lloyd Clarke, Pat Brodie-Robertson and Russ Kalk for the Fruitbelt contingent and Tim

Platt from Elgin. They had the audience singing along with their version of "Bad Bad Leroy Brown."

I found the devil in the audience. Angela from Canal Connection said she likes to listen and she was enjoying the ambiance. When asked if she would sing tonight, she replied, "Definitely not..." then.. "If I could find something to sing" and then... "Maybe, if I can work up to it." She was already dancing. Could singing be far behind?

While another Gilwellian was crooning his version of "I can't help falling in Love with You", several couples were dancing in the loop. "I miss the sockhops. Some contingents used to always have sockhops and maybe this will bring them back." said Bill Hill of the Hamilton Contingent. "I might sing later" he admitted with a smile. His dance partner, Linda Keirl, also of Hamilton Contingent was also sporting a big smile when asked about the Karaoke.

So the consensus is..it is a great idea! Keep it up, folks. Kudos to the members of Fruitbelt Contingent and the Young Gilwellian representative, Shawn Jones, elected in 2008 who planted the seed for this great success. So much so that hours were extended until 11:30 pm.



## Friendship Fire from Friday Night

Thanks to Ron Szego and AJ Welsh from Whitby for a beautiful informal campfire. Marshmallows were enjoyed by some. Silly songs were sung including "Day Old Donuts" and "Yuck Cat". Peter from S.O.C.S. led us in the Barretts Privater's.



## First Aid

The forecast is calling for a warm day today. Please remember to wear your hats and keep water handy. And don't forget to keep an eye on your friends.

If you do need first aid assistance the medical team will be available in the bottom of Ridley lodge. You may also see them walking around so please say 'Hi'.

## Medical Team

The 2010 edition of the Medical team is a collection of new and returning members. The members in the photo are:  
Front row, left to right: Nicole Epic-Baker, Michael Burgetz, Pat (Scouter Grumpy) Baker  
Back row, left to right: Beth Wood, Doug (Doc) Donald, Mike Wharrie, Brian Izzard.

The Log 'n beads was given the opportunity to speak with one of the youth members. Brian Izzard was presented to us, as the representative of the 1<sup>st</sup> Downsview Med-Vent program. He has been involved with Scouting since he was 5 years old, starting out his "career" in Beavers. He is now in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Med-Vent program. Scouter Beth Wood sat with us while we chatted.

Brian has participated in the Shriner's circus, the C.N.E., and the Markham rib Fest. He also took part in the Sutton Fair, the year of the "Great Flood". It was discovered that he did well with Swimming in the ditches (if you're curious, go to the Med-vent Station, and ask him about it).



His long term goal with the program is to continue and take his Paramedic training. We put him through an impromptu medical test, and he was able to tell us "not to do that".



*On behalf of the Gilwell Committee, we'd like to thank this dedicated group for attending, and making sure we're all 'well' taken care of.*

## Tired feet? Need a ride?

Reminder our shuttle buses will run the loop during the following times:

Saturday 7:30 AM – 1:00 AM  
Sunday 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM

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## New Gilwellian Hike



New Gilwellian's were taken for a walk in the woods. And to our knowledge they brought them all back too! They were shown the loop, the chapel and up the river tower. The hike was approximately an hour and a half and was enjoyed by both new and returning Gilwellians.



## Contest

The Log 'N Beads is holding a contest to decipher the contingent acronyms. Contestants must come to the SLS Contingent Marquis (we know the orange really blends in but if you try really hard we think you can spot it).

Here is the list to decipher.

WAGON  
S.O.C.S.  
QEOS  
BYGTWO  
YBMT

## Schedule of Events for Today

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| 10:00 am | Flag break<br>Announcements<br>Introductions<br>Camp Chief – Mark Young<br>Theme Speaker – Steve Kent<br>Election Speeches |
| 11:45 am | Lunch  |
| 12:45 pm | Contingent Events  |
| 3:00 pm  | Parade of Years<br>Tea on the Lawn   |
| 3:30 pm  | Contingent Rep meeting   |
| 4:00 pm  | Polls Open   |
| 5:00 pm  | Polls Close  |
| 8:30 pm  | Reunion Campfire   |

Pizza parlour hosted by young Gilwellians immediately after campfire.

## Lappa Dance

We don't want to ruin this annual event for anyone but if you missed it this Friday night make sure you are at the flagpole on Saturday night, just before midnight. This is an experience you will never forget! And Sara will welcome you with open arms.



### *You Know You're A Scouter When....*

- ...you can relate anything you do to a camp story
- ... your friends limit you to one camp story a day
- ... you get excited about camping in weather any sane person wouldn't venture out in

## Come sign the logs!

A member of the Brandt Contingent, Dennis Orgar, brought some unique flags to this reunion. He has two – an American flag and a Canadian flag. Wait, that sounds pretty normal doesn't it? Let me explain. When you hear about the special nature of these flags, Dennis hopes you will stop by the Brandt Contingent and sign the flag's logs,



The American flag is distinguished by having flown for one day over the American aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Arizona in August, 1996. Dennis came into possession of the flag in 2005 and he began a log of all the guests who have seen the flag. When this log is full, Dennis will send the flag and the log to the U.S.S. Arizona for retirement. Dennis would like to invite all the American guests to come and sign the log book.

The Canadian flag has an unusual history too. The log for this flag was started in 2002 and it recognises veterans past, present and lost. The log contains pictures as well as signatures. Dennis visits cub packs, takes pictures of the pack and

then has all the cubs sign the log. Dennis promised to send the filled log to servicemen serving overseas. Come out and sign the log!

To see and appreciate these flags and their logs, visit the Brandt Contingent and ask for Dennis.

## You Know You're A Scouter When....

.... you have a separate drawer just for camp shirts

... people offer to lend you a tent for a non scouting event and then look at you strangely when you explain you have 3 at home

... when your camping gear consists of a single day pack and a huge duffel because you have to carry spares for everyone else



*Found by the Blue Springs Pipe Band: One drum. If anyone has seen the drummer please see Harold!*

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Saturday Afternoon: September 12, 2009

Current Registration: 1185

## 2009 Gilwell Reunion Committee



*David Coutts (chair), Cindy Burgetz (Past Chair), Bob Prentice (Secretary/Treasurer), Jane M. Johnston (BP Guild Liaison), Fred Wiskin (Mayor of BSSR), Jackie French (Accommodations & First Aid), Rick Koohtow (Campfire, Program & Fire Prevention), Sheila Fraser (Control - main), Jennifer Levitt- Birdsall (Control - Ebor), Pat DeMarsh-Hudson (Elections/Scouts Own), Mark Young (Honorary Camp Chief), Thomas Hazlett (Log 'n Beads), Llyod Clark (Meet & Greet), Shelia Bayne (Parking), Bruce Wannamaker (Registration), Helen Scott (Sanitation), Tony Copperthwaite (Scouts Canada Liaison), Peter Nicholas (Scout Shop), Shawn Jones (Young Giwellians), Harry Niezen (webmaster), absent: John Edwards (BSCC Liaison)*

## Our Guest Speaker – Steve Kent

Scouts Canada announced in 2008, the appointment of Steve Kent to the position of Chief Commissioner and Chair of the Board.

Steve Kent is the first Scouts Canada member

from Newfoundland and Labrador and the youngest Chair of the Board and Chief Commissioner in Canada's history. Being the youngest is something Steve's used to. At the age of 16, he was the youngest person ever to vote on Scouts Canada's National Council and the very first Chair of the Youth Committee. He was also the youngest mayor in the history of the City of Mount Pearl, Newfoundland and Labrador.

"I really want to see this organization grow," says Steve when asked about his key priorities as the senior volunteer leader. "Scouting has touched hundreds of thousands of people and I want to engage them to give back to their communities through Scouting. We have a tremendous opportunity here to reach out to more youth and promote youth leadership – that's definitely one of my top priorities.

Appointed to the position by her Excellency, Governor General Michaëlle Jean, Steve took over the reins of Scouts Canada's top volunteer post at its Annual General Meeting. He will serve a three-year term.



**Stephen (Steve) Kent** was born in Stephenville, Newfoundland and Labrador on 7 May 1978. He was the mayor of Mount Pearl, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. Steve was the mayor of Mount Pearl from 28 October 2003, to late 2007. He was one of the youngest mayors in Canadian history. Steve is currently serving as a Member of the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly, for Mount Pearl North. Steve won this district's seat in October 2007. Steve is also the Chief Commissioner and Chair of the Board of Scouts Canada.

## Career

He was elected as deputy mayor at age 19 while attending Memorial University of Newfoundland in 1997. He became Mount Pearl's eighth mayor in October 2003, and was elected as mayor in 2005 by acclamation.

From April 1999 to September 2004, Steve served as the chief executive officer of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Newfoundland

On May 18 May 2007 Steve announced he would seek the Progressive Conservative nomination for the electoral district of Mount Pearl North in the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly.

On October 9, 2007, Steve won a seat in the provincial election.

## Education

In 2001, Steve completed a bachelor's degree in business administration (BBA) and a certificate in public administration at Memorial University. In May 2003, he completed a master's degree in management through the McGill-McConnell Program at McGill University.

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### You know you're a Scouter when...

... You chop your toothbrush in half to save weight in your backpack.

... When tents and shelters are optional.

... Your front hallway looks like an isle in a camping equipment store.

## Gone Home

**Sheila Sanderson Mole**, Bendale.

**Rick Johnston**, Brant.

**Art Oliver**, Canal Connection.

**B. J. Finlay**, East Willowdale.

**John Morgan**, Essex.

**Liz Mackie**, Fruit Belt.

**Gerald Brown**, Hamilton Wentworth – He was the earliest Woodbadge Holder at the 2008 Reunion.

**Stuart Small**, London.

**Don Burley**, Niagara, Went Home in February 2008. – (by Kevin Backer) Don was 100 years old and was the first Niagara Scouter, that was known in Niagara, to earn a Woodbadge Part II in 1930.

**Norma Darling**, Niagara, Went Home in August 2008. – (by Kevin Backer) Norma was a Cub Leader in Timmins and Toronto in the 1940's, Kirkland Lake in the 1940's and 50's and was the Akela in the 5<sup>th</sup> Niagara from 1983 to 1985. She took her Pack Woodbadge Part II in 1943, however, she was not presented her necker and beads until 1983. Bob Prentice remembers doing her interview and said, "She never let her age get in the way of making sure that quality program was run in 5<sup>th</sup> Niagara."

**Harold Detlor**, Niagara, Went Home on March 12, 2009 at the age of 82. – (by Kevin Backer) He was a devoted leader in Scouting for over 60 years. Our friend Harold made "The Scouting Way" his life's way; he was kind, courteous, honest, thrifty, wise in the use of his resources and a friend to all he met.

He received the Bar to the Silver Acorn in 2008, the City of Niagara Falls Volunteer Award in 2007; the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002; as well as numerous Certificates of Appreciation. Harold started his Scouting career at 1<sup>st</sup> Niagara working with youth and he was never far away



from the young people in Scouting. There was a very special moment when Harold dressed in his Rover Kilt knighted all the Beavers at a Niagara White Tail Camp. They knelt before this Scouter with a real sword in hand, who told them to be still, as he didn't want to cut their ears off.... The look of wonder in those faces was a beautiful tribute to a very caring Scouter, Harold Detlor.

Harold received his first Woodbadge II in 1954 and another in 1958. He has attended a number of Canadian Jamborees, (more recently the one in Thunder Bay, another in PEI, a Central Canada Jamboree at Taramacouta, Quebec). He was on the Gilwell Committee twice. Many of you may remember the year Niagara did the musical ride. Harold worked out the logistics and ensured we practice a few times before Reunion. O what fun we had.

Harold had a bit of a love affair – with Blue Springs Scout Reserve and was always ready to go there. It didn't matter if he was cutting grass, helping to build shelters, or just washing dishes. Harold and the 1<sup>st</sup> Niagara Rover Crew volunteered at least twice a year, if not more, to clear trails, to build or repair bridges, or do whatever the camp ranger assigned during their weekend work parties. The last few years he was cutting out birdhouses, 200 at a time for the Cub Conservation Camp, but his real joy was setting up the kits laid out ready for the cubs to make the birdhouses. The young Cub, who actually started to cry after hitting Harold's finger with a hammer, while Harold held the nail, will remember Harold. Of course Harold just said "Wow!" (as he never used profanity) and made like his finger was gone. His kind words to the youth showed just how much he really cared and enjoyed the sessions at the Cub Conservation Camps.

As we stood with members of the Niagara Contingent at the sign that is dedicated to him, they told me about the time when the 1<sup>st</sup> Niagara Scout Hut caught fire and burned to the ground, the Niagara Fire Department arrived on scene and removed all Harold's collectibles from the building. His respect followed him as his youth left the movement and became valued members of the community. 'Yes, we will Harold.'

We know we won't forget him. He has given each of us something of himself to remember. It was a great loss to Scouting and for all of us when he went home.

**Eugene D'Agostino**, Niagara, Went Home in June 2009. – (by Kevin Backer) Gene was with the 1<sup>st</sup> Niagara from 1951 to 1969. He earned his Woodbadge in 1955 and his Long Service Medal in 1962. He attended the 8<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree in Niagara-on-the-Lake as a Service Scouter as one of the Jamboree Police (Security).

**William Cornick**, Niagara, Went Home in January 2008. – (by Kevin Backer) Art was the Scoutmaster for 3<sup>rd</sup> Stamford Troop and later at the 27<sup>th</sup> Niagara from 1959 to 1965. He was District Scoutmaster in Niagara for several years after that. He took his Troop Woodbadge Part II in 1962. He received his Long Service Medal in 1967.

Sam Gotts, who succeeded Art as Troop Scouter at the 27<sup>th</sup>, paid moving tribute to his old friend as he conducted his Funeral Service. Sam shared with others, Art's excellence as a leader and his diligence as a Scouter.

**Elizabeth (Betty) Hicks**, Niagara, Went Home in October 2007. – (by Kevin Backer) Betty was a Pack Scouter in the 8<sup>th</sup> Niagara Pack from 1956 to 1961 and in the 24<sup>th</sup> Niagara from 1961 to 1962 and the 26<sup>th</sup> Niagara from 1964 to 1968. She earned her Pack Woodbadge Part II in 1964 and her Long Term Service Medal in 1967.

Betty's stature was only 4 feet 10 inches yet as the key leader - Akela, if there was trouble she was right there taking care of it. The 24<sup>th</sup> Niagara was initially started up for the Physically Disabled/ Mentally Challenge young adults, meeting at Bell Haven. Betty, along with Pat DeMarsh-Hudson, Stella Breedon, Hans Dreger and Scouter Arch worked as an excellent team, weekly. One of their youth members spoke rarely, but when it came to repeating his Scout Promise, he repeated word for word loudly enough for all to hear. You could let your imagination run wild, as all members of the 24<sup>th</sup> were taller than Betty, but they were well behaved and everyone had lots of fun.

**Bob Chambers**, Niagara, Went Home in May 2008. – (by Kevin Backer) Bob spent over 40 years as a Registered Leader in Scouting both in Niagara and Split Rock Districts. His service to youth included 1<sup>st</sup> Chippawa Sea Scouts, 1<sup>st</sup> Ridgeway Pack and Troop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fort Erie Pack and Troop, 7<sup>th</sup> Fort Erie Troop and Crew, 9<sup>th</sup> Fort Erie and 1<sup>st</sup> Stevensville Pack and Troop, 1<sup>st</sup> Crystal Beach Sea Scouts, and 1<sup>st</sup> Black Creek Troop. Bob was a former District Commissioner of Split Rock District and on the Service Team in Niagara. Bob received the Long Service Medal and the Medal for Good Service.

He received his Woodbadge Part II in 1969. Bob's greatest interest was in nature and the environment. He was the first to discover the peregrine falcons nesting in the Niagara gorge and went to great lengths to have this family of birds protected. Bob never hesitated to take the opportunity to go to meetings, camp-outs, Area events to talk about conservation, teach knots or share his knowledge on wildlife. He was part of the supporting team to monitor and protect the eagle family nesting on Navy Island in the Niagara River. When confined to a wheelchair later in his life, he still enjoyed visiting Scout camps, helping with woodwork events.

**Ralph Niven**, Niagara, Went Home in September 2007. – (by Kevin Backer) Ralph's Scouting Career began in 1957 as Group Committee Secretary with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Niagara, a position he held until 1969. From 1969 to 1974, he was the Akela with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Niagara Pack. He was subsequently a Pack Scouter with the 29<sup>th</sup> from 1973 to 1974, the 18<sup>th</sup> from 1975 to 1988 and 1<sup>st</sup> Niagara from 1988 to 1995.

Ralph earned his Pack Scouter's Woodbadge Part II in 1971, as part of the famous Brady's Bunch; he was awarded the Long Service Medal in 1969, and subsequent years up to his 50 year pin in 2007. In 1992 Ralph was awarded the Medal for Good Service.

Ralph served on District Council as Honours and Awards Committee from 1989 to 1995 and Chair from 1995 to 2000. He was also Finance Chair of the Council from 1990 to 1991, Vice President

and Treasurer from 1991 to 1992. He worked on the Property and Maintenance Committee from 1996 to 1998 and the Scout Shop staff from 1996 to 2000.

One could not help admire Ralph as he refused to let health problems get in the way of the many, many hours he volunteered to Scouting.

**Peter Sokach**, Niagara, Went Home in June 2008. – (by Kevin Backer) Pete was a Scout Counselor with the 17<sup>th</sup> Niagara Troop 1970 to 1974 and from 1976 to 1979. He was the Troop Scouter with the 17<sup>th</sup> from 1974 to 1976. He restarted the 17<sup>th</sup> Rover Crew in 1982 and served as Skipper until 1988. His Troop Woodbadge Part II was taken in 1974. He was awarded the Long Service Medal in 1984.

One of the eulogists at his funeral was one of his former Scouts – Mark Lowe. He gave a great account of life skills, which Peter had taught him. One of his former Rovers noted his Scouting years were the best years of his life.

**Don Backer**, Niagara – (by Lynda Koudys) Scouter Don Backer of Bradford Pennsylvania went home on December 1, 2008. He was a scout as a youth. As an adult he served the youth for over 50 years. He had received many awards over the years including the Silver Beaver and Vigil Honor. Don was the Camp Chief of Cuba Lake Ice Camp for 20 years. Each February he would wear the Ice Mole costume to the delight of the youth and adults in attendance. Don was also known for the creative wearing of the Boy Scout uniform and his love of the gimmick. His walking stick Dumkopf has been featured in Boy's Life Magazine. Don received his beads in 1990 and began attending reunion at Blue Springs in 2004. One of his proudest memberships was that in the Niagara Gilwell Club.

**Jim Lee**, Niagara, Went Home in July 2008. – (by Kevin Backer) Jim was a leader during the 1970's and 1980's in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fort Erie Troop, the 10<sup>th</sup> Fort Erie Pack and the 8<sup>th</sup> Fort Erie Venturers. In 1985 he took 9 Venturers to the Canadian Jamboree held at Guelph Lake. The Venturers had the very best time, actively participating in



program, that most challenged the youth. He gave them opportunities they might not have ever experienced. To do this, Jim's Venturer, under his Guidance fund-raised most of the monies needed for this trip of a lifetime.

**Ken Senker**, Niagara, Went Home in 2007. – (by Kevin Backer) Ken first met Larry Hardy in 1979 when he moved to South Dayton from Buffalo. Larry noted that Ken joined their Fire department. Larry asked him to help him with their troop. Ken started coming to meetings and was very good with the kids. His favorite song was, 'I work down at the button factory'. When his son was old enough to join the troop Ken took over as Scout Master until he went blind and had to move back to Buffalo. Ken started to come to Reunion with Larry the year he started to go blind.

When they got home after Reunion, Ken found out he had to go to Baltimore for eye surgery. Larry called the Scout Office in Baltimore and received a number of a person to call to ask for help on behalf of Ken and his wife. A Scouter met Ken and his wife at the airport and took them to the hospital.

The next year Ken came back to the Reunion with Larry. The Niagara Contingent was in charge of Parking. Ken was directing traffic with his white cane. A car pulled up and the driver asked what's this – taking directions from a blind man? Ken said, "Give me your keys, I do valet parking too."

**Verna Struke**, North Waterloo.

**Clyde McCord**, Oakville (and Indianapolis).

**Ken Mills**, Peterborough.

**John Lange**, Q.E.O.S.

**John Robb**, South Lake Simcoe.

**William Metcalf**, West Sub Region (USA).

**Don Heard**, West Durham.

**Ken McLaughlin**, Windsor.

**Dennis Ternowetsky**, YBMT.

## Honours and Awards

**Bill Wise**, Bendale, Medal of Merit.

**Dawn Hallam**, Blue Heron, 5 Year Service Award.

**Amy McLellan**, Blue Heron, 10 Year Service Award.

**Cliff Alcock**, Blue Heron, 15 Year Service Award.

**Cheryl Johnston**, Blue Heron, 15 Year Service Award.

**Brian Luscombe**, Blue Heron, 15 Year Service Award.

**Teresa Moller**, Blue Heron, 20 Year Service Award.

**Dennis Orgar**, Brant, 20 Year Service Award.

**Astrid "Chris" Simoka**, Brownsea/BYGTWO, Medal of Merit & Life Member.

**Vince Goldsworthy**, Canal Connection, Silver Acorn.

**Patty Trickey**, Canal Connection, District Award of Merit (BSA)

**Terri Briggs**, East Willowdale, Medal of Merit.

**Linda Keirl**, Essex, 25 Year Service Award.

**Denise O'Neil**, Hamilton Wentworth, Medal of Good Service.

**Ken Whitwell**, Hamilton Wentworth, Medal of Merit.

**Olga, Miller**, Hamilton Wentworth, 20 Year Service Award.

**Ken Whitwell**, Hamilton Wentworth, 25 Year Service Award.

**Averill Tune**, Hamilton Wentworth, 35 Year Service Award.

**Joanne Katur**, Kroy Acenes, Medal of Fortitude.

**Sandi Burns**, London, Silver Acorn.

**Anita Parker**, London, Silver Acorn.

**Barry Marles**, London, Silver Acorn.

**Chris Fleet**, Maitland, Medal of Merit.

**Vickey Lacroix**, Maitland, Medal of Merit.

**Peter Poot**, Maitland, Medal of Good Service.

**Dan Belair**, Maitland, 20 Year Service Award.

**Jean Layman**, North Halton, Life Member.

**Harry Nielsen**, North Waterloo, Silver Acorn.

**Trena Lyons**, Oshawa, 10 Year Service Award.

**Betty Ann Dodds**, Oshawa, Award of Merit.

**Mike Tucker**, Oshawa, 5 Year Service Award.

**Ian Baxter**, Oshawa, 5 Year Service Award.

**Meghann Gilston**, Oshawa, 5 Year Service Award.



**Pam Gutcher**, Oshawa, 10 Year Service Award.

**Michael Ledward**, Oshawa, 15 Year Service Award.

**Bill Muir**, Oshawa, 20 Year Service Award.

**Mike Randell**, Medal of Merit.

**Ted Zuber**, Scarborough South, Silver Acorn.

**Joanne Guay**, South Lake Simcoe, Medal of Good Service.

**Lloyd George**, South Lake Simcoe, Medal of Merit.

**Brian Powel**, South Lake Simcoe, Medal of Fortitude.

**Jeff Wright**, South Lake Simcoe, Medal of Merit.

**Renée Saltmarsh**, S.O.C.S, Medal of Fortitude.

**Richard Billings**, Wendat, Medal of Merit.

**Lucy Bray**, Wendat, Medal of Merit.

**Kim Murrison**, Wendat, Medal of Merit.

**Fred Sneed**, West Durham, 35 Year Service Award.

**Marion Sneed**, West Durham, 30 Year Service Award.

**Kees Stolk**, Whitby, 30 Year Service Award.

**Walter Lukow**, Windsor, Medal of Good Service.

## Guest Speaker Notes

Special Guest Speaker – Steve Kent, Chief Commissioner and Chair of the Board of Governors

Steve's message talked about what he had got out of Scouting and how he felt it was important for him to give back. He started his lifelong journey with Scouting as a Cub and shared fond memories of how it became a whole family adventure that continues to this day. The experiences he has had in Scouting have undoubtedly played a major role in the career paths he has chosen.

He talked about the importance of servicing, his meaning of this..."show you care". To add a personal note indicating how Steve cares, at a meeting in Barrie he noticed a young girl, my daughter, who was a Scout. He made a point of talking to her and asked her if he could have his picture taken with her. She still talks about this meeting and it has made a lasting impression that this important gentleman cared enough to talk to her and have his picture taken. But it doesn't end there. Although Steve has met many people

during the course of his travels, both Scouting and non Scouting, he remembered our meeting and asked to be remembered to my daughter. What a sincerely caring individual.

Steve believes that allowing the youth to act in leadership roles is key and these opportunities have helped him to develop into the man he is today. He wants to see scouting return to it's rightful place in the eyes of the Canadian public. "We are a vibrant, dynamic, and relevant youth movement that contributes greatly to the development of young people – we need to truly be seen that way".

While we would love to share everything Steve had to say in his message unfortunately we can't. He did ask that EVERY one of us make a commitment to help in the growth of Scouting. We need every youth to have a chance to feel the benefits of this great organization.

**He encourages every one of us to read the action plan for Canadian Scouting and check out the website [scoutingnow.ca](http://scoutingnow.ca).**

## Opening Photos



The American Flag in the colour party has the names of the victims of the 911 tragedy stitched into it.

| Contingent               | Site | Sat Afternoon Activity  | Sat Evening Activity                |
|--------------------------|------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Agincourt / Baltimore    | 120  | Games, Puzzles, Slave Auction – Pampering   | Slaves of Jobe, Games               |
| Bendale                  | 106  | Gilwell Time Capsule  | 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Coffee House |
| Blue Huron               | 124  | Cowboy sponge toss, horse shoes, barrel racing  | Lassos, Shooting gallery            |
| Brampton                 | 112  | Draw  | None                                |
| Brant / East Scarborough | 116  | Horseshoes, Target Practice   | Hee Haw Revue                       |
| Burlington               | 119  | Games   | None                                |
| BYGTWO / Brownsea        | 241  | Treasurer Chest, Toss Pirate Balls into Croc!! Giveaways  | None                                |
| Canal Connection         | 103  | Clean potties - “Magic carpet walk”   | Recycling your waste                |
| East Willowdale          | 108  | Newbie giveaway and draw for a Quillow, dutch oven display, craft idea table, draw for a dutch oven | None                                |
| Elgin                    | 236  | TBA   | TBA                                 |
| Essex                    | 233  | Gilwell Guess & Other games & prizes  | Sun Parlour Soup and Wheatley fish  |
| Fruitbelt                | 237  | Working on committee  | Karaoke                             |
| Haldimand                | 107  | Draw  |                                     |
| Hamilton-Wentworth       | 109  | Games for sections  | More fun and games                  |
| Kroy Acenes / Skyline    | 246  | Silk screening  | None                                |
| London                   | 110  | Practice knot tying   | Knotty baseball                     |
| Loyalist                 | 245  | TBA   | TBA                                 |
| Maitland                 | 232  | Bead Crafts   | TBA                                 |
| Milton / Indianapolis    | 115  | TBA   | TBA                                 |
| Mississauga              | 129  | Sucker Pull/Coin (proceeds going to Scouting Foundation)  | 3 ring circus                       |
| Niagara                  | 102  | Nature craft  | Lobster toss                        |
| Nortario                 | 234  | TBA   | TBA                                 |
| North Halton             | 243  | Horse Race  | BBQ Sausage                         |
| North Waterloo           | 128  | Star Party  | 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary        |
| Northwest Bluewater      | 121  | TBA   | TBA                                 |
| Nottawasaga              | 239  | Archery – Robin Hood  | Halloween – Bean Bag Toss           |
| Oakville                 | 105  | Soup can golf   | Shotgun weddings                    |
| Orillia                  | 238  | Silk screening  | Games, games and games              |
| Oshawa                   | 111  | Games People Play   | None                                |

| Contingent             | Site | Sat Afternoon Activity   | Sat Evening Activity                                   |
|------------------------|------|--|--|
| Owasco                 | 101  | Kites  | Scouting bingo   |
| Peterborough           | 118  | Games - Prizes   | Sing Song  |
| QEOS                   | 117  | Giveaways  | Wedding Chapel   |
| Shore to Shore         | 240  | Game & Draws   | Toasted tomato sandwiches                              |
| SOCS / Nations Capital | 235  | Morse Code zipper pulls,<br>Semaphore signalling, Western<br>Union Telegrams       | None   |
| South Lake Simcoe      | 126  | Scouters Corner  | Scouters Corner and News hounds                        |
| South Scarborough      | 113  | Go Green board game and<br>green knowledge quiz and<br>poetry giveaways and raffle | TBA  |
| Wagon / Willow Valley  | 230  | TBA  | TBA  |
| Wellington             | 231  | Gold fish races  | Euchre Tournament                                      |
| Wendat                 | 114  | Make a friendship bracelet and<br>paint your own pet rock and<br>raffle            | The Gong Show – make up an act<br>and join in - prizes |
| West Durham            | 244  | None   | Chapel of Lust & Room of Reality                       |
| West Scarborough       | 125  | Star Craft   | TBA  |
| West Sub               | 104  | Leathercraft   | Dance & Karaoke  |
| Whitby                 | 127  | Making pirate hats, lucky draws,<br>obstacle course                                | Main Campfire  |
| Wild Geese             | 242  | Draw   | TBA  |
| Windsor                | 122  | Raffle and display of Gilwell<br>reunion badges and course<br>crests               | Food giveaway (as per theme)                           |
| YBMT                   | 123  | Draws and giveaways  | Good Olde fun  |

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SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2009

Saturday Evening: September 12, 2009

Current Registration: 1,196



## Parade of Years:

Congratulations to the following Gilwellians for their many years of service:

|                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Fred Wiskin         | 1949                  |
| Lois Dennis         | 1959                  |
| Bev Carey           | 1960                  |
| Jim Carey           | 1959                  |
| Bill Tennison       | 1956                  |
| Joseph Godwin       | 1979                  |
| Lloyd Nyland        | 1934                  |
| Eveline Goldsworthy | 1941 (New Gilwellian) |

## One of our Younger Gilwellians

### *Jordan Weller*

Started at cubs (was a Keeo)  
Attended CCJ05 Tamaracouta as Youth  
Attended CCJ07 Offer of service (rafting)  
Completed Chief Scout in 2005  
Currently a Venturer going to Rovers  
Completed Troop Part I in 2007  
Completed Company Part I in 2008  
Completed Company Part II in 2009



Jordan is the product of four generations of scouting. He is proudly attending reunion with mom, Kelly Gilbert and grandma, Judy Morrison, who started scouting in Peterborough. The family moved out west and have returned to Peterborough in recent years. Kelly's daughter,

Melissa Gilbert, is receiving her Chief Scout Award shortly.

Having been part of a successful Venturer company, Jordan was asked to establish another Venturer company for 2<sup>nd</sup> Peterborough. Scouter Kelly is very proud and excited to have been asked to be an advisor as well.

Jordan has already been pulling duties at Gilwell. Representing his Peterborough Contingent, he joined the colour party for flag break this morning.

Jordan tells us that during a high school welding shop class, his classmates were uncertain how to move metal slabs. They tried chains but Jordan, using his scouting knowledge, grabbed some rope and got the job done. (Scouting in real life application, who would have thought?)

When Mom, Kelly, first received her beads in 2001, Jordan told her he wanted to be just like her and get his beads. What he didn't realize was that he would also be following in the footsteps of his grandmother. Jordan is taking his training to attain the next level, by becoming a trainer. He is going to be training Troop Part I this fall and also Basic Camping and Outdoor Skills. His ultimate goal is to get his beads in all sections because he believes "You never stop learning."

## Oldest "new" Gilwellian

### *Eveline Goldsworthy*



Evelinen Goldsworthy is with the Canal Connection. She completed her Wodbadge in 1941. She started her scouting career at the age of 16, as an Assistant Cub Master in St. Catherines. Her first task as an Assistant was to

teach the kids how to skip! She says the best times in her life were with the Cub Pack, and always had groups of about 30 youth. She always enjoyed her times camping with the youth.

This year's reunion is the first time that she has attended! When we spoke with her, we asked her why she had never attended a reunion before. She said she didn't know exactly, but that she was here because the BP Guild had given her the opportunity to come.

We welcome her to her very first reunion, and hope that she has enjoyed her afternoon with us

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### To salute a very brave Scouter!



The Hamilton Wentworth Contingent would like to recognize Bev Carey.

Bev has been a Gilwellian since 1960. Her husband, who joined the Scouting Movement after her, took his Part 2 in 1959.

Bev is in the throes of dealing with terminal cancer. Her contingent was not sure that she would even make it to this year's reunion, and were very pleased when she made it to the site.

She was in good spirits, and was enjoying spending time with all her friends from Hamilton Wentworth.

We salute her, and wish her well in her battle.



*If I'd known you were coming, I'd have baked a cake!*

### 1957 Blue Springs Part 2 Bruce Robbins



Bruce attended his Part 2 in 1957. here at Blue Springs, when he was a leader with one of the groups from Hamilton at that time. During his involvement with Scouting, he served with Pack and Troop. He attended all of the Gilwell Reunions from that period onward.

He was unable to attend this year's reunion, due to health issues.

We salute Bruce Robbins, and wish him well.

Bruce is situated in the photo, first row, second from the right.

## S.O.C.S. Contingent – New Gilwellian Renée Saltmarsh



This year Renée received the Medal of Fortitude. She has had to learn to walk all over again, having recovered from viral encephalitis. This crippling and often fatal disease was a major hurdle in her life. She has now returned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Mills Scout Troop as an assistant troop leader. She is an example to us all! Welcome to S.O.C.S. and to your first Gilwell Reunion, Renée.  
Peter Dederer S.O.C.S.

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### Presenting the New Gilwellians for 2009:

|             |          |             |               |           |                |
|-------------|----------|-------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|
| Baumgartner | Rob      | Niagara     | Gould         | John      | Owasco         |
| Bean        | John     | Brant       | Hershey       | Tim       | Hamilton       |
| Broad       | Ken      | Brampton    | Hewett        | Dennis    | Peterborough   |
| Brown       | Melissa  | West Durham | Hinricksen    | Skip      | Oshawa         |
| Byfield     | Leslie   | Oakville    | Hunter        | Jim       | YBMT           |
| Case        | Rebecca  | Brownsea    | Huntley       | Andrew    | Bendale        |
| Clementson  | Steve    | South Lake  | Jackman       | Warren    | North Halton   |
| Dickson     | Tom      | Simcoe      | Jarvis        | Wendy     | Mississauga    |
| Dorokous    | Mike     | West Durham | Kelly         | Amanda    | Brant          |
| Egan        | Frank    | Essex       | Kent          | Stephen   | YBMT           |
| Ferguson    | Trevor   | Brampton    | Kiff          | James     | Wellington     |
| Fielder     | Terry    | Essex       | Kindy         | Angela    | Canal          |
| Fifield     | Terry    | Owasco      | King          | Bill      | Connection     |
| Fishleigh   | Stan     | London      | Kolsteren     | Ian       | North Halton   |
| Flanders    | Mark     | Essex       | Lee           | Karen     | Whitby         |
| Funk        | Jennifer | Whitby      | Levesque      | Kelly     | Mississauga    |
| Gordon      | Linda    | Hamilton    | Loken         | Bernard   | South Lake     |
|             | Gary     | London      | Mackey        | Shawn     | Simcoe         |
|             |          |             | McDonald      | Tina      | Whitby         |
|             |          |             | McGrath       | Patti     | 1st Iroquois   |
|             |          |             | McLachlan     | Kimberley | Wellington     |
|             |          |             | McLean        | Katrina   | North Halton   |
|             |          |             | Minor         | Charles   | Wendat         |
|             |          |             | Mokedanz      | Mike      | Peterborough   |
|             |          |             | Morden        | Mike      | South Lake     |
|             |          |             | Murphy        | Mike      | Simcoe         |
|             |          |             | Murphy        | Mike      | Whitby         |
|             |          |             | Noorvander    | Mike      | Mississauga    |
|             |          |             | Ouellete      | Mike      | Oshawa         |
|             |          |             | Ouellete      | Keith     | Oshawa         |
|             |          |             | Pritchard     | Charlotte | Oshawa         |
|             |          |             | Putnins       | Dennis    | Oshawa         |
|             |          |             | Renauf        | Tracey    | Oshawa         |
|             |          |             | Rendall       | Janet     | West Durham    |
|             |          |             | Robertson     | Debbie    | Mississauga    |
|             |          |             | Rollins       | Craig     | Oshawa         |
|             |          |             | Roppel        | Ron       | Whitby         |
|             |          |             | Saltmarsh     | Susan     | Whitby         |
|             |          |             | Schneider     | Kathleen  | North Halton   |
|             |          |             | Shields Broad | Renee     | Burlington     |
|             |          |             | Smith         | Heather   | SOCS           |
|             |          |             | St. Pierre    | Lisa      | Elgin          |
|             |          |             | Steele        | Jon       | Brampton       |
|             |          |             | Stevenson     | Michelle  | Wendat         |
|             |          |             | Thomas        | Carl      | South Lake     |
|             |          |             | Thomas        | Ashley    | Simcoe         |
|             |          |             | Weller        | Ralph     | Owasco         |
|             |          |             |               | Anja      | Essex          |
|             |          |             |               | Jordan    | Shore to Shore |
|             |          |             |               |           | Oshawa         |
|             |          |             |               |           | Peterborough   |



|              |          |                |
|--------------|----------|----------------|
| White        | Laila    | YBMT           |
| White        | Blain    | Peterborough   |
| Wilkie       | Gordeiia | Coboconk       |
| Wiseman      | Owen     | Loyalist       |
| Woodburne    | Victor   | Whitby         |
| Woudsra      | Kristie  | Mississauga    |
| Young-Davies | Pam      | North Waterloo |

not only operating in the black, but in fact, to rebuilding a significant capital replacement balance. It is they who have put Blue Springs in great shape, physically and financially, saving it for all of us to enjoy and for others after us.

## Getting It all Ready, Again!

Perhaps you have arrived year after year thinking the camp was just sitting here ready for you.

For the Gilwell Reunion Committee, it is the end of a full year of preparation, meetings, countless emails, problem finding and problem solving, cost savings, quality building. For the working contingents, it is several days off work, away from their non-scouting friends and family, working hard to have in place what may seem to you like it has always been, .... I mean ... it was here last year, wasn't it? This committee, who often don't get to enjoy the games, remain after seeing you on your way, to clean up, to have wrap up meetings, to suggest improvements for the following year and along, with our newly elected members to start again on the next (59<sup>th</sup>) reunion preparations. For the Blue Springs Camp Committee, it is a hard year of work by an extremely dedicated group of fellow Scouters, who along with Blue Springs wonderful ranger, Paul, maintain and constantly improve the Blue Springs property. But did you know that they spend almost a full week of long days, preparing the place just for the special needs of our Gilwell Reunion? Did you know not only have they been here most of the past week but will also remain after you have left, to return the property to its other uses?

From simple little things like finding a tap suddenly not working at the end of their day and having it repaired, themselves, by the next morning, to larger issues, they do their best. Some of you may remember the possibility, at one time, that this camp would not be kept open for Scouting and might have been sold. This is the group, along with the ranger(s), who are responsible for making this inspirational place go from a significant and life threatening deficit, to

Take a look around this weekend, see the improvements, and then please remember to pat them on the back for a job well done. If you look closely you can find them throughout this weekend still on the job in their own camp uniform, brick colour tees on Friday and Blue color tees on Saturday with their blue hats. Better see them soon cause by Sunday they might look a little grimy from all the work they do.

Have we as a Reunion Committee reached perfection, no. We can still improve and you can help us by running a strong representative for committee and bringing your positive ideas and new strengths and energies to the committee. So please pat a worker on the back, submit your positive ideas and suggestions, but if you have some gripes, the chair is on the field, come and see me, not them! I am the complaints department.

2009 Reunion Chair  
**David Coutts.**



The team (in the picture above) tells us that in the last week they've cleaned/fixed buildings, replaced light bulbs, repaired 47 light fixtures, painted, installed dividers, trimmed hedges, repaired some plumbing, and built a wheelchair ramp, to get things ready for our reunion. ("Queen Bee" not included in the picture).

## Afternoon Activities



Your roving reporters visited the **Oakville** Open where competitors attempted to sink accurate puts. Winners were showered with prizes of unmentionable value. Ross, the tournament pro was available to offer tips to improve performance.

At **Northwest Bluewater** we observed Bent with his “raise the flag” feat of incredible engineering. Contestants maneuvered buckets on a pulley system to attempt to pour enough water into the final bucket to raise the flag. Best time to date was 6 minutes although we understand that 5 minutes would be a good time to beat.

Highlight of our afternoon was the gladiator fight at **Agincourt**. Fighters who survived, earned enough to hire the services of the beautiful slave girls who pampered them with fans and grapes.

Over at **Oshawa**, contestants were attempting to operate – removing objects from a “body”. There had been a couple of successful operations with no beeps.

At Eber Field, at least three groups were offering silk screened logos – **Orillia, Elgin** and **Kroy Acenes**. At **North Halton**, Julia was running a skittles game with materials and instructions to make a hovercraft as a prize. Her husband Dennis had decorated the skittles with great

likenesses of the members of their contingent.



## Cindy Burgetz from Committee tells us...

How she came up with the idea of this year's uniform.

As Past Chair I wanted to incorporate my goals for my term on the Committee. I focused on Team Work and focused on a common goal. What better way to show we are a team than wearing a uniform. I started with our reunion colours and added a touch of several sports. We have our player's our coaches, our promoter, our manager and our MVP's.

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## Gilwell Facts:

The following contingents are the top three for registration in 2009:

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| South Lake Simcoe | 69 |
| Peterborough      | 54 |
| Mississauga       | 52 |

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## High Flying Scouter taking a Dive for Funding

Friends of Scouting and Camp Manitou

Gilwellian, Gerry Brett, a supporter of Camp Manitou is willing to make a "leap of faith" on his 67<sup>th</sup> birthday, to get the point across.

Camp Manitou is the focal point of Gerry's efforts because it is used by over 5000 youth and leaders annually from Scouting, Guiding, schools and other associations. The youth and leaders actively practice their programs on this 100 acre facility that has open fields, forest, lodges and ground camp sites, just north of Kilbride, which services the Burlington and surrounding areas.

Gerry may be starting his skydiving experience, with an instructor, by "hitting the silk" at 2:30 p.m. On Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The drop zone is on Highway 5 just west of Highway 6.

Camp Manitou is a haven for the young at heart. Age is not a consideration when you are testing yourself against challenges and the degree to which some individuals will go to "have this rush" is sometimes hard to understand.

We all wish Gerry well in this endeavor. For further information you should talk to Gerry directly or contact Bill Rice, 623 Wilene Drive, Burlington, ON L7L 2B3.

## First Aid

Thanks to all to those who gave their weekend to help keep everyone here safe and healthy. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated by all those in attendance.

## Reminders

Pack it in – Pack it out

Paper, plastic and tin materials in blue bins.

Compost waste in specially labelled garbage cans or directly in compost bins.

All other garbage goes home with you!!

Thanks for your cooperation.

Special Thanks to our drivers from Denny's Bus Lines. They are certainly the "driving force" of our Reunion.

## Scouts` Own



10:00 am this morning. Please remember that the road will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians during the service. Bus service is also suspended at this time. Thanks to Niagara for coordinating this time of reflection.

## Upcoming Gilwell Dates

2010 September 10, 11, 12

2011 September 9, 10, 11

See you all here!

## Election Results

We are pleased to announce the following candidates have been elected to the committee by acclamation. Congratulations to all.

Thomas Keppy - Niagara

Thomas has been a leader for 18 years. He has been a Gilwellian since 1994. Thomas was a cub and scout as a youth. His parents were both cub leaders so he went to camp to help with security, cooking games and so on. This will be his second term on committee as he previously served in 2003. He has been on several committees for district camps and various other events.

Larry Fleet – London

Larry started in scouting in 1964. He was a Queens Scout in 1967. He attended the World Jamboree in 1967. Larry has participated in many special events including EuroJam in 2005 and the World Jamboree in 2007. He was presented with the Medal of Good Service. Larry has been a director for Camp Sylva from 2005 to the present. Larry's slogan for the campaign was "Get-R-Done".

Phil Lacasse – North Waterloo

Phil first became involved as a leader in Scouting in 1988. He spent 7 years as a youth, both as a Cub and a Scout. He received his beads in 1992, and was with Mississauga Contingent until he moved to Kitchener in 2001, When he joined North Waterloo. He started a new group in Springdale in 1999. Phil has held many positions in Cubs through the years and has also served as a trainer in part I and part II. He has served on service team and is currently an astronomy resource person.

Now that he has retired from his day job he has lots of time to dedicate to Scouting.

Katherine Sandomirsky – Agincourt

A true scouting brat whose parents met in Scouting, and she met her husband in scouting. A recent recipient of both the Medal for Long Service and the Medal for Good Service. Cub assistant with the 1<sup>st</sup> Highland Creek, and Venturer advisor with the same. She is excited to carry on both her parents tradition of serving on Gilwell's committee. Katherine is excited to celebrate her 10<sup>th</sup> reunion by being on the committee.

## Gone Home

Carl Ferren – Kent District,  
Mr. Justice David Kent – Sarnia District,  
Jim Carmichael with Milton / Indianapolis  
Contingent has "Gone Home" this year after many years of Scouting in the U.S. He has been coming to Gilwell since 1980. Sadly missed by fellow Gilwellians.  
Dennis Ternowetsky, YBMT

## Newbie Impressions

"You can get old without growing up" Shawn, SLS

"Lots of good ideas, new friends and good people" Michelle, SLS

"Great – having fun. Am I coming back?" You bet! Keith, Oshawa

"Having a great time. Whole lot of fun meeting people from my course and from other functions" Carl, Oshawa

"Had a great time. Made new friends. Learned a lot." Terry, Oshawa

"Loving it! I had heard a lot about it and came as soon as I was able." Owen, Loyalist

"Lots of fun. Lots of hugs." Tracey, West Durham

"I like getting to see all the people I haven't seen for a long time. You can act ridiculously without any repercussions." Melissa, West Durham

## Honours and Awards Updates & Corrections

Lois Dennis celebrates her 50<sup>th</sup> reunion  
Peg Van Nice celebrates her 35<sup>th</sup> reunion and just became the Bluewater Area Commissioner  
Astrid "Chris" Simola  
Robert Hearth, Brownsea, Canadian Baden-Powell Guild Recognition Award, 30 years service  
Jim Comeau of Fruitbelt was presented with his Silver Acorn last night. Congratulations  
Peter Chandler, YBMT, 25 years  
Ron Reid, YBMT, 20 years  
Lynne Norman, YBMT, 20 years  
Pat Yabremco, YBMT, Medal for Good Service  
Steve Vickers, YBMT, Medal of Merit  
Paul Okoniewski, Brampton, 23 years  
Brenda Laird, Brampton, 22 years  
Fran Walker, Brampton, 21 years  
Pat Lawlor, Brampton, 15 years  
Roy Gourley, Brampton, 25 years  
Gary Mitchell, Brampton, 1984  
John McDowell, Brampton, 1983  
Karen Shorter, Brampton, 1983  
Susann Anderson, Brampton, 1983  
Ken Moodie, Brampton, 1982  
Alister McLaren, Brampton, 1983  
Bruce Sucee, Brampton, 1972  
Joe Shaw, Northwest Bluewater, 40<sup>th</sup> Gilwell  
Doug Earle, Northwest Bluewater, 30 years  
Diane Mills, Northwest Bluewater, 30 years  
Lynn Shaw, Northwest Bluewater, 24 years  
Don & Theresa McLaughlin, Northwest Bluewater, 33 years

## Log 'N Beads

I truly hope that you have enjoyed the Log 'N Beads this weekend. I have enjoyed working on it and wish to express my thanks to everyone who assisted in the production of this newsletter.

Special thanks to all those who worked on the production of the paper itself. Also, those who ensured we were fed and looked after.

I appreciate all the input and participation from the volunteer photographers, editors, data entry and runners. Without all of you this couldn't have happened so please accept my sincere thanks.

Also, to all the contingent members who brought us ideas and information, a heart felt thanks. Remember that the Log 'N Beads is your voice, and that it needs to be your way of reaching out to the Camp.

As for the submissions to the "You know you're a Scouter when..." , thank you for all of your ideas, and watch the back copy of the final edition. They will all be printed there. My submission is "You know you are a Scouter when... you walk onto a field, and find 1,100 close friends!"

To the Scouter who approached me at the end of opening today, I thank you for your question, which may have been on the minds of more than you. The question was "if the Log 'N Beads is so serious about going paperless, why are your issues being printed single sided". The concern was a valid one, and warranted an answer.

A problem arose with our equipment after we arrived on site, and the atmosphere in the basement (or the dungeon, as it is being affectionately referred to) is very damp.

Once we started trying to print, we found that the printer kept wanting to jam, and that we could not effectively get the issues out. We feel confident that the Contingent that takes it over next year will take the steps required to see that this situation is rectified.

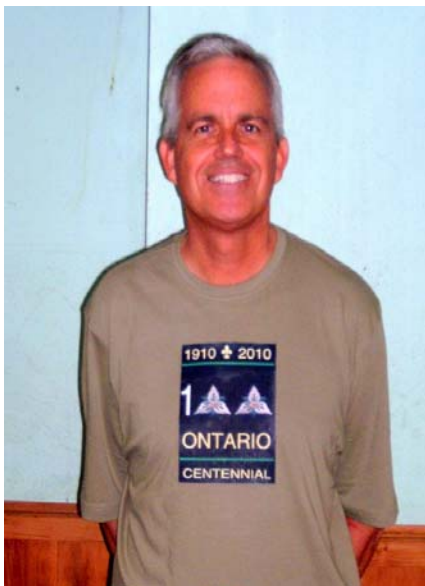
Lloyd George

## Clip Art



We hope you enjoyed the clip art in the Log 'N Beads. Mark Merryweather not only designed and provided all of this wonderful clip art but he also designed the crest for the 2010 Ontario Scouting centennial. Thanks Mark we couldn't have done it without you. Mark designs most of the crests for Blue Springs Scout Reserve. He

attended his Part II pack training with Lloyd George, editor of Log `n Beads.



### For all Gilwellians

Encourage your leaders to take Woodbadge II. There is a course running this fall at Woodland Trails. September 25 to 27 and October 30 to November 1<sup>st</sup>. For registration forms email Lori at [teatom@bmts.com](mailto:teatom@bmts.com).

### Mugs

Please note that there are still some mugs left at registration. These are available to be purchased after closing.

### Challenge for all Scouters

Here is a challenge for any scouter – write extra verses for ``Tom the Toad` for every letter of the alphabet. For example,

Rick the Roach

You`re going to make a lovely brooch. You used to make my blood run cold. But now I`ve got you dipped in gold.

Dan the Dog

Why are you underneath that log. You did not see

the lumberjack who felled that tree with one big whack.

Pam the Pig

Why are you getting very big. You did not see the butcher`s knife and now you lost your little life.

### Campfire



A beautiful opening to start things off, using an arrow that was shot from approximately 7 feet in the air and the fire was lit instantaneously. Some shared special moments of song. A memorable Scouter's Five where we were all reminded of how rich we are from this 'non paying' job. Thanks to those who spent the time putting this together.

### Pizza Parlour & Karaoke



Since we didn't want pictures of people eating we opted for a shot of some singers.

### New Gilwellians

Welcome to Paul Davies from North Waterloo and Simon Soffe. Sorry we missed you in the earlier edition. Our apologies to Mike Dierkers of Essex whose name was misspelled in the previous edition.

## Is B-P Guild right for you?



Are you planning a camp or a major event? Do you have youth who need support to attend a special camp? Are you a leader in need of some expertise? Contact your local chapter of the **B-P Guild**. George Armstrong of 88<sup>th</sup> B-P Guild, based in Aurora & Newmarket area, stated his fifteen members are ready and willing to help.

What is BP Guild? B-P Guild is a social group for retired or semi-retired leaders who do not want to take on the responsibility as a section leader but are willing to go out and help when asked. There is no uniform but some groups have golf shirts of a standard colour (whichever they choose) with a circular crest on it. The crest is a stylized red maple leaf on a black background; superimposed on the leaf is a red *fleur de lys* representing Scouts surrounded by the white trefoil of Guides. Minimal annual dues are required and Guild members are affiliated with Scouts Canada. (see picture)

Members of B-P Guild have their own fundraising they can access to support youth going to a jamboree or special award camps such as the Amory Award. If a leader is sick in a section, B-P Guild members may be called to fill in. Guild members can work as assistants of a leader, but cannot take direct responsibility for a section. Members stay informed about the activity of their fellows through a newsletter called *Mamook Papah* (Message Paper) issued three or four times a year. There is an annual guild meeting for Ontario on October 24<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup> in Kingston.

This year, 200 members of BP Guild are in attendance at Gilwell. One of the benefits of membership in the BP Guild is that retired Scouters who qualify can still attend Gilwell. If you are approaching retirement from Scouting, and no longer interested in leading a section, perhaps B-P Guild is for you. Talk to Jane Johnston of Blue Springs, the B-P Guild Liaison for Scouts Canada or your local B-P Guild member. Stay in contact with your Scouting friends and make sure your expertise and talents are not lost.

## S.O.C.S.

### Answer to question this afternoon

From the morse code / semaphore table at S.O.C.S. - Western Union's last telegram was sent on January 26, 2006.

'Stop Western Union Stop sending telegrams stop'  
Scouter Peter Dederer, S.O.C.S.

### And in Late Breaking News.....



# My First Gilwell Reunion

'Tis my First Gilwell Reunion -  
My first time to be here!  
I've shared more hugs and greetings  
Than I have in nigh a year.

The place is packed with Scouters -  
Better folks cannot be found.  
The laughter flows about us.  
Joy and friendships all abound.

Marquees are spread on Whiskin Field  
And Ebor Park as well.  
There's singing 'round the campfire's blaze  
And dancing in the dell.

Next year I know that things will change,  
As everything must do,  
Each Reunion's always different.  
Every year we start anew.

So 'tis my "First Gilwell Reunion" -  
Thirty years now in a row,  
And next year I'll be back to share  
Another "First-Year" show.



Thomas Henry Wheatley  
Md. Poet Laureate Nominee

Compliments of Scarborough South Gilwell Contingent, Blue Springs, 2009





## **You Know you are a scouter when...**

- ...You know the uses of all knots
- ...You eat better at camp than you do at home
- ... You can find your way around a foreign city without a map, just the sun
- ... You go to your children's school to meet the teacher you automatically put out your left hand to shake
- ... you can pitch a tent anywhere with your eyes closed
- ...you can relate anything you do to a camp story
- ... your friends limit you to one camp story a day
- ...you get excited about camping in weather any sane person wouldn't venture out in
- ...you've been to at least one jamboree and had the time of your life
- ...you know what a jamboree is
- ...you can match any number you hear in regular conversation to a number in a company/crew you know
- ...you can't live without a paddle
- ...you don't actually know how to use an old fashioned compass
- ...you see a fleur-de-lys and think of scouts before Quebec, unless you live in Quebec
- ... you are not actually a boyscout but you tell people you are because they have never heard of Venturers or Rovers
- ...you come home from camp and all your clothes smell like smoke and melted marshmallows are stuck to your pants
- ...you automatically hit it off when someone tells you they are also in Scouting
- ...you schedule your classes around your meetings
- ... you schedule your life around your meetings
- ... you know the very small difference between a scouting and non scouting event
- ...you can't figure out why people have such a hard time getting their 40 hours of community service in High School
- ...fires are made from more gas than wood
- ... the meetings go on, even if you are locked out of the meeting room
- ...you own more than one colour of duct tape and you take it everywhere you go
- ...you ask 'can I have it' before you buy it or see it thrown out
- ...you burst into a round of 'here we sit like birds in the wilderness' waiting for your co-workers to join in the meeting
- ...a parent introduces you to their child as having been their Akela when they were a child
- ... tents are optional when camping
- ...rain is seen as a source of drinking water....not a pain in the butt
- ...you organize your msn friends list by scouting group number
- ...you have more badges from camps than you know what to do with
- ... you have a collection of neckers in more colours than a rainbow
- ... naphtha stoves are the way to go...none of these massive heavy propane tanks
- ...you do know what poison ivy looks like, but you are the first person to get it because you just couldn't care less
- ... you answer to Akela in the grocery store
- ... you know nalgene are the way to go
- ...you own many nalgene in all sizes and colours
- ... you try but can never succeed to break a nalgene bottle
- ...you finally break the dang nalgene
- ... you know there is a ww3

... you don't know why people use flashlights  
... you first move away from home and all you eat is camp food because it is the only thing you know how to cook  
...everything is just better outdoors  
...your front hall looks like an aisle in a camping equipment store  
... you buy your new vehicle based on how much camping equipment it will hold or if it can pull the group trailer  
... you give a normal person your left hand to shake and don't even realize it until they look at you funny  
...you see the dirt in your food but eat it anyway  
... you begin packing 5 to 20 minutes before you're supposed to leave  
... every stain has a story behind it  
... you start humming camp songs in class  
...you couldn't imagine dating someone non scouting  
... you see a pile of wood near the river and within a day you're floating away  
... camping comes second hand nature to you  
... you could not think of a better way to meet great people than scouting  
...your tent floats at night from all the 'gas'  
... camping and ashes get into your hot chocolate it adds the little bit of extra flavour. Same goes to marshmallows.  
... as a scouter your fire starting tools of choice are flint and steel and camp fuel (which gets poured on when the kids aren't around)  
...walking the kids to school becomes a wildlife identification hike  
...Old Scouters never die – they just smell that way!  
...you go to London to visit the BP house and everything else is just a side trip