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Winter Camp News

"Traditionally Unconventional"

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Since 1986"*

Cricket Evolves In Its Return

Alimentary Endings

"Eat it now, or eat it later!"

A good sign that an exceptional meal has been served at camp is when the dining room goes nearly completely quiet, with conversation discontinued in the pursuit of chewing. This rare height was reached last night by the **Catch of the Day**.

Keith King engineered the smoked salmon that was the true highlight of dinner, which was smoked on the porch of the BC building during the cricket game, with Dave Oakley assisting.

Additional foodstuffs served with the fish were garlic mashed potatoes, whole kernel corn, tossed salad, and apple pie. The food was augmented by a collection of accumulated condiments provided to Winter Camp by Mrs. Lynda Donohue.

Of particular note was that dinner was actually served early—10 minutes in advance of the published 6:00 WCST start time, because the fish was ready and would drop drastically in quality if left waiting out for too long.

Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

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9:00 AM	Doughboy Breakfast
10:17 AM	Daily Good Turn
1:17 PM	Doggy Style Lunch
2:17 PM	Daily Good Turn Continues
6:00 PM	Dinner and a Movie
8:00 PM	Divided Divulging Descriptions
10:00 PM	Dem Bollmano's Pizza Guys
12:00 M	Don't Make A Sound

Winter Camp's second experiment with cricket saw the game move to Clearwater Field, the equipment ordered last year successfully make its way to camp, and a host of new rules introduced to assist in adapting the sport of the civilized gentleman into the sport of ...well, Winter Campers.

On the list of local rule variations are these:

1. Three outs per side.
2. The bowler need not bounce the ball on its way to the batter.
3. Wickets replaced by a steel shovel blade.
4. A one-batter penalty, served in the hockey manner by confinement to a penalty box (of sorts) for any defender who runs with the ball.
5. (Added late) A six-run limit on any ball batted deeply into the woods. This rule is subject to deletion if we ever find a larger field.

Taken together, these rules led to a satisfactory second game, which was won 22-17 in two innings by the team led by the Rand Rocket. Timmy "Three Outs" Kasprzak failed in his effort to lead a team to a defense of his Winter Camp cricket title.

You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

- your orienteering course requires a locked GPS device, but no compass.
- you set out to lose your casino chips and wind up winning \$40,000.
- you've ever cut meat with a bow saw.
- you've ever rigged a spaghetti volcano.
- you've ever seen a glowing pickle and know its polarity.
- you've eaten food dropped from ceiling rafters.
- you know which of your friends makes the best pie crust.



The Moronie Family practices safe ice crossing on Beaver Lake following the Computerized Cartography competition.

Return Of The Tad: Orienteering Makes A Comeback

At Winter Camp II, the 12 participants joined in a compass course measured in *tads*, the functional unit of distance in Winter Camp's system of universal measurement, which is based on the classical physical properties of the electron. (1 tad is approximately 9.5 feet, or approximately *e* meters.) Jeff Rand and Doug Wilson laid out three courses that traced their paths throughout nearly every square tad of D-A as they traced 22,400-tad lengths around camp.

38 years later, Alan Wilson followed in the family tradition by building four black boxes that captured GPS signals to assist Winter Camp's orienteers in finding their way to their goal. Since navigation in two dimensions be done using two distances (rectangular Cartesian coordinates), one distance and one angle (polar coordinates), or two angles (biangular coordinates), it is perhaps puzzling that orienteering has for year restricted itself to polar navigation. Alan's innovation allows Winter Campers to find their way to their targets using only distances, provided by the mysterious black box. Credits could be used to get GPS readings, which then sense the intrepid orienteers off at a run to see if the distance to their target was increasing or decreasing in that direction.

After a number of false starts navigating through the woods of Beaver Creek, the Moronie family went old-school, developing the snow compass as a tool to process multiple box readings, and made their way directly to within 10 tads of their goal, at which place the box unlocked and revealed its multiple treasures.

Winter Camp Trivia

From yesterday's edition:

1. What is the only Winter Camp event where someone clocked himself in the head with a spear?

—Mastodon Hunt (WC XXXVII)

2. What is the country of origin of the Boodle Fight?

—The Philippines

3. Which team staged a strong comeback during Bocce when the game moved off the road and into the woods?

—Team Yellow

4. Who first wore a Wookiee mask while playing 4-Way Volleyball at Winter Camp XL?

—Dave Oakley

Today's questions:

1. For whom was the Presidential Suite at the Winter Camp Hotel and Casino prepared?

2. What type of fish was smoked and became Winter Camp XL's Catch of the Day?

3. What two colors have the 3-ring binders for the Winter Camp *Manual* been produced in?

Back In The Day

Tales Of History and Imagination

The Winter Camp *News* celebrates its thirtieth anniversary this year, following our one-year experiment with a newspaper called the *Peas Pipe*, which was published at Winter Camp IX. The *Pipe* met its demise following a labor dispute between labor and management, and was produced for only one year.

The first article in the December 27, 1986 *News* noted the end of a strike by newspaper employees against the publishers and the resumption of publication under the name "Winter Camp *News*". Other articles in that first edition included volleyball scores—2-way volleyball, as 4-Way Volleyball had not been invented yet—a death notice stemming from the Murder Game, and the "Gastronomic Delights" column with coverage of the Oakes Lunch, Mexican Meal, and Little Ozzie's Pizza.

In a mini-scandal unearthed by *News* staff, the Lodge Chief was quoted saying "Cheerfulness is not a worthy trait.", which baffled all observers.

The newspaper staff was using future computer word processing terms like "cut" and "paste" in their original forms, with scissors and glue proving essential to getting the news out.

Cross-Country Golf Scores

Beaver Creek Athletic Club (par 62)

Final Standings

Gambini.....	49
Government.....	52
Burdick.....	53
Moronie.....	69

Quotes O' The Day

"My name together with the words "short hike" is an oxymoron."

—Jeff Rand

"A two-Kitchamajig meal is a *good* meal!"

—Dave Oakley

The Winter Camp Hotel And Casino

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Ask about our new Presidential Suite!