

First Kick In Hole Game Played

Green/Blue Defeats Blue/Green 125-35

In the latest in innovative gaming from the Winter Camp grounds, the first-ever game of Kick In Hole, an outdoor variation on the Canadian favorite Krokinole, was played on Day Four. The inaugural rings were laid out at Clearwater Field, home to many Winter Camp sports over the years.

Two teams kick playground balls toward a sequence of concentric circles, attempting to hit their opponents' balls while at the same time landing as close as possible to the center of the array of rings. Several restrictions on what constitutes an allowable shot are in effect, which made for some slow going early on as players mastered the rules. A rotation of teams among the

four quadrants caused the teams to switch colors midway through the match, and the team that started as green and ended as blue cruised to a 125-35 win over the team that went from blue to green. The blue/green team gained some acclaim for the "field goal" shot, in which a ball passes between two opposing balls less than 3' apart without touching either. Unfortunately, this ultimately scored no points.

En Garde En Passant!

Once again, Winter Camp meant Battle Chess for several of its most daring participants. Joe Warren's blue team took the east edge of the board, while Timmy Kasprzak led his green forces to the west.

The game featured a spell of chess instruction when questionmaster Mark Bollman—> carefully explained the *en passant* rule for pawn capture. Amazingly, for only the second time in Battle Chess history, the game included such a capture.

After losing an early queen-on-queen battle, Gabe Church reincarnated as a superpawn, triumphing in three straight physical challenges before finally succumbing in the Battle Circle.

In the end, Joe Warren's team would not be denied, and when the final challenge came down to a tagout on the mental challenge "In what city is the original *CSI* TV show set?", victory went to the blue team.

Giant Jenga Delays Lunch

On Day Four, a giant Jenga game involving Roger Horn, Jeff Rand, and Joe Salliotte was in progress as the time for the Blind Beggar's Banquet came around. When the food was ready, it was declared that the call for lunch would be the collapsing of their tower, which was surely not far off.

Half an hour later, lunch was served.

The three players did their best to keep the tower growing, despite the repeated chants of "Lunch! Lunch! Lunch" from an increasingly famished crowd. Primary delayer Jeff Rand, whose precision in moving blocks might have been admirable had it not caused so many to go without food, commented at one point that he too was hungry, though it could not be escaped that this was largely his own fault.

At level 32, the wishes of the masses were granted, and there was much cheering when the tower wobbled once too far and collapsed. Lunch was then enjoyed.

Today's Schedule (All times WCST)

9:00 AM	The Last Breakfast
10:00 AM	Bocce with bowling balls
12:00 N	Conglomerate Lunch
1:17 PM	Pack your bags!
4:17 PM	End of Winter Camp XXXIII

You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

If you've ever seen someone unicycle around Ranch Road...
If you've eaten a meal named after you or a friend of yours...
If you have a collection of over 100 patches for events you've never attended...
If you know the difference between being Catholic and being Christian...
If "lemon" is a flavor of cheese...
If you've ever prepared grits based on the spin of a roulette wheel...
If road bowling, disc golf, and billiards constitute a "triathlon"...

Winter Camp Game League Report

Game Current Record Holder

Giant Jenga:	
Traditional	Timmy Kasprzak: 32 levels
DBTI	Donohue/Kuzala/Bollman/Root/Kasprzak/Stockwell: 31 levels
Coloretto	Ethan Rein: 35
Fits	Lucas Kuzala: 31
Ticket To Ride	Will Gagnon: 127
Qwirkle	Gabe Church: 132

Winter Camp Live Update

Photos from the webcam that has been operating throughout Winter Camp XXXIII can be found online at

<http://www.wintercamp.kkwebprogramming.com/wcxxxiii/pics/phpshow.php>.

When the show is edited down to a more manageable number, an announcement will be posted at the Winter Camp Web site: www.wintercamp.com.

Quote O' The Day

“Useless!”

—*Many Winter Campers, during Arrowman Bingo. This is, of course, the customary call when the name drawn does you, personally, no good in completing the game's target pattern. Winter Camp For One, anyone?*

Winter Camp Trivia

By Mark Bollman—>

From yesterday's edition:

1. Who constructed the “bigger than big” human that took top accolades at the Giant Balloons event?

—Mike Williams

2. Which Winter Camp II meal featured a man in a gas mask?

—The Masquerade Lunch

3. Who prepared lemon cheese as his 2009 hobby demonstration?

—Scott Fults

For your perusal until we meet again:

1. Who received the first two bowls of “00 grits” (grits with everything) at The Last Breakfast?
2. Which Winter Camp was the first to use three cabins?
3. Who was the winner of the Forgery Contest at Winter Camp XXXIII?
4. Who successfully captured two of the three swans that were relocated at the Winter Camp XXXIII service project?