

# BAUERCREST

## ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

VOLUME TEN      FROM OUR CAMPUS ON THE HILLSIDE      WINTER 2009

## THINGS LOOK FINE IN '09

Welcome to the 2008/2009 Winter Edition of the Bauercrest Alumni Newsletter (BAN). Thanks to all of you who've made this possible. Kudos to Lips for his usual, usual, fine work as "Editor in Chief" and all of you who've contributed your dollars and waterfront memories. I'm sure you'll find them entertaining.



The summer of 2008 was another great success. Robbie and staff were able to overcome a summer of, what were seemingly, weekly tsunamis. Despite the weather, enrollment was up as was the good karma both at camp and in our various communities. You alumni, once again, stepped up big time to make our annual campaign, golf outing and Alumni Weekend all exceed expectations. We all realize the impact the economy has had on all of us. We're anticipating record demand for scholarships going forward. Hopefully, those that can, will continue to support our efforts to turn away NO ONE. Bauercrest's mission, besides promoting the S.T.A.R. principles (sportsmanship, teamwork, achievement, and responsibility) which Robbie has so wonderfully developed, is to provide affordable Jewish camping to all comers. We are steadfast in pursuing that mantra, established by our forefathers in 1931. Let us not forget what was going on in this country, economically, when Bauercrest was founded.

Once again, we extend an open invitation to our alumni/supporters to come visit the camp, and witness first hand our collective good works in action. Please be sure to call ahead to make sure that your visit will be both expected and fulfilling.

Some dates to remember for 2009. Please mark your calendars:

Monday, July 13th is the 11th annual Cy Smoller Memorial Golf Outing. 2008 was our best ever. Get your foursomes together.

Sunday, July 19th is Alumni Day. A great day to bring up the family, watch camp in action, and revisit the campus, and see old friends.

Friday, August 28th - Sunday, August 30th our **25th** Alumni Weekend. This past summer, we had the most attendees ever. Let's set a new record on this milestone anniversary summer.

Wishing one and all a happy, healthy New Year. Hope to see you on the hillside (or golf course) at some point during the summer of 2009.

Crestly, *Mark "Bibs" Smoller*

# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello Fellow Alums!

Well, I reached my own official Crest milestone this past summer: 13 seasons on the hill! OK, so it took 26 years to become a Bauercrest Bar-Mitzvah, but well worth the wait!

The rainy days of the 2008 season took me back to my first summer – 1973 – when Dave “Tabby” Tabachnik’s Waterfront article began as follows:

*The waterfront hit a new high this year at Bauercrest, or at least the water did. After 3 days of work setting up the swim docks, the rains came, and they came, and then they stopped, and then they came again ...*

Not torrential downpour or any sudden change in the weather held back the spirit of our 78th camping season. We started and ended camp with the highest enrollments we’ve seen in years and it’s no doubt a tribute to our staff – virtually all former Crest campers – that make each summer so valuable and memorable for all.

My age is quickly becoming evident as I’m now seeing the sons of my former campers beginning their first seasons: Max and Jonah Glickman – thanks Jimmy! While the timing of our daily schedule remains pretty much the same (at 12:50pm you should be thinking 10 minutes to lineup; and yes, at 9:15pm you should be thinking 15 minutes until taps), our programs have certainly evolved with the times. Some of you have seen our new batting cages along the leftfield side of the A-Diamond, our new music room in the upper new building, and our Project Adventure Low Ropes Challenge Course where the track used to be. Believe it or not, we’ll even have a brand new Main Kybo for next summer! While there was a time that some campers – and even counselors – would play their Mattel Classic Football game through the night (or perish the thought of bringing it to services), we now confiscate cell phones without falling for the “decoy” trick, and try to keep ourselves on the cutting edge of technology by ensuring there is a firewall to block our Junior A’s from picking up a wireless signal along the back road!

Through it all, we never lose sight that camp is still camp. League is the pulse of Crest life, and although the Midway at Salisbury Beach has pretty much gone condo, there’s nothing like bunk night, Hodgies, “The Tash”, and staff nights out. Twenty years from now, I can’t wait to read the write-ins from my former staff when they recall walking into the Winner’s Circle (underage of course) and seeing Robbie sitting at the bar! It’s all in a day’s work.

While there are economic challenges ahead for so many families, I have every confidence that we’ll persevere and make 2009 another super summer at 17 Old County Road. Enrollments are moving along well and the inquiries and applications for new campers are coming in. Word of mouth is our best form of advertising and fellow alums are truly our most valued agents.

I’m so grateful to be able to share just a small taste of life at the Crest today. I see and hear from more and more of you throughout the year and it’s simply fantastic. Your friendship and support are what makes it all possible.

Wishing you all a Happy Hanukkah and prosperous New Year.

Crestly,

*Robbie*



## **ANOTHER TREMENDOUS RESPONSE TO THE 2008 BAUERCREST ANNUAL FUND!**

The year 2008 was once again a memorable and remarkable one for Bauercrest. Our 78<sup>th</sup> camping season was Executive Director Robbie Brockman's third season on the hillside and his continued energy, enthusiasm and passion for the camp is having a wonderfully positive impact on all campers and counselors. Many new and returning campers are already enrolled for what promises to be another great summer in 2009.

The year 2008 also saw the Camp move forward with its third Annual Fund Campaign. In the Summer 2008 Edition of the newsletter, we listed and thanked the 110 people who had made contributions through June, 2008. We are absolutely thrilled to report that at the close of 2008, there were more than 150 donors to the Fund (up from those contributing to the 2007 Annual Fund). We are seeing a culture of giving being instilled in the Alumni. This is even more remarkable in these challenging economic times we are all facing. We were able to raise from our generous donors, along with the matching funds received from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, a total amount of money in 2008 of almost \$200,000. These monies were used to improve and expand the facilities and programs at the camp. Among the 2008 projects were much needed renovations and improvements to the Mess Hall, Main Kybo and Batting Cages, funding for the Summer Schlichim Program bringing valued staff from Israel to Bauercrest, and funding of new and expanded programs for the campers. We were also able to offer and underwrite scholarships in excess of \$50,000 for those deserving financial assistance.

For those of you who participated in the 2008 Annual Fund Campaign, many thanks from the Board of Directors. We will soon be getting started on the 2009 Annual Fund Campaign. The Board may also be embarking on a long range program that will help insure financial stability for the Crest as we move steadily towards the year 2031, our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. We would hope those that have contributed so generously in 2008, and in the past, will continue to do so, and we would hope those that have not made a prior gift will consider making a gift in 2009 and in future years. Our goal is to increase each year the number of the Donors. The Camp needs, relies and most definitely depends on your donations to allow it to continue to provide a quality and meaningful camping experience. Thanks again so much!

~ Peter Harris and Arthur White  
Development Committee Co-Chairs

## 2008 Bauercrest Annual Fund

### **BAUERCREST SOCIETY** *(\$10,000 and greater)*

The Brockman/Kaufman Family  
Alan Feldman and Family  
Mark Fins  
Jeff Grinspoon  
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Bruce, David, Stephen, and Herb Phillips  
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Andrew, Billy, and Stephen Schultz  
Joan Smoller  
Ken and Cynthia Wagner

### **DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE** *(\$5000 to \$9,999)*

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Steven "Kip" Kolow  
Barry and Claudia Rodenstein  
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### **COLOR WAR CAPTAINS** *(\$1,000 to \$4,999)*

Bauercrest Alumni Association  
Martin Bloomfield  
Stu Fruman  
Jeff Gorlick  
Peter Harris  
Adam Hodes  
Burt Homonoff  
Mitch Hodus  
Steve Kane  
Peter Levitt  
Bob Lieberson  
Leonard Lunder  
David Mack  
Bob and Marci Miller  
Glenn Morrison  
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### **COLOR WAR CAPTAINS** *(CONT.)*

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Michael Weihrauch  
Mitchell Weisman  
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Arthur White  
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York Children's Foundation

### **GROUP LEADERS** *(\$500 to \$999)*

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Wayne Glazier  
Jay Goldman  
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### **BUNK CAPTAINS** *(\$250 to \$499)*

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Jeff Berenson  
Leah Berson  
Peter Blank  
Barry Bloom  
David and Louise Citron  
Brian Docking  
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Mitchell Glazier  
David Gorlick  
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**BUNK CAPTAINS (CONT.)**

Ken Jaffe  
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Chuck Kaufman  
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Joel Leavitt  
Dave Lepes  
Dave Linda  
Steve Marlin  
Todd Nechtem  
Mark Nevins  
Andrew Pomper  
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**FRIENDS OF BAUERCREST  
(Up to \$249)**

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Scott Barron  
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Marc Bello  
Mike Blatt  
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(CONT.)**

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**Donations to the 2009 Bauercrest Annual Fund can be mailed to:  
CAMP BAUERCREST, c/o Mark Smoller, 5 Cogswell Court, Needham, MA 02492**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY & SUPPORT!**

# BAUERCREST ALUMNI NEWS NOTES

## 1930's through 1960's

Mickey Rabinovitz writes, "It's good to know that 2008 was a good year at camp. Somehow the old memories of us ancients are made better when we know our beloved camp is still thriving."

Arthur Fox sends a special holiday greeting to all the great friends he made at the Crest...most particularly Arthur White. Kudos to Arthur for all his hard work as a Board member, on behalf of the camp.

Mark "Spoon" Silverstein writes, "Once again great job with this publication. My memories are still vivid of the 1950's and I will always treasure them."

Dr. Rich Rome, Arts & Crafts head in 1967, extends a "warm wish for Winter...If not, come on down to sunny Texas."

Ronnie Lappin of Marblehead, MA tells us it was great biking up to camp again this past summer for Alumni Day. Hopes to see more "old timers" there next summer. Ronnie is the patriarch of 3 generations of Lappins at Bauercrest.

Dr. Barry Izenstein queries, "Where have you gone, Noel Goulston?"

Dr. Jimmy Udelson relates that he hopes to run into Bibs one day around Needham. Jim, since I haven't seen you since the 1960's, just look out for the early 50's looking guy with the Bauercrest gear on. That'll probably be me. Or better yet, when you visit good friend Jeff Swartz (father of campers Max and Harry) at Twins Souvenirs, I'll be at the pro hat counter after the game. Stop by and say hi.

Ron Weiss writes, "Happy to see that 3 generations have now enjoyed "the best of the best."

Ralph Posner was thrilled to be able to get up to camp this past summer for a visit. It brought

back a lot of memories and everyone from the administration on down was extremely friendly.

Barry and Paul Miller announce that they have sold the Miller Box Company and are now happily retired with kids and grand kids in Rhode Island. They see a lot of fellow alumni Irving Waldman, Ralph Posner, Ed Rotmer, Ken Volk and Howard Brynes.

Larry Uman writes, "Lenny Glick must have a photographic memory to recall Uncle Joe's sermons in such detail. I'm impressed!"

Jerry "Spoon" Silverman writes that he's enjoying life one day at a time...a little work and some golf.

This from Norman Fialkow, "I'm a former camper and junior counselor. I attended camp during the late 1930's and into my Freshman year of college. The camp director at that time was Joe Bloomfield and was a great person! Permit me to tell you why I write this letter. It is obvious that I am not a young man anymore. In fact, I am 87 years old. I have 3 married grand daughters, who all have children of their own. These grand daughters have always heard me relate my camp experiences, and they know I had great times at camp. I used to sing to them the camp songs that I learned. There is one song I used to sing to them, but the words escape me at this time. If indeed this song is still sung at camp, I'd appreciate it if you could get me those words. The song goes like this: Come round any old time and make yourself at home, put your feet on the mantle shelf, open the cupboard and help yourself...I don't know the rest of the words so if you can help me out, I will appreciate it very much. I want my great grandchildren to know that song which I think is great. Hope you had a great summer and, oh yes, I was a member of the Maccabean Honor Society in those years....."

*Good news...with the help of Rabbi Jerry Wolpe and Joe Smith, we were able to get Mr. Fialkow those lyrics.*

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The following alumni from this era all send best regards for a happy, healthy New Year and best wishes for a successful camp season in 2009: Gary Bello, Joe Smith, Don Tye, Bob Ruttenberg, Irwin Novack, Richard Ashworth, Bruce Miller, Dr. Lon Kopit, Dick Jelen, Larry Winer, Jerry Solomon, Doc Faigel, Roger Volk, Butch Hodosh, Mark Simons, Milty Lewis, Buddy Jacobs, Herb Brenner, Leon Rothenberg, Elliott Salter and Bert Wyman.

# BAUERCREST ALUMNI NEWS NOTES

## 1970's through 2000's

Dave Lepas writes, "Great seeing everyone at Alumni Weekend. "Crest West" was well represented. Hope to see a huge turnout in August 2009 for the 25th anniversary of the event."

Barry "Mildew" Milberg writes, "Spending more time up in MA lately. Still talking to and seeing "Rodent" now and then."

Dan "Bean" Rubin says that it was great celebrating the triplets' B'nai Mitzvot with so many Crest guys. Congrats to the kids...Crest boys Jason and David, as well as Pembroke girl Amy.

David "Gor" Gorlick writes, "The Weekend was fantastic. It was great seeing all of my former campers and contemporaries once again. Very impressive showing of the young 20 something year olds. Had a great time also at my 50th celebration over Thanksgiving weekend. Very much looking forward to Vegas in March. Go Hog."

Mark "Goody" Goodwin writes, "Regards to all, especially the Waiters of 1970. Thirty eight years ago-yikes. Hope all is well."

Dave "Aussie" Auslander writes, "Hope all is well. Stephen had a blast his first full summer at the Crest...and big news (daughter) Robyn is going to Pembroke next summer (where wife Lynn went)! Best to all and look forward to a great 2009."

Doug "Krinchenzo" Krintzman writes, "All is well out west and looking forward to Vegas in 2009....and winning another survival pool with Billy "Shazmandingo" Schultz."

Mike Reiss reports that he had a great time at Alumni Weekend. Catch Mike in the Boston Globe (Patriots sportswriter) and on his blog on the Globe's website.

Barry Glass writes, "Though I have not been involved in the Crest alum world, I have thoroughly enjoyed receiving the newsletter and keeping up with the Crest that way. I admire the work that you and the Board have done to make the camp so strong and vibrant

with a committed and active alumni network. Kudos to you. Also, my son Zack, a senior at Lexington High was selected as a Boston Herald and Boston Globe All Scholastic in soccer this fall. He was the team's goalkeeper."

Jon Guryan writes, "Wish Triconi could have hit those two foul shots so that we could have brought home the hardware one more time for Uncle Saul."

Ken "Wags" Wagner writes, "My son Justin enjoyed his first summer at the Crest. He's very much looking forward to going back in 2009. He made some new friends and learned some new words."

Jeff "McAdoo" Miller reports that he's taken a new job with Transcom in Texas. After 17 years at "Miller's Mountain" in Coudersport, PA, they've gone to Granbury, TX. "Little Ross", wife Betsy, children Nathan, Ben, Tess and Luke...as well as their many pets are all settling in.

Steve "Stims" Stimell writes, "It's time for a Crest/NYC get together. E-mail me at [smstimell@bryancave.com](mailto:smstimell@bryancave.com) if you are in the area."

Peter "Scratch" Harris writes, "Lots of big family changes as the summer ended.. My son, Greg, was married on 10/5/08, which also happens to be MY wedding anniversary. He and Kelly are living in Cambridge. Greg is going to school at Tufts for a Masters in Computer Science. Daughter Jenna has moved to Brooklyn and is looking for a job in the fashion industry in NYC. If anyone has any contacts, please pass them along...would be much appreciated."

Milty "The Pouch" Morin's reply to our Waterfront Memories request..."Bauercrest had a waterfront?"

Mike "Greenie" Green writes, "Status quo in Canton. Robbie's Bar Mitzvah was in October and it was great. Abby's is in 18 months and counting. Work and family are keeping me busy. Counting the days to Alumni Weekend."

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Steve "Flytrap" Levine writes, "Best wishes to everyone for a happy, healthy New Year. I am, as always, looking forward to reading the winter newsletter. Amazing work – Bibs and Lips."

Darin "Tadpole" Goldberg writes, "The Goldberg family, Darin, wife Jessica and sons Chase (4) and Ty (2) would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy New Year."

Marc "Bucky" Gordon reports that although the Sox came up short, they still had a great season, given all the injuries and distractions (Manny anyone?) Super psyched that the Celtics won banner #17. Get on the Bruins bandwagon too. Tough breaks for Pats. Played great through all the injuries. Can't believe 11-5 doesn't get them in the playoffs.

Mark "Bibs" Smoller writes, " Very excited to announce that my son Billy will be joining me at the insurance agency. Wish "Shmimmy" could have lived to see this. He'd have been pumped. Billy spent 15 months working at Metro Credit Union as a management trainee and picked up some incredibly valuable work experience there. He learned a lot and grew more. Can't think of anything better than spending the rest of my life, working side by side with my son, as I did with my dad."

Jeff "Monsieur" Saitow congratulates one and all involved who made the summer of 2008 the success it was.

Steve "Fish" Marlin writes, "Special thanks to the 2008 Alumni Weekend Committee for all their help on another great Alumni Weekend. Looking forward to next summer and the 25th anniversary Alumni Weekend!"

Evan Crocker writes, "I got married in September and during my honeymoon in Tahiti, I explained to my wife that the hut that we stayed in was just like a bunk at the Crest. She has given me the sign off, if we have a boy, so that I can send him to the Crest. Looking forward to the annual March Madness Vegas trip."

Billy Smoller writes: I just started a new career, working with Bibs at Smoller Insurance. So anyone out there who wants me to take a look at their auto or homeowners policies (or both)...it could really help me

me out...and hopefully save you some money as well!

I have also been working with fellow 'Crest alumnus Steve Berger on starting a new apparel company called "Doing Well" (inspired by Matt Reason). We have been working on it for over a year and a half and things are coming along nicely.

Jimmy "Shimmy" Shaw writes, "It was a real thrill to be at the camp banquet to watch my son Brad win the All Around Athlete Award, with Doug Rodenstein. Another enjoyable Alumni Weekend. I think Bibs set a land speed record with the fastest drive ever from Amesbury to Worcester and back for Milty's daughter's Bat Mitzvah. I'm glad the election is over, though I enjoyed interviewing Barack Obama, covered the Republican National Convention in St. Paul and moderating a debate between the candidates for North Dakota Governor."

Jeff "Gor(e)" Gorlick writes, "My brother David and his family came in from California to celebrate his and my sister's (his twin) 50th birthday. Many Crest guys with spouses attended. It was a great event. Meanwhile, the annual Vegas trip during March Madness/Sweet 16 round is fast approaching, so I hope all attendees are packed and ready. This year's attendees will include: Burner, Bibs, the Gorlick brothers, Bean, Wish, Jaff and Fru. Hopefully, some of the "maybes" will commit soon."

Glenn "K-Baum" Kirschbaum writes, "All's well in California. Son Benjamin just turned 1 and is learning to walk in all kinds of BoSox, Pats and Celtics gear. I'm currently producing shows for National Geographic and The Discovery Channel. This summer, I had a nice visit with Rachel and Jeri Smoller, the latter of whom stopped by to offer some very helpful production tips. I have no doubt that one day Rachel will be a force in Hollywood."

Barry "Rodent" Rodenstein writes, "My son Craig is a freshman at Tulane University. Two of his best friends from the Crest, David Nieterman and Matt Kestenbaum are also freshmen this year. Although they are not bunking together, they are hanging out a lot during free play and together won the freshmen flag football championship (killed the combo team from Tevya and Tel Noar in the finals). Kudos to Robbie and the staff on another great summer."

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The following Alumni send best regards to all and wish everyone a happy, healthy New Year...as well as successful summer of 2009: Dave "Lips" Lipof, Dave "Bento" Weintraub, Stephen "Lefty" Phillips, Greg "Shiz" Radner, Barry "Scrappy Nick" Shopnick, H. Michael Morse, Ross Goldman, David Rosenberg, Kenny Lavin, Michael Bornstein, Mike "Kittles" Kitsis, Mitchell Weisman, Steve Bonder, Ross Weintraub, Henry Risman, Rabbi Jon Roos, Larry Stein, Scott Aronson, Steve Dworkin, Bruce Ravech, Brian Docking, Andrew Wagner, Mike "Lebo" Levine, Brad Shone, David Linda, Dan Rosenblum, Eli Richlin, Andrew "Schultzie" Schultz, Jeff "Bo" Baskies, Mike "Newbs" Newberg, Rick Kaplan and Jon Lemelman.

# MORE ALUMNI NEWS NOTES of INTEREST

**From Jack, Glenn and Jason Court:** Lips, We just got your email from Bibs. Glenn and I wanted you to know how much we appreciated the write up you guys gave our father in the Bauercrest Newsletter. It has been a tough time for us and the entire family was really touched by it. Uncle Saul and my father went way back and Glenn and I have so many fond memories of the Crest. We just wanted everyone to know how much we appreciate the support from the Crest. Robbie showing up at the Shiva, and Bibs's and Lips's write up on our father in the last Crest newsletter, were two unexpected surprises that meant a great deal to us. Thanks to yours, Bibs, Rob's and others hard work, you continue to keep those good feelings and great tradition alive for us. Thanks again for the write-up and all that you do! Congrats also on your retirement! Enjoy!

**From Robert "Dunky" Dunkless:** Lips – I just finished reading the recent newsletter and want to both congratulate you and wish you the best of luck in your retirement. Has it really been over 35 years since that famous incident "What's the R stand for?...Your RASS" A great line that initiated you into the Crest fraternity forever. The only thing I can say at this point is "Pellets, Dave, Pellets". Love your work on the newsletter...Keep it up. Your friend, Dunk.

**From Ron Scheinin:** Hi Lips, I just received the latest newsletter. As usual, it's great. Thanks for all your hard work. Congrats on your early retirement from the Wareham School District.

**From Sam "Bricky" Brickman:** I just finished reading the BAUERCREST newsletter. It really jogged my memory. I must of been 7or 8 or 10 to 11 but the first impressions still linger. I can't even recall how my mother and father got me there but oh do i remember the delicious smell of grown grass and hay. The field fragrance, I vividly recall. I can still see the wooden bunk houses with permanent screening windows and the the wooden slates outside that could cover screens if it rained. Don't remember rain in the bunk house but only at the swimming pier where I learned to swim and canoe.. the happiest times. I also became a MACCABEAN. WHAT A THRILL. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING ME BACK TO a piece of the happy happy times. Yours truly Sam Brickman (Bricky).

**From Leon Rothenberg:** Steve's fine. He's been Ass't Principal of Concord NH High School, and added the title of Director of the Concord Regional Technology Center, as of July 1. Mike is probably struggling with the economy, business-wise. Olivia is 3, and Owen emerged 7/30. Told Mike, now that he has a son, to get off the computer fantasy games and get real.

**From Scott Grodsky:** Life is good out in Longmeadow. Since my last update, we've had at least one more kid: Our girl, Camryn, turned one in September. Our boys Tyler and Cody are slated to be on the hillside starting in the summers of 2013 and 2014, respectively, assuming my continuing effort to break down my wife has succeeded by then (she never went to camp and just doesn't get it, but she's starting to come around). They are fun-loving, adventurous, and incapable of sitting still for more than three minutes, so Bauercrest will be the perfect place for them (and the little guy can already throw a ball pretty well). On another, unrelated note, I was psyched to hear Kenny Robbins' Head Set on Sirius Satellite Radio a few weeks ago. It brought me back to the days of the annual jaunts to Foxboro for the early July Dead shows as well as the trips down to the Living Room for Max Creek and some balloons...My favorite waterfront memory: Hanging out on the ski boat with Ricky Kaplan, Matty Ravech, and Doug every day and trying to make Chaz Bellow fly off the inner tube. Hope all is well with everyone, and I look forward to making it back to the hillside in the near future.

**From Eli Richlin:** Wanted to pass along the good news that I got married on August 23 out in Los Angeles, with Brian Docking as one of my groomsmen. My wife Sabrina and I live in New York, and I'm in my last year of law school at NYU. Crest memories: Sleepy Labeef starts Color War - does he have any idea what's going on?

# OUR CREST WATERFRONT MEMORIES



Billy Schultz: Two great waterfront memories for me are 1) Shannon's Boat House show and 2) Andrew pushing George Houghton into the water during a Color War swim meet.

Jeff Gorlick: My favorite activity, as a camper, was swamping canoes in the middle of the lake. My least favorite activity was trying to escape a rear neck hold, while being held under water, in the rafter's area, by Senior Life saving instructors Mark Shaiken and Marty Kaplan...until finally resorting to the old "nutty kick" to avoid drowning.

Barry Rodenstein has 3 memories: 1) It was a Color War swim meet and I was a complete throw in to swim the 25 yard crawl. I was from Worcester...good hoop players...

bad swimmers (except Jeff Gorlick). I can vividly remember my dive, if you could call it that. When they fired the gun to start the race, I started to run off the dock like it was a track sprint and then tried to switch to a dive in mid air...a pathetic effort to say the least. Somehow, I managed to win the race in a photo finish with Stephen "Lefty" Phillips. I assume to this day Lefty feels he was screwed. I would like to recommend Lefty retroactively for a Sportsmanship Camp Cup. Rather than harbor any ill will towards me many years later, Lefty, who also attended Northwestern Business School, was nice enough to put in a kind word for me with the admissions director. Something had to explain why I was accepted. 2) Matty Hochman, who was manning the Buddy Board, telling the ever serious and safety conscious T-Bear that there were "16 or 17 in the swimmers area, give or take 1 or 2. Needless to say, T-Bear was not amused and a camper head count (entire camp) ensued. 3) Lastly, we were setting up the docks during pre camp. We'd make faces like we were grimacing in pain while toiling on the docks. In reality, we weren't lifting at all.

Ken Reisman: My waterfront memory is Scotty Barron, basted in Johnson's Baby Oil, with a touch of iodine, bellowing over the bullhorn, "just like a Mirage..." As I descended down the hill for dock duty during General Swim. The rest is history and a nickname that's lasted a lifetime.

Bert Wyman: In the old days, we had a problem in the lake, with leeches. This gave rise to the most famous waterfront slogan after Bobby Barron went to the nurse with a "sensitive" injury...."Big bad bloodsucker bit Bob Barron's balls" Wonder whatever happened to Bobby Barron????

Mike Coran: Color War, 1968. Eric Kahn vs. Larry Levine swimming half way across the lake and back during the Mishegas to get their team's flag...and sleeping in all the next day

Ken Jaffe: Back in '75 I asked Ted Kolow for a job just 3 days before councilors were to report. "Can you do boating?" Ted asked knowing damn well, that I didn't know a canoe from a popsicle....Thus my Boating Instructor career was born. THE RESULT: I was on patrol in the Boston whaler "watching" the juniors as they were out in the sail boats. For some unknown reason I decided to catch a few rays as my head rested on an orange life vest. "Wake Up" "Wake Up JAFFE" screamed David Tabachnick through the bull horn. Unfortunately I had fallen asleep and drifted to the opposite side of the lake. The whaler was grounded on the sand. The speed boat had to attach a rope to the whaler and pull me out....A few days later my Archery Career was born.

Mark Smoller: Though by far, not my favorite, nor most memorable places in my 13 year camping career, there are memories nonetheless. Here are some, in the traditional "dot dot" format.....as a camper, having the likes of Bauercrest legends Wayne Glazier, Scott Barron,

Jack Tregar and Mark Shaiken (Senior Life Saving) as instructors. "Shaik", in particular, seemed bigger than life and a real challenge to do the "cross chest carry" with, particularly when he didn't shave. His sandpaper beard did a number on my "delicate" 14 year old skin....As a Soph B, being a beginner at the start of camp, but by Visiting Day qualifying as a rafter...and Uncle Bernie beaming about the accomplishment to my father....actually having a book and homework for JLS and SLS.....Tom Falcofsky running boating....Don't drag your oars in the sand...having NO CLUE how to sail...or waterski...Doug Barron yelling at me for falling down, totally intimidating me and basically that was it for my waterskiing career.....The annual brilliance of Gary "Shmebbles" Webber in Water Polo, John Brinson rowing a boat, Louis "Skip" Fast, Larry Levine, Paul Krasker, Gittles and Jeff Gorlick in swim meets...swamping canoes and the fascination with the air pocket...the old metal docks that would float off the supports when there was a lot of rain and the lake was high...The start of Color War in 1967 with Lenny Glick and Kenny Sorkin in their Chief Judges hats that looked like the one worn by "The Bookworm" in the old Batman TV series.....The "photo finish" of the 1969 Mishegas, Paul Kantor vs. Bruce Linsky (can we PLEASE bring back the Mishegas in Color War?????!!)...The Freshmen Pajama Race...Dock duty, or avoidance of same....the "throne" where the Waterfront Head (Dick Goldstein, Mark Shaiken, Laurie Winer, Al McKean, Dave "Hey Tabby, did you lose your way?" Tabachnick, and Scratch) sat....Buddies, 1,2 3...hands are up and mouths are shut...all swim....General Harvey Melvin Swim.....On Visiting Day having my dad as my "buddy" and having Laurie Winer chastise him for some breach of protocol during a buddy whistle.....After hours activities down there as a Kitchen Boy....Kenny Stuart and Bento having a nutty when neighbor DeSessa cut our boat (with skier) off...and then going over to their house to confront them. ....a refreshing dip in the 'Tash after Rec Hall hoop.....Never experiencing the dreaded "Attitash Rash.".....other notables on the swimming/boating/skiing staff, Dorf, the late Alan Levenson, Paul Barr, Schmitty, Jack Jaisler, T-Bear, H, Blatty, Greenie, Scrappy Nick, Jaff, etc..... In a senior evening activity Water Polo game, Gor(e) and I (AGL and Groupleader respectively) turning the goal upside down on Matty Hochman as he was about to shoot on goal...then watching him get dunked when he had no goal to shoot at...Torturing then camper, now Board member/dear friend Ken Wagner in that same game...then having him (a camper!) yell at me, "F\*ck you, Bibs"...which I richly deserved....The diving board and trampoline that used to be out in the rafters area....Marathon tubing session on Alumni Weekend...Sharing the 2 man tube with the likes of Shiz, Wish, Mouse, both Golicks (jeff losing his bathing suit) and others, often in the same day....Alumni Weekend sailing with Nick....Greenie almost running over Ricky Kaplan with the ski boat a couple of years ago....Sitting in the Grove during services and marveling and the beauty and serenity of the lake.....

Dave Weintraub: Enzo and i teaching waterskiing and just wearing down the old Glassmaster. Enzo and i competing in the camps slowest 25 yard freestyle. but there sure was a big wake!!!!!!!!!!!!.....Bob Schmidt (aka "Schmitty), my recruit from Bradley U., in Saul's words," Whoa Bento, you got a good one there!! Bob lived in the 'Tash or any body of water that was available.....Minsky under 20 {some can relate} super bellyflop dives.....1972 color war with Steve Bonder and Alan Levenson leading the way.....Nick, patrolling the lake in the Whaler.....Sunday afternoon rides in the Glassmaster with Elaine on board. Passing by the public beach and saying "you guys are all headed home today and we're here for the summer.

Barry Shopnick: I did put a nice hole in the Whaler with my reckless driving. Also, I loved when there were white caps so I could close boating and go take a nap. Some of the best times were definitely sailing when it got really rough and the winds really kicked up. The hardest thing we ever did was spending the 3 days pre camp setting up the old docks in freezing water. Finally, my most embarrassing moment was when i put a big hole in the whaler when I smashed into the dock. The bottom line we had fun with a great bunch of guys during those years.

Ken Stuart: Any, getting stats together for winter newsletter and if memory serves you had an "interesting" encounter with some of the camp's neighbors after getting cut off with skiers in tow....any details? If you are talking about the day one of DeSessa's (?) kids cut right in between our ski boat and a skier that did happen. I don't remember if Bento was in the boat with me but I do recall going freakin' nuts and going right over there. Don't think there was much more than yelling some obscenities. The real episode was when they were throw-

(Ken Stuart, continued): -ing rocks on the cabins. I remembers grabbing my TEP (Tau Epsilon Phi) paddle and going down there with some others. I walked right into their house and someone came at us pumping up a BB rifle. Just words. Then later a group of them came walking up the hill. When they got toward the top I remember starting to walk toward them and we were jawing when Bento blew by me and walked right up to one of them and started to point to his face and saying "go ahead, hit me". Lots of testosterone but no blows. They left. Don't remember any more rocks being thrown.

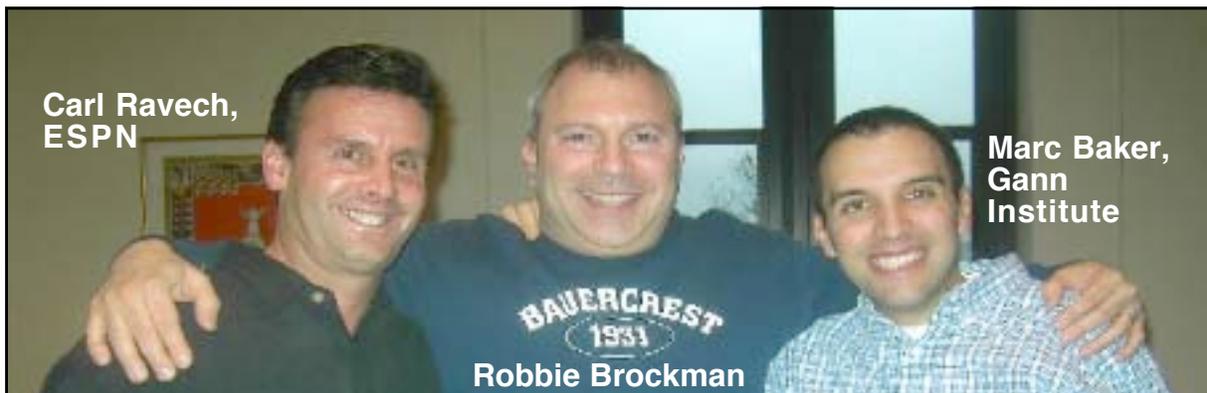
Steve Blatt: Unloading the docks during camp setup....canoe trip to Camp Weemac....the hole in the Boston Whaler....carrying the engine from the Whaler to the boat house every morning and every night because the prior one was stolen....Gary Webber in the water polo game (a blood sport)...the Mishegas ending with Paul Kantor running through the phone cord for a photo finish...the whole camp cheering their two team-mates as they swam back from the boat wearing their B & W beanies at the end of the Mishagas...the beginning of the all camp campfire with the Crest Indians arriving by Canoe....as a counselor sneaking down after a night out to go swimming (sorry Ted)...."I've got the Attitash Rash on my poor little..." ...buddy counts....sitting in the grove during services and looking at the lake....setting up the old metal docks before camp, with the nuts and bolts stored in motor oil during the winter, and the accompanying oil slick when it hit the water...learning to ski with Ken Stuart, Barry Feldman, Paul Barr, Dave Pollock in 1969....one year the water level of the 'Tash rose and started to wash away the docks until they were tied down....on cold, windy days when the waterfront was closed, the Scrappy Nick would lead an armada of Sunfishes flying through the whitecaps....the two war canoes in a color war boat race....6 laps for intermediate, 12 for swimmer, and 24 for rafter with the first and last 6 being crawl....water skiing at 6 am....the sandbar....capsizing the canoes....swimming off the Sunfish in the middle of the 'Tash....Wymans....running out of gas in the middle of the lake....towing sailboats back to camp....walking up the hill at the end of the day, always barefoot, "another day, another dollar"...Al McKein's Speedo...the guys I worked with: Tabby (who taught me to play backgammon), Scratch, Nick, Jimmy Newman, Lefty, Jimmy Davis, Jeff Engbar, T-Bear, Bento, Alan & Stanley Levenson, ...Mike Newberg and Elaine Kolow on the ski boat...General Swim, General Swim...rain! A day off and a lot of Whist...as a camper, wearing bathrobes to the front...the bleachers....Uncle Joe explaining about the "widening of the waterfront"....when the beach had new sand every year...dock duty....the megaphone....jumping off the lifeguard tower...the rowboats and canoes....skiing for choice period...Nathan's house...basketballs rolling down the hill from the rec hall...locking the swim house at the end of camp. My favorite story was one Ted told me. One winter evening he and Bento were out and Bento was camp sick. He and Ted drove up to New Hampshire to Wyman's, the place that stored our ski boat. Bento couldn't wait until the summer...he needed to sit in the boat.....Blatty, former camper, Swim Instructor, Boating Instructor, Head of Water Skiing, Assistant Director of the Waterfront.

Jim Spelfogel: "In 1971, I was in my first year as swim instructor. Laurie Winer and Mark Shaiken were Director and Ass't Directors respectively. All the waterfront staff had to come to camp a week earlier than the rest of the counselor staff to install the (old) docks that took about a week to put together. The old docks were put together basically one section at a time with metal H sections, cross bars, and the metal dock section fitted on to the frame. Each H section and bar had to be screwed into place using a ratchet and other tools. As we moved deeper out into the lake, we had to work under water wearing a mask and snorkel. Since it was early in the season, after about a half hour working under water, most of us wimps were chilled to the bone. However, Mark Shaiken, a big guy, could work for hours seemingly impervious to being chilled. The new waterfront instructors that year were Dave Tabachnik, Dave Kaimak, and myself. Kenny Stuart did water ski, and, I think Norm Bobrow did boating. I'm sure I'm leaving out a few. Speaking of Mark Shaiken, I think he took pride in seeing how many Seniors in his Life Saving class he could nearly drown. There was this "game" that each life saver had to master to pass the class where the student had to close his eyes and tread water in the swimmers section of the lake. The instructor would sneak up behind the camper and throw his arms around the camper's neck trying to pull him under the water. The idea was to learn how to break the hold with proper leverage and applying pressure against a pressure point on the inside of the elbow. Most kids could learn the technique and break the normal holds of the average instructor. Mark Shaiken, as I mentioned, was a big guy, and it was hard to find his pressure point because of all his muscle or maybe he was just

(Jim Spelfogel, continued): impervious to pain. In any case, most of the waiters hated Mark because of being nearly drowned. I don't think they liked Laurie Winer much either. So, that brings me to the third event in the 1971 season. The Kitchen Boys decided to play a practical joke on Mark and Laurie during one of the general swims. The Kitchen Boys that year included, I believe, Bibs, Toots, Flytrap, Dunky, Scratch, Bisqua, Warren Green, Bruce Gilboard and Zimbo. In those days, everybody had to have a buddy for general swim. Periodically, the waterfront head would blow his whistle and the counselors would yell "buddy up." All the campers, were required to go immediately and silently to the nearest dock with their buddy, so the counselors could count and make sure everybody was accounted for. On this particular day, when the whistle blew, all the Kitchen Boys who were in the intermediate or swimmers section swam to the middle of their section and started arguing with their buddy as to which dock they should swim to. The conversation with the buddies went: First buddy: "No, this way," Second buddy: "No, that way," and repeated over and over again while they treaded water in the middle of the swimmers section. I was on the dock trying to restrain myself from laughing hysterically while Laurie Winer and Mark Shaiken were turning beet red. Suddenly, one of them started shouting at the waiters: GET THE \$#%@ OUT OF THE WATER. After a while, the KBs came out of the water and marched, I believe, in single file up the hill. They may have been banished from general swim for the rest of the summer. Maybe, someone else can remember the details differently."

Jeff Marlin: I recall an interesting episode back in I think 1983. T-Bear took a rare day off and Steve Berman was in charge. Matty Hochman had the buddy board. A senior named Chuck Hart escaped Matty's notice and left the waterfront unchecked. The count came up short and Jeff Jonas and I started diving under the turning boards looking for a body. Hart was discovered uphill shortly thereafter. That was an interesting day. Another time around the same year, the Sophomores took a canoe trip to Weemac. We went across the lake, carried the canoes on land and crossed two more lakes to get there. Berman, Kenny Gulden (the pilot), Jonas and I had to canoe back to camp at the end of the day. A seaplane was coming in for a landing on the lake and I remember paddling furiously with Jonas telling me we were going to die. When we got back to camp, I could here the call for milkmen on the loudspeaker. Two unlikely heads of boating were Milty Morin and Eric Rubin. Ric could swim; not so sure about Milt. One time Toots was reluctantly doing dock duty. I think it was Wish who brought him some spareribs from Tiki that he ate on the dock. As a waiter, Jeff Grinspoon asked me if I wanted to go sailing. I said sure, but I did not know how. Grinny said no problem, he knew how. We started out but we could not control the boat. Grinny admitted that he had no clue. Lefty Phillips was in charge of boating. He towed us in. He was not amused. Also, Greenie enjoyed abusing me as a CIT. One day he blew an air horn in my ear. He fell down laughing.

David Linda: Swimming to the raft, towel and boom box suspended in air so they wouldn't get wet. Climbing on the hot metal raft, laying on the towel and applying straight baby oil, in search of the best tan line on the hill. A moment that changed history, for two people, at least. Summer of either 77 or 78. I was a junior, Tommy Lunder was a counselor. He kept pushing me into the intermediate area as I tried to walk by after a mandatory general swim had ended. I jumped out, he pushed me in. After 2 or 3 tries, he said, "come on DL, get out!" I responded "come on TL, let me up!" From that point on, he was TL and I was DL.



## **Julius H. Alpert - Bauercrest Board Life Member**

Julius H. "Toddles" Alpert, 96, a well known & longtime philanthropist & businessman entered into rest on July 26, 2008 at the Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home. He was the beloved husband of the late Sophie (Rozman) Alpert & devoted father of the late Roberta (Alpert) Bernstein. Mr. Alpert was a longtime resident of Chelsea, Swampscott, & North Lauderdale, FL.

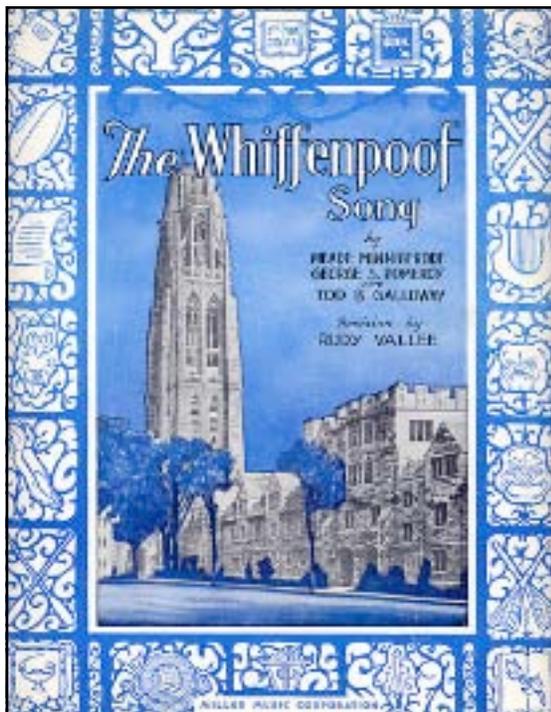
Born in Chelsea, the son of the late Joseph & Sarah (Brown) Alpert, Mr. Alpert was raised & educated in Chelsea where he graduated from Chelsea High School in 1927. While at Chelsea High, he was an avid & gifted athlete most particularly on the gridiron & basketball courts. He went on to study at the Samuel Johnson Academy in CT & then earned his degree from Syracuse University.

Mr. Alpert was the owner & operator of the J. Alpert Iron Works Co. on Eastern Ave. in Chelsea. He was a director of the Merle Hay Plaza of Des Moines, IA, director of Westgate Village Shopping Ctr. in Toledo, OH, director of Town & Country Ctr. in Springfield, ILL, an advisory board member of the Metropolitan Credit Union in Chelsea, past president of the Iron & Steel Institute of Northern New England, director of the National Institute of Iron & Steel, past president of the Young Hebrew Men's Assoc, treasurer of the Chelsea Memorial Hospital, director of the Whidden Memorial Hospital in Everett, chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal, past president of Temple Emmanuel of Chelsea as well as past president of the Temple Emmanuel Brotherhood, past president of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club, recipient of the Man of The Year Award from Temple Emmanuel, Citizen of the Year of Kiwanis in 1976, chosen as Citizen of the City of Chelsea in 1955 by the Chelsea Record, inducted into Who's Who in America in 1957. He took the lead in the construction of the Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home & has served as the President for the past 28 years. Mr. Alpert received the Jewish Advocate Carnation Award on 2 occasions for service to all of the people of Chelsea, he was honored & received the community service award for humanity given by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, he was past president of Camp Bauercrest where he also served as a director for over 50 years, & a recipient of the Jewish Advocate Class of Eighty-Five Award given in recognition of a lifetime of commitment, leadership, advocacy, sensitivity, & service to the Jewish community during the 20th century. Mr. Alpert also served on the Chelsea School Committee from 1939-1947 serving as the chairman in 1944. He established the Roberta Alpert Bernstein Hodgkins Research Foundation at the New England Deaconess Hospital in memory of his daughter in 1970 as well as a nursing station at the Whidden Memorial Hospital in Everett, founded the Julius H. & Sophie Alpert Scholarship Fund at the Jewish Theological Seminary to assist aspiring students to the rabbinate, member of the Knights of Pythias Bellingham Lodge #53 of Chelsea, & member of the Chelsea Elks.

Mr. Alpert is survived by his brother, Norman Alpert & his wife Frances of Peabody, formerly of Chelsea; his granddaughter, Jill Shinnick of N.C.; 3 great-grandchildren; and several nieces & nephews. He was the dear brother of the late Charles Alpert, Nettie Klarfaen, Samuel Alpert, Charlotte Weiner, & Ruth Dickerman.

Those wishing to remember Mr. Alpert may do so through memorial donations to the Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home Foundation, 17 Lafayette Ave. Chelsea, MA 02150.

# REFLECTIONS on OUR CAMP ALMA MATER!



Every year, 14 senior Yale men are selected to be in the Whiffenpoofs, the world's oldest and best-known collegiate cappella group. Founded in 1909, the "Whiffs" began as a senior quartet that met for weekly concerts at Mory's Temple Bar, the famous Yale tavern. Today, the group has become one of Yale's most celebrated and hallowed traditions.

The Whiffenpoof Song was published in sheet music form in 1909. It became a hit first for Rudy Vallee in 1927 and later in 1947 for Bing Crosby. It has also been recorded by Elvis Presley, Count Basie, Perry Como, the Statler Brothers and countless others. Mory's refers to Mory's Temple Bar and Louis to a former owner of Mory's, Louis Linder. The chorus is derived from the poem "Gentlemen Rankers" by Rudyard Kipling, which was set

to music by Guy H. Scull (Harvard 1898) and adapted with lyrics by Meade Minnigerode (Yale 1910). It was featured on the opening sequence of the TV Series *Baa Baa Black Sheep*. The chorus was also used in the movie *12 O'Clock High* with Gregory Peck. It can be heard being sung in the background after the unit receives its first unit commendation.

Back in the first decade of Bauercrest's existence the Whiffenpoof song was used as the tune (set to words) for a Color War Alma Mater. We aren't sure whether that team was Blue or White, or whether it won Color War, or even whether that Alma Mater won the song split, but it was so popular in its day that it became heralded on the hillside and before long it was adopted as the Bauercrest Alma Mater.

Traditionally sung at the annual end-of-summer Camp Banquet, the Camp Alma Mater has also been sung at various gatherings of Crest devotees. As such, the song has echoed across the far-flung corners of the globe....from Timbuktu to Shangri-la, and to be certain, at gatherings of Crest Alums from Amesbury to New York, Los Angeles and Boca Raton!

## The Whiffenpoof Song (chorus)

We are poor little lambs  
Who have lost our way.  
Baa! Baa! Baa!  
We are little black sheep  
Who have gone astray.  
Baa! Baa! Baa!

Gentlemen songsters off on a spree  
Damned from here to eternity  
God have mercy on such as we.  
Baa! Baa! Baa!  
God have mercy on such as we.  
Baa! Baa! Baa!

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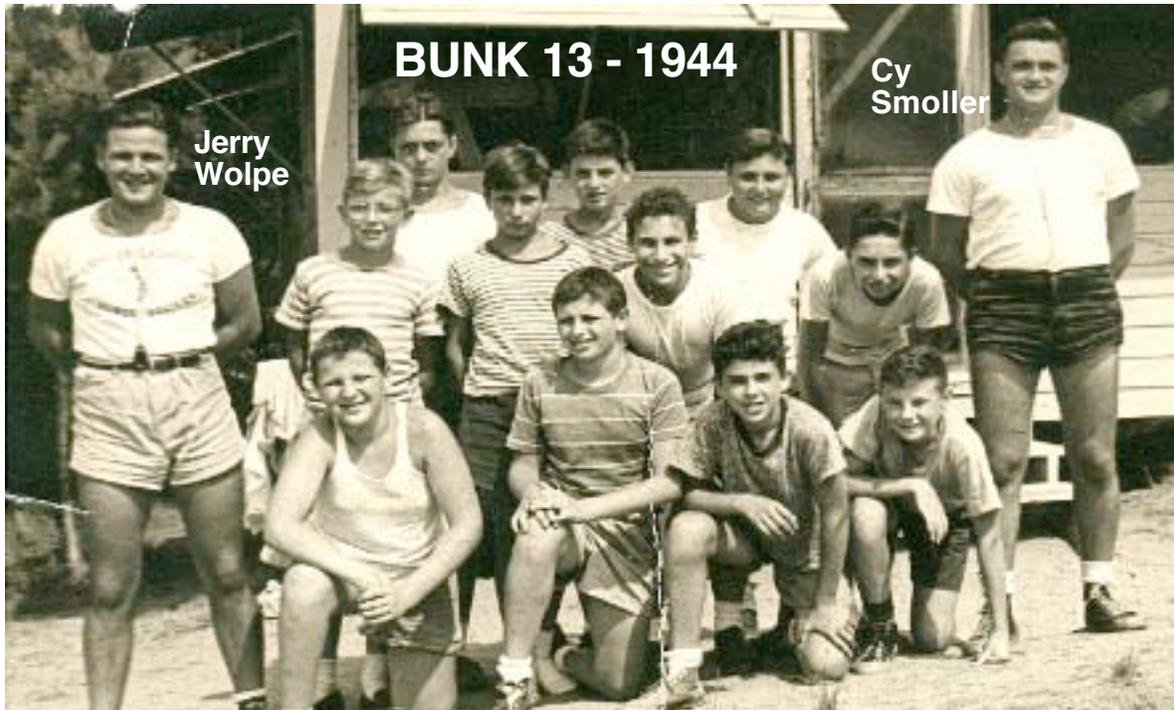
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Alumni Weekend Group Shot – August, 2008



From left: Billy "Jimbo" Smoller, Mark "Bibs" Smoller, Mike "Greenie" Green, Mike Tarlin, Mike "Wish" Weihrauch, Andy "Bubba" Timmons, Keith "Poopie" Paulive



Contributed by Jerry Kleinman (standing next to Jerry Wolpe)

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