



The Emerald Bay Chronicle

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Message from the Chair

Dip, Dip and Swing

In this issue, we announce and celebrate reaching our fundraising goal of \$100,000 in our endowment account within five years. Congratulations truly are in order for Andrew Wilder for challenging us all to build an endowment in the first place and Scott Nussbaum for expertly managing the daily affairs to reach our goals. We are also making very good progress on the cabin campaign, comfortably meeting our commitment to the council while also continuing to steadily support the campership program. We are all paddling this war canoe in unison and making very good progress!

These financial achievements are great indeed; however, we must remember that is only half of who we are and what we do. Recently, a few of us were asked if it would be better to contribute some items of memorabilia to the various auctions throughout the summer or to sell the item on eBay. While opening the items up to the world-wide markets would indeed command a higher dollar value to feed into our other programs, it would release those items "Into the wild" where we may never see them again. The answer to this question was a resounding 'Keep it in the family' and auction it in-person at one of our events. The fellowship is just as important and many times more important than cash. It will always be that way because our fellowship is what binds us all together and allows us to so effectively paddle our war canoe in unison.

-Dave McAlister, Chairman



A view of Emerald Bay from the Pierce Family Chapel on New Year's Day, 2014

Fifth Annual Wine Tasting

The fifth annual Emerald Bay Association Wine Tasting is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 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 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, we can provide opportunities for worthy Scouts to experience the character-building environment of Camp Emerald Bay. This is one of the most directly impactful things we can do for families, our community, and the camp.

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. The cost of the event is covered by the generosity of the event's sponsors to ensure that one hundred percent of your donation will go directly towards sending scouts to camp. Sponsorship opportunities for the wine tasting are still available. Contact Nathan Dean, event chair, at nathan@emeraldbyalumni.org.

The wine tasting is not going to be a high-pressure fundraising event. We ask that you send in your donation today (no ask will be made at the event due to agreements with the location) and then join us on May 10 for an enjoyable evening of camaraderie and fellowship.

Endowment Update

The EBA Endowment continued to grow successfully during 2013 - even as we remain focused on our largest campaign yet - the Cabin project. At the end of 2013, the Endowment crossed the milestone of \$100,000 in assets. THANK YOU to everyone who has supported this initiative. We are grateful that so many of our alumni and friends have embraced the Board's vision of enhancing the long-term stability and further institutionalization of the EBA through supporting the Endowment.

When we formed the endowment in 2009, we had two initial goals in
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Alumnus Bruce Morimoto surveys the area cleared behind the Charthouse cabin where four of the new cabins will be constructed.

Construction Begins

Construction on the new two-story cabins is scheduled to begin in February with completion of the first two cabins expected in April. The two sites where the cabins will be constructed have been cleared of the existing buildings and are being graded. A total of six structures have been permitted for construction, two where the Ambassador was and four behind the Lighthouse and Eagle's Nest where the older cabins on South Hill used to be.

The cabins near the dining hall will provide eight bedrooms connected to a common bathroom in each building. Staff will utilize them in the summer and campers in the off-season. The other four buildings will contain apartments of various sizes to

accommodate the year-round and seasonal staff. All of the buildings are two-story with separate entrances for each floor. The buildings are going to be constructed on site and the project is being managed by the Boy Scouts.

The Emerald Bay Association is funding the construction of one of the cabins. Chief Operating Officer Lee Harrison appreciates the support of the EBA in making this project a reality. He says that these buildings will provide much needed housing for year round employees and permit more campers in the off-season. This means that the camp can be better utilized all year round with more campers, in both summer and winter, able to experience Emerald Bay.

Endowment Update

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mind: Growing to \$100,000 in assets and being supported from 500 individual donors. Reaching the first financial milestone is important as it allows us to become slightly more active in investing the funds. The Endowment is managed internally and our assets are held in a fee-free account at Morgan Stanley.

As a reminder, the Endowment readily accepts both cash or securities contributions. While no one should rely on the Chronicle for tax advice, in general, donating appreciated securities to the endowment is a particularly tax efficient way of supporting Emerald Bay given the EBA's status as a 501(c)3 tax exempt charitable organization. We are happy to help any interested donor affect a transfer of securities. We are also able to accept deferred gifts - so please keep us in mind in your estate planning and in your wills.

To date, the Endowment has received 163 individual donations. Please help us in reaching the milestone of 500 donations... every donor helps.

- Scott Nussbaum, Endowment Manager



Jaffe's Notes on the Nineties

In 1996 The Brain Trust at Emerald Bay (Harrison, Patterson and Kempik) devised a game called Kayak Football. The rules were relatively simple. Two teams with six players per side tried to score touchdowns by passing a buoy to each other and crossing into the end zone, which was about 30 yards between moorings and the camp rowboats. If you had the 'buoyball' you could only

paddle three times before you had to pass the ball to a teammate, otherwise this was considered a turnover on downs. Also, you could flip anybody's kayak anytime, regardless of whether or not they were in possession of the "Golden Buoy." Trust me when I say that the temptation to ignore general sportsmanship and flip my own teammates kayaks was so overwhelming

that I almost broke ranks and sabotaged our efforts to win the game.

With only one game left in our season, my team, the Nature and Maintenance combined staff sat at 2-0 and we were about to play Drew Kempik's team, the High Adventure-Rangers, who were also 2-0, for the National Kayak Football (See **Timeless and Amazing** on page 3)



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Timeless and Amazing (from page 2)

championship. Then, all of a sudden the camp Season ended and everybody went home. Our epic title game was left unresolved. To this day, my dear friend Drew Kempiak and I have fiercely contested debates over who would have won this game.* And that is the beauty of Emerald Bay. The memories are as timeless and

amazing as they were when they actually happened. Sometimes I find myself thinking back and it seems like just yesterday I was working in the Nature Area, leading a hike around Arrow Point or taking out a group of Oceanography students on a snorkeling adventure in Doctor's Cove. Drew and I are raising children of our own now and

someday I can only hope that our kids have their own magical experiences from working at Camp Emerald Bay.

*No contest by the way...we would've crushed them handily and made them run home crying to their mommas. . .

- Seth Jaffe

Where in Camp Emerald Bay?



This was the original bike shop, which was set up in the building known as the Program Shed. It had originally been a bunk room and then was used for storage until it was converted to the bike shop. The building to the right was the staff lounge and Handicraft Lodge. The Program Shed was torn down to make room for the Pavilion behind the Dining Hall.



Calendar of Events

May 10	Wine Tasting
Jun 08	First Camping Session
Aug 2-3	Emerald Bay Alumni Reunion
Aug 09	End of Last Camping Session

Yes, I want to support Camp Emerald Bay.

I am enclosing: () \$50 () \$100 () \$250 () \$500 () \$1000 () \$_____

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Under Construction



Resident Ranger Brian Pierce raising the roof of the Plunder Inn.



Unloading supplies from a landing craft next to the main pier.



Notice something missing? Two of the new two-story cabins will be constructed where the Ambassador used to be.



The Plunder Inn is reduced to rubble.

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