

Giant Jenga Fever Sweeps Camp

It's not on the official schedule, but the certain highlight of Day One of Winter Camp XXXIII was the competition in the Winter Camp Game League on the giant Jenga tower. Two different formats have been contested so far, and the current records are these:

Classical Style: Level 30, by Will Gagnon, Lucas Kuzala, and Timmy Kasprzak

"Don't Break The Ice" Style: Level 31, by Steve Donohue, Lucas Kuzala, Dennis Root, Mark Bollman—>, Zach Stockwell, and Timmy Kasprzak. This intrepid sextet set forth to redefine the rules, and though naysayers doubted their will and their chances at every turn, they not only set the mark to be beat in this new style, but also topped all comers on Day One in the classical Jenga competition.

Competition in all formats will continue throughout the weekette. Ethan Rein encourages all game players to track their top performances so that the Winter Camp record book may be properly updated at the close of camp.

Today's Schedule (All times WCST)

9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast available
10:00 AM	Cross-Country Golf
12:00 N	Nautilus Lunch
1:30 PM	Road Bowling
2:30 PM	Human Foosball
3:30 PM	Billiards
5:00 PM	Free Time
6:00 PM	Caveman Dinner
7:30 PM	Time Capsule Opening
9:30 PM	Giant Movie
10:00 PM	Bollmano's Pizza
11:59:59 PM	Winter Camp Management Meeting

Quote O' The Day

"Pocket of soup?"

—Doug Wilson, to the bowl-free Tom Saliotte, while serving the *Palamedes Lunch*

Gastronomic Delights

Today's early risers were able to enjoy the **Continental Breakfast**. This is the most commonly-served meal theme through the first 32 Winter Camps, and was inspired by Doug Wilson's observation in 1990 that he never woke up hungry at Winter Camp.

The **Nautilus Lunch** includes no exotic seafood. Its roots may be traced back to the Naval Dinner from Winter Camp VI. Veteran campers can explain why the menu calls for pop as the beverage.

The **Caveman Dinner** dates all the way back to Winter Camp II, the first year of meal themes. Yes, several of the old men at camp this year ate this meal when they were your age!

Pizza is a Winter Camp tradition dating back to Winter Camp I. **Bollmano's Pizza** is a tradition dating back to Winter Camp XVII, when Mark Bollman—> took over from a previous pizza operator and launched his own franchise.

A first look at tomorrow...

The service project day will launch with the **Lumberjack Breakfast**. This hearty bill of fare, including pancakes, sausage, eggs, and hash browns, will surely prepare us well for the work to follow.

Lunch tomorrow will be the new **Roaster Lunch**, featuring white chili and cornbread.

You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

If being blue and having snowflakes is enough of a reason for your family to get it as a gift for you... (Exhibit A: The airblown bear outside Beaver Creek.)

If "pecking order" has nothing to do with chickens...

If "narrowly missed sitting on a cake" *isn't* gibberish...

If you've ever caught glow sticks dropped from an airplane...

If you've plugged a phone line into a fluorescent fixture to connect to the Internet...

If you know you'll be eating pizza and not turkey on the day after Thanksgiving...

If you've been in two "indy" films that you've never seen...

If you've ever filmed a "Red Rover" ending for a movie...

If you've ever had to qualify volleyball by explaining that it was "played with only one net"...

If Jenga is better when played with a mallet...

Lessons Learned From Cross-Country Golf 2009

1. A tennis ball has certain advantages over a golf ball in the woods: it's easier to find after striking and it's more likely to bounce favorably off a tree. This almost makes up for the loss of distance.

2. Nonetheless, going through the barbed wire to hit a shot is still a bad idea.

3. The center of the camp roads freezes much earlier than the sides of the roads.

4. Carrying a bag full of 20 assorted clubs when your team is only rotating among four or five is wasted effort.

5. Rand Rules—unlike Rand himself—are quite liberal.

6. The weather was ideal for a trek through camp while hacking away at a tennis ball with a golf club. Gabe Church's team of geezers proved the superiority of old age and treachery over youth and enthusiasm by a 71-95 score. Their nonuple bogey sets a new record for the Winter Camp golf course—tennis ball category.

7. Jeff Rand cannot be trusted to report a golf score accurately.

Winter Camp *Live!*

Winter Camp has had an online presence since 1996, when the Internet was only slightly more than a Defense Department curiosity and someone uttered the famous last words "Hey, maybe we should have a Web site for Winter Camp".

Advances on the World Wide Web have brought us to this year's computer innovation: a live camera that takes a picture of the main room at Beaver Creek every 30 seconds and posts it to the Net. You may be on display for the world to see even as you read this.

Winter Camp Trivia

By Mark Bollman—>

From yesterday's edition:

1. Which big-mouthed Winter Camper had to arrange a different ride home from the August planning meeting because he refused to commit to keeping his mouth shut?

—Jeff Rand

2. Who was the first person to pay for Winter Camp XXXIII? (Hint: He's not here.)

—Paul Kupser

3. As of 2:08 PM on Dec. 20, 2009, who is the world champion of Giant Jenga, with a perfect 1-0 record?

—Keith King

Today's questions:

1. Who rolled a die during the Palamedes Lunch and landed it in his bug juice?

2. Which point of the Scout Law was omitted from the responsorial reading at the Winter Camp XXXIII religious service?

3. Who won two of the five prizes awarded in Arrowman Bingo at Winter Camp XXXIII?

4. Who directed the papermaking project at Winter Camp XXXIII?

5. What were the destinations of the Blind Hikes this year?

Back In The Day

Around the main room in the Beaver Creek building you will see a sequence of plaques bearing the catchphrase from each of the first 32 Winter Camps. The first batch of catchphrases was written at the planning meeting for Winter Camp XVI in 1995, and retroactively covered all previous Winter Camps. Each of them captures an unusual incident or theme of camp in a succinct phrase. For example, the phrase for Winter Camp VI: "Soda pop, anyone?" commemorates the unusually large amount of pop on the menu in 1983—a picnic table was filled with the empty pop bottles. In 2003, the Murder Clue game at Winter Camp XXVII included a collection of clues attached to light sticks and dropped from an airplane—hence, the catchphrase is "Yes, it's a real plane".

Jeff Rand sees to the continuation of this list of phrases and the construction of the plaques. These will reappear in an altogether different location by the end of camp.

What should the catchphrase be for this year?

Joke Of The Day

What is a snowman's favorite breakfast?

—Ice Krispies!

Call For Articles

Campers working on the Winter Camp Participation Award are reminded that one requirement for the prestigious gold-bordered patch is to write an article for the Winter Camp News. Articles may be written about any Winter Camp event and should be submitted to Publisher Mark Bollman—>.