

Parent Newsletter #5 2010

Dear Parents,

This past week was all about Pemi, of course. We spent four days preparing our teams for the annual competition in baseball, soccer, swimming and tennis in all age groups – 20 contests in one day! We have half the age groups here and half at Pemi and we have lunch and dinner with our counterparts. Friday July 30 dawned brightly and remained that way through out the day. Virtually all contests were hotly contested, sportsmanship was paramount on both sides and when the dust had settled the Hat remained securely in Tecumseh's hands by virtue of a 15-3-2 victory. While the final tally sounds one-sided, let me assure you, it was not. Two tennis matches were won by one point, 4-3; two soccer games ended in 1-1 ties, another a 1-0 victory and the 15s baseball was won, 2-1 with Tecumseh's Billy Greenfield hurling a majestic one-hitter. One of the swim contests was a narrow 29-26 victory. That is a total of six contests that could have gone either way. Had they gone Pemi's way, we would have lost the Hat – fortunate for us they went CT's way.

The highlight of the day took place at dinner at CT when we gave their new Director, Danny Herr, a CT award t-shirt with the name Tom Reed, Sr. inscribed on the chest. As you may know, those t-shirts must be earned. We felt that Mr. Reed, for all his years of service to Pemi and his huge impact on Tecumseh (it was Tom and George Munger who started the Hat tradition) that he had earned a CT t-shirt. There was a five minute standing ovation in the dining room in memory of Mr. Reed by both the Pemi boys and counselors and the Tecumseh boys and counselors. To say it was an emotional experience is to understate it.

So life now goes on after it seems to stand still for almost a week. We had Sammy Griffin Day on Saturday (a day of rest – I'll let your boys explain the tradition to you when you see them), and a restful Sunday today, though we our 16 year olds had an archery and soccer contest with our friends from Belknap. We also had social tonight with Wicosuta in all age groups 12 and up. The Rookies had the basketball courts all to themselves, played a doubleheader and then headed for the Creamery to enjoy home made ice cream served by our Creamery crew of Nina Talbot, Deb Smith and Pete Shaifer. They have been serving goodies to your sons all summer and deserve a little plug for their efforts: four nights a week, three hours each night!

The next two weeks will go by quickly! The **Pinafore** is in full rehearsal mode, Clinic will start the end of this week (Clinic means your sons choose a sport each morning instead of being assigned one) and next Sunday, camp will run its annual mini-marathon (4 miles!). We will be taking 100 boys to the AA baseball game in Manchester this Wed. We take one in each session and the kids enjoy the day watching future major leaguers play!

I have attached the closing week-end schedule to this newsletter and will do so again next week so you are sure of the schedule. We had our second session camp photo today and

they will be available for all closing week-end. We will also post the cabin photos on the web. I trust you are enjoying the photos posted this summer and thanks to Mike and Tiffany Borsch and Matt Birch for taking most of those pictures and posting them for us.

Cheers!
Jim and Nina