



The Emerald Bay Chronicle

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Message from the Chair

The next couple of years are going to be very exciting for us. We have reached a critical mass in our membership that now allows us to have multiple events throughout the year and more are on the way! As you all know, we have the wine tasting event in the spring, and the summer reunion. Over this past year, I have been approached by a couple of members that are very generous with their time and resources offering to develop additional events throughout the year. This is a testament to the strength of the fellowship bonds that we all have for each other!

The other half of our organization is supporting camp, specifically fund raising. We also have developed numerous fund raising events throughout the year. These campaigns currently are the camperships in the spring, the capital improvement project (currently tents) at the summer reunion, and the endowment at the end of the year. It is not our intention that everyone will contribute to every fundraising campaign, rather the intention is that each supporter can choose the particular campaign(s) that resonate(s) most with them. I personally like contributing to the capital campaigns because I get to see the scouts using the equipment that I was part of bringing to the camp. Many people like the camperships program to bring kids to camp that wouldn't otherwise be able to go. Some members prefer donating to the endowment because of its long-term investment and re-investment strategies.

It's a great time to be a part of the EBA and it is exciting to see our organization grow so tremendously over the past couple years. Here's to big, new, and exciting things to come!

-Dave McAlister



Wine expert Toby Sharp introduces the evening's selections at last year's tasting.

Third Annual Tasting Planned

The third annual Emerald Bay Association Wine Tasting is scheduled for Saturday, May 12 at the Del Rey Yacht Club in Marina Del Rey. The well-attended event begins at 7:00 p.m. and will feature a selection of fine wines specially selected for this event. Light snack pairings such as cheese, crackers and fruit and non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.

The Emerald Bay Association's evening of wine tasting is not just a social or educational event. It is also an opportunity to showcase and support the Emerald Bay Campership Program. Through the campership program, The Association can provide opportunities for worthy Scouts to experience the character-building environment of Camp Emerald Bay. The campership program sponsors Scouts who financially struggle to attend a week of camp at Emerald Bay with their troops. A gift of just \$250 enables a Scout to attend camp for a week and provides him with a life-affirming Emerald Bay experience. Over \$12,000 was raised in conjunction with last year's event. The cost of hosting the wine tasting is borne by the EBA to ensure one hundred percent of your donation will go directly towards sending scouts to camp this summer.

The wine tasting is not going to be a high-pressure fundraising event. Please make a donation to the campership program and then join us for this memorable evening!

A Conversation with John George

Associate Director John George was a young Scout when he visited Emerald Bay for the first time more than a half century ago with Santa Monica Troop 2 led by the legendary Scoutmaster Keith Monroe. Keith's lessons on leadership must have made an impression on young John, as he would return to Emerald Bay many times in various leadership positions including Field Sports Director and Camp Director. In 1981, John's son Peter was working in the Handicraft lodge and John came to camp to volunteer. The next summer he was asked to be the Camp Director and would serve in that position for three years. He took a break over town and then returned in 1990 to run the Rifle Range. In 2002, John returned as the Assistant Camp Director. In 2007, John was elevated to the position of Associate Director of Ethics and Leadership, a year-round position. John graciously took some time out of his busy schedule to answer some questions about Emerald Bay for the Chronicle.

Q: What keeps bringing you back to Emerald Bay?

A: The reward of watching people grow is huge. Sometimes a kid that goes 'Oh...' and
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Randy Stoller, An Appreciation



I first met Randy Stoller at the boat terminal in San Pedro. I was hopping on the *Flyer* to go to camp and was trying to figure out what line to get into. There were four or five hundred other Scouts also trying to figure that out. I was asking some of the Scoutmasters who was in charge and they directed me to Randy. He was armed with a clipboard and colored ribbons for the luggage. He was very official-looking in his Scout uniform and campaign hat. He was friendly, helpful and organized despite the swirling mass of Scouts, Scoutmasters and luggage that he had to direct. We all made it to camp that morning, in a fairly organized fashion, thanks to Randy. I learned that he was at the terminal to direct traffic most weekends in the summer, cheerfully and persistently doing a job no one else wanted to do.

Randy loved Emerald Bay and was happy to volunteer each summer wherever he was needed. He enjoyed working with staff and Scouts and helping out where he could. Randy was also involved with officiating at sporting events. Service to others was a theme in his life.

I was saddened to learn of his passing and will miss seeing him at camp. I will always remember his smile, kindness and positive attitude. Our thoughts are with his family and many friends. Some of these friends have made donations of camperships in his memory that will ensure that many Scouts, who otherwise might not be able to, can experience the summer camp that he cherished. - Bob Fenton, Editor

Remembering Chuck

I remember Chuck Ashbaugh when he was a teenager on camp staff in the late seventies. He was tall, had a lot of curly brown hair and seemed to always be in motion. He was good at sports and seemed to master whatever activity he was into at the time. I envied his physical grace, his confidence and his perpetual smile. I remember one time we watched the sun go down at Parson's Beach, where Chuck was the Ranger. When it was time to go back to camp, after the sun had set, Chuck said he wanted to run back to camp, instead of walking. I was scared to run on the narrow, unlit trail in the dark, but Chuck assured me we would make it. I put my trust in Chuck and ran behind him back to camp without any problems. He showed me that I was capable of more than I thought. He never did anything half way and had a lust for life and adventure.

I lost track of Chuck after he left camp. When I reviewed the memorial site for
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shoots better at the range or a staff member who thinks he will not make it, doing a good job leading other Scouts... Knowing I put a little water on the tree.

Q: What is your vision for the future of camp?

A: I know we can do more to teach leadership. [I want to see] full weeks of Scouts receiving high quality instruction where we teach more leadership. I want people to believe in responsibility and in freedom and in what we say when we recite the Oath and Law. I am dedicated to learning and living to a much higher degree the values of Scouting expressed in the Oath and Law.

Q: What is the importance of the Association in the future of camp?

A: I've watched the [Emerald Bay Association] grow from a few guys who were dedicated to camp and supported camp to the best of their ability to be a huge organization that now does wonderful things that a large group can do. The Association helps keep Camp together emotionally and spiritually as well as physically. The Association seems to keep the spirit of Emerald Bay alive. Thousands of candles that are the individual memories of camp are pulled together by the alumni into a great flame, bringing those candles together into a much brighter flame. These are people who love Camp and are good for the Camp.



John George working with summer camp staff at Emerald Bay.



Chuck (from page 2)

Chuck on Facebook (<http://bit.ly/rememberingchuck>), I was amazed at all of the connections there were to camp. There were pictures posted of Chuck from Emerald Bay from the time I knew him and

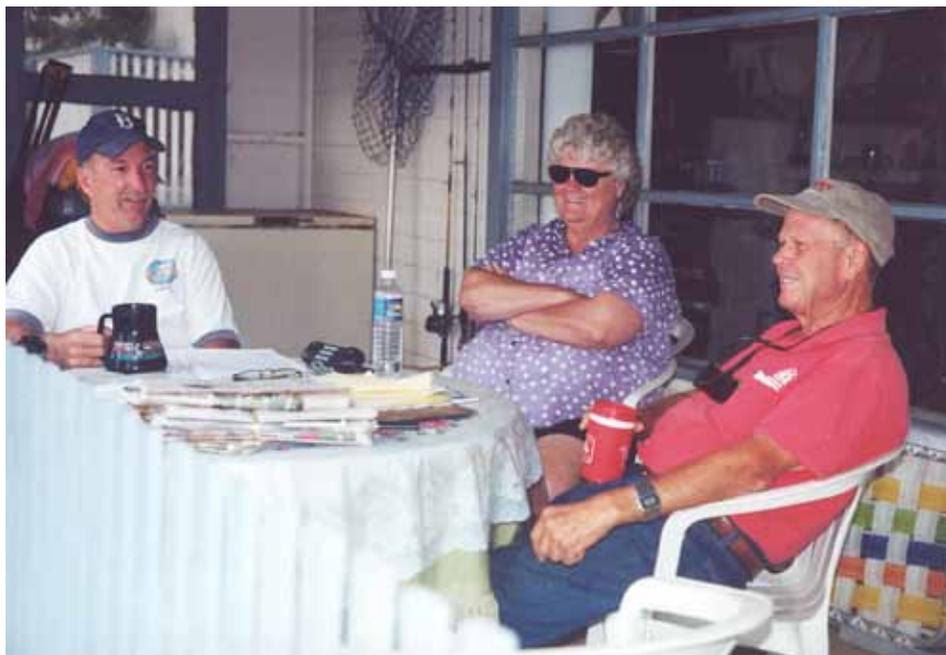
many messages from former camp staff. I am again reminded of how deep and lasting are the friendships that are created at camp.

I was saddened to hear of his passing and my condolences are with his family and friends. If you would like to honor Chuck's memory with a donation to the Campership

program, please visit the memorial page on the Association website at <http://bit.ly/honoringchuck>.

- Bob Fenton, Editor

Where on Catalina Island?



Ranger Brian Pierce, Judy Pierce and Bob Hawkins are relaxing on a porch. Where is this porch? Give up? The cabin still exists, but it has been remodeled and the porch was removed. The cabin was the original ranger's residence which is now called the Plunder Inn. The cabin is located on South Hill next to the large Eucalyptus Tree. The porch was moved to the west side of the house to facilitate the building of the Chart House cabin.



Chuck Ashbaugh, left, with former Resident Ranger Dave Dobbs at Emerald Bay in the early 1980s.

Calendar of Events

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| May 12 | Wine Tasting at Del Rey Yacht Club |
| Jun 10 | First Camping Session |
| Aug 11-12 | Emerald Bay Association Reunion |
| Aug 18 | End of Last Camping Session |

Yes, I want to support Camp Emerald Bay.

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Winter at Emerald Bay



Catalina Island Fox out for a mid-day stroll on North Hill.



Emerald Bay in winter.



Looking east on the Trans Catalina Trail above Howlands Landing.



Dave Lerew on the trail to Arrow Point on a perfect winter day at Emerald Bay.

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