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FALL BASEBALL BLUES

As a Cub fan, I will admit, this time of year, World Series time, is typically a depressing stretch. It is an annual reminder of the fact that I don't have anyone to root for in the fall classic. This year, I have to admit, I am finding things doubly depressing when it comes to baseball. This fall, the world of baseball is a camp director's nightmare!

For starters, watching the Yankees make it to the series for the sixth time in fourteen years does not make for great Arrowhead articles in which I can extol the virtues of hard work being all that matters. Given that the Yankee team is built almost exclusively on the fact that the Yankees have the most money and have purchased the best players with that money (in 2008 alone they were able to sign the three top free agents in the league...one of whom led the American League in home runs and RBIs, and another who led the league in wins), it makes it hard to suggest that all that matters is counting on your teammates and coming together as a group. And I am not likely to write an article that says that all that matters is money...not real campy!

My autumnal malaise was made worse the other day when I read that Mark McGwire had just been named the St. Louis Cardinals' hitting coach. And with that hire, out the window went my article about being accountable for your actions. To be honest, this one bothered me more than the Yankee thing did. It could be argued that despite the Yankees purchase of the most talented players out there year after year, it still took a tremendous amount of hard work for those guys to become so great, so the hard work part could still, theoretically at least, work. But the McGwire thing is much harder to spin in a positive light.

For those of you that do not follow sports, here is the basic story. Mark McGwire is an incredible power hitter whose home run production in the league has been virtually unparalleled. However, in an era that has been plagued by the illegal use of anabolic steroids, there is very little dispute about the likelihood that

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NEWS OF THE CAMP FAMILY

A couple of years ago, I did a Sunday Service about the question, “What is Wilderness?” Well, I discovered another puzzling question with what I believe has a similar answer, “What is Vacation?” You see....I just returned from a two week steelhead fishing trip to Northern British Columbia that put 4800 miles on my truck, froze my waders, and included a visit with the Canadian customs agents. The plan was to hook into a 40 incher, but due to the extreme cold and low water levels, the numbers of fish weren't in the system quite yet. Day two of the trip brought us three inches of snow, ice along the river edge, and a north wind that wouldn't stop blowing. Pretty much for eight days my feet were ice cold, the waders and boots froze up each night, and the chewy granola bars were never chewy. This

description may leave many of you, and me, asking the question, “Is this a vacation?” With a quick look at some of the photos...absolutely. We caught some steelhead and saw some terrific country. By the end of our trip, we were planning next year's trip north, plus I was excited for some Idaho winter steelheading. So, to wrap up, a couple of years ago during my Sunday Service, I answered the question “What is Wilderness?” with the following answer. It is subjective...it depends on what wilderness means to you. I guess the same goes for vacation. As always, I would love to publish all of you in the Arrowhead, so if you have some news, please shoot me an email at fornear@campnebagamon.com or call 208-345-5544. We would love to hear from all of you! Till next month, have a great fall and get excited for the upcoming reunion tour!

IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW that **Richie Shapira** (Chicago) was named his team's Tournament MVP for his performance at the Schaumburg SoccerFest Tournament. **Louis Olswang** (Chicago) continues to play the electric guitar but also took up playing the bass for orchestra and the trombone for band. **Adam DeLong** (Cleveland) plays soccer for Revere High School and he also runs track. **Mathias Libermann** (France) is an accomplished bassoon player, playing in the wind band at the conservatory. **Zach Muzik** (St. Louis) wrestles for the Parkway North High School Vikings while his older brother, **Sam Muzik** (St. Louis), plays basketball for the Parkway North High School Vikings.

IN THE WHERE-ARE-THEY-NOW DEPARTMENT: **Josh Scharff** (St. Louis '01-'04) plays first base and outfield for Yale University's Bulldog baseball team. **Levi Dexel** (New Mexico/Durham N.C. '00-'02, '04) is the Outdoor Adventure Education Coordinator at Duke University. He will be teaching climbing, kayaking, and helping create a tripping program. **Robert Behrendt** (Dallas '78-'83, '85) is practicing law at Kilgore & Kilgore in Dallas and Austin where he focuses on employment litigation. **Clayton Frohman** (Glencoe '64) was a screenwriter for the movie, *Defiance*, which was released this year.

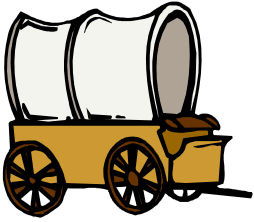
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RECENT ENGAGEMENTS of Chere Chancey (San Antonio) and **Kareem Al-Bassam** (Houston/Austin '86-'91, '93, '95).

IN THE BIBS AND DIAPERS DEPARTMENT: It's a boy, **Graham Sage**, for Christine Goepfert Rontal and **Andy Rontal** (Detroit/Portland '88-'94, '96-'97). It's a boy, **Chase Matthew**, for Amanda and **Ben Kornblet** (St. Louis/Washington D.C. '86-'89, '92-'95, '97).

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS go to **Jonathan May** (Memphis '94-'98, '00-'01, '05-'06) and Michele Garr (Nashville, TN).

BAR MITZVAH CONGRATULATIONS go to **Benji Ballin** (Memphis), **Noah Davis** (L.A.), **Jake Miller** (San Antonio) and **Stephen Yoffie** (St. Louis).

HOME IS WHERE YOU LAY YOUR HAT!



As always, the Camp Nebagamon road show will be headed for the highway in December. We are looking forward to seeing many of you during our travels. Listed below is a tentative schedule. Look for news about the rest of the travel schedule in the coming Arrowheads or at www.campnebagamon.com. Please note that the schedule has already changed since we printed the last Arrowhead! Rest assured that we will mail invitations to members of the camp family in the cities that we are visiting approximately three weeks prior to each reunion. Please be courteous and RSVP to the host families.

City	Dates	Reunion Details
Cincinnati	Dec. 1	Schimbergs', Tues., Dec. 1, 7 PM 3055 Legacy Terrace, Cincinnati
Nashville	Dec. 2	Mays', Wed., Dec. 2, 7 PM 4418 Wayland Drive, Nashville
Atlanta	Dec. 3	Balsers', Thurs., Dec. 3, 7 PM 3895 The Highlands NW, Atlanta
Memphis	Dec. 4	Boshwits', Fri., Dec. 4, 7 PM 6549 Massey Lane, Memphis
St. Louis	Dec. 5-6	Center of Clayton, Sun., Dec. 6, 2 PM 50 Gay Avenue, Clayton
Kansas City	Dec. 7	Kahns', Mon., Dec. 7, 7 PM 4824 W. 144th Terrace, Leawood
Denver	Dec. 8	Quiats', Tues., Dec. 8, 7 PM 5801 S. Birch Court, Greenwood Village
Minneapolis	Jan. 3	Muenchs', Sun., Jan. 3, 10:30 AM 9355 Talus Circle, Eden Prairie
Boston	Jan. 5	TBA
New York City	Jan. 6	TBA
Philadelphia	Jan. 7	TBA
Washington DC	Jan. 8	TBA
Chicago	Jan. 9-11	West Ridge Center, Sun., Jan. 10, 1:30 PM 636 Ridge Road, Highland Park
San Francisco	Feb. 2	TBA
Los Angeles	Feb. 6	TBA
Phoenix	Feb. 7	TBA
Dallas	Feb. 23	TBA
San Antonio	Feb. 24	TBA

At camp

CARETAKER JOE INTRODUCES TRIPPERS' NEW DIGS

I was reading my copy of “Keeping the Fires Burning, A History and Memoir of Camp Nebagamon” written by camp’s second owners, Nardie and Sally Lorber Stein, when I came across a brief paragraph on the origin of the caretakers’ shop. (I highly recommend the book to any of you with a camp connection, either direct or indirect.

It is filled with all sorts of facts and behind the scenes information that few, outside the Lorber and Stein families, are likely to have heard before. And no, I am not getting a commission on book sales!) It turns out that the shop was built in 1958, and so it was exactly 50 years later that we saw fit to add onto and update the facility. As a caretaker who had to work out of the old shop for fourteen years and has used the new space for just one season, I am amazed that we caretakers put up with that tiny, hot in the summer, and freezing in the winter, place for so long. Also mentioned in the Stein’s very brief history of the caretakers’ shop was that the upstairs area has been, since the beginning, used as housing for trip staff. Now, for those of you that are not familiar with the old shop, it is a building with a footprint 12 feet by 20 feet, and the lower level has a ceiling height of about seven feet. Now the building, though built with a steeply pitched roof (8/12, 8 inches of rise for every 12 inches of run), stands only ten feet tall at the soffit line, so as you can imagine (assuming you know what the soffit line is---the under side of the roof overhang, just in case) the upstairs space is not the best place for habitation. True, it does have the same 12 ft. by 20 ft. footprint, but the side walls are a mere two ft. high with that 8/12 roof pitch angle to the top point which comes to about seven ft. high. Not a great place for tall trippers to live, as I’m sure either of the Barrows brothers can attest! Furthermore, the ceiling up there is the under side of the roof which is shingled in that dark green ultra heat absorbing roofing tile. In other words, it’s like a sauna up there in the summer! So, for the last 50 years, the caretakers were cramped and freezing all winter, and the trip staff was being cooked and banging their heads all summer.



Well, I’m glad to say that for us caretakers the transition has been nothing short of liberating! But those poor trippers still spent last summer cooking and suffering from severe head traumas. Well, next summer that too will change. Above our new shop addition lurks an attic space that will bring liberation and an end to the trippers’ roof truss impact head traumas. It turns out that the same 8/12 roof pitch of the old shop, when spread over the new addition’s luxurious 40 ft. by 24 ft. footprint, translates, via the modern marvel of engineered, prefabricated roof trusses, into an attic space of 14 ft. by 32 ft. with side walls of four feet four inches high culminating in a ceiling height of nearly eight feet. Compared to the old space this will seem like the veritable Taj Mahal of trippers’ quarters. Of course, we had to do something special to the interior too. Stud walls and exposed truss ceiling would not do. So we went to our local lumber yard and asked them for the best 7/8 inch OSB (oriented strand board) money could buy. (Turns out OSB comes in only one quality and all of it is inexpensive, icing!) With the fully enclosed walls and ceiling and the ventilation installed in the soffit and roof ridge, the space should be a lot less hot in the summer. I have a feeling that the lucky trippers who get to live there in summers to come will be a lot less eager to get out on the trail.

Dazzled by that fine OSB paneling, it’s Caretaker Joe, At Camp.

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McGwire, in fact, did benefit from the use of these illegal substances. When subpoenaed to testify in front of Congress about the matter, McGwire refused to answer questions.

And this week, he was hired to be the hitting coach for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Now it is often argued that we should not hold athletes up as role models and that it is not fair to the athletes to do so. In fact, a sportswriter in St. Louis writing on the issue stated, "McGwire wasn't hired to be the team chaplain, or life coach or to serve as the role model for the children of St. Louis." What a load of *hogwash*. Any of us with children of our own, or any of us that were ever children ourselves (I think I have my bases pretty well covered there) know full well that athletes are looked to by kids as role models. Our kids absolutely look up to them...they wear their jerseys, they hang posters of them in their rooms, and they idolize them. It is simply unrealistic to deny that they are role models to children. And, to be honest, I am ok with athletes having to bear that burden. We all know that they are absurdly paid, and treated like royalty within society...so the least they can do is be aware of the fact that they are, in fact, admired by children, and behave accordingly. Using illegal substances and then smugly spurning Congress when asked about it, seems to fall far short of being worthy of being a role model.

Now don't get me wrong. As anyone that has ever known me will attest, I am not an unforgiving person (I think that 42 years of being a Cub fan has proven that much!). I am usually more than willing to forgive an athlete, or anyone else for that matter, when they own up to their behavior and take responsibility for it. McGwire has never done so. He has never come clean about what he did, or didn't do, with respect to performance enhancing drugs. He refuses to speak about it.

One of the important roles of parents, teachers, and camp directors alike is to teach children that it is important to take responsibility for their actions. We are not being helped in this important task when those out there, with the opportunity to model this behavior for our children, do not step up to the plate.

Plus....he is a Cardinal (sorry, the Cub fan in me again!).

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DOING YOUR PART...RECEIVE THE ARROWHEAD ELECTRONICALLY

In an effort to cut down on our use of paper here in the camp office, we recently have switched many of our readers to the electronic version of the Arrowhead. Not only does this save on the amount of paper we use, but it also allows our readers to receive the Arrowhead as soon as it is finished!

If you are still receiving the Arrowhead through the regular mail, we hope you will choose to receive the Arrowhead electronically. To sign up to have the environmentally-friendly Arrowhead e-mailed to you instead of sent through regular "snail-mail," **just send a message to alumni@campnebagamon.com with the subject "Electronic Arrowhead."** Then you will automatically be signed up to receive the electronic version in your inbox the day the Arrowhead goes to press!



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ENROLLMENTS ARE COMING IN!

During the past few weeks, our mailbox has been inundated with yellow registration forms. Although it is only October, we can sense the excitement for next summer! If you are a camper wishing to return to Nebagamon next summer, we need to hear from you soon in order to ensure a place for the 2010 season. Listed below are boys who were registered when *The Arrowhead* went to press. A new camper is denoted by an asterisk before his name and his home city is noted. An eight-week camper is indicated with an (8).

3rd Grade Campers: *Charlie Moog (Chicago, IL), *Kai Sulkin (Tokyo, Japan)

4th Grade Campers: *Tony Bogolub (St. Paul, MN), *Seth Friedman (Cincinnati, OH), Charlie Fromm, Sacha Pritzker (8), Alexander Swett (8), *Avery Zimmerman (Chicago, IL)

5th Grade Campers: Jake Abrams (8), Alex Aronoff (8), Quincy Hirt (8), *Sam Mellow (Montclair, NJ), Max Moog (8), Spencer Porter (8), Michael Rivkin (8), Meier Werthan

6th Grade Campers: Jordon DeGroot (8), Adam Hirschhorn (8), Mark Rodgers, Jack Trachtenberg, Ben Werthan, Ben Wolf, Ryan Zimmerman (8)

7th Grade Campers: Louie Bogolub, Jake Friedman, Walt Fromm, Brett Golden, Will Kolbrener, Sam Lucas (8), Caleb Miller (8), Ezra Miller (8), Jake Miller, Noah Steinbaum, Graham Straus (8)

8th Grade Campers: Grant Chukerman (8), Zack Stern (8), Nathan Weiskirch

9th Grade Campers: Eli Fromm (8), Bennett Levis (8), Sam Levis (8), Zach Muzik (8), Maximilian Rorsted (8), Loren Scheman (8), Jamey Sharp (8), Andrew Shutzberg (8), Noah Stein (8), Sam Werthan (8)

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