The Sounds of Section S-4S

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2003 Section Conference a Huge Success

Over 800 Arrowmen from around the State of Florida gathered at Wallwood Scout Reservation for Section S-4S's annual conference on April 4-6. The section conference, hosted this year by Semialachee Lodge 239, is one of the largest gathering of Scouts in Florida. The event was a resounding success.

The weekend opened with the Friday evening show in a patriotic tribute to America. Saturday morning featured great seminars including, "A Legacy of Servant Leadership," which was taught by National Chief Nick Digirolamo and the Southern Region Chief Frank McMillan. The eight lodges of S-4S also proudly displayed their lodge administration details to their fellow Arrowmen in various committee area competitions. Saturday afternoon the events centered on brotherhood, fun, and endurance as the Arrowmen canoed, biked, and pulled their way through the Quest events. The weekend was topped-off with the Section Pow-Wow and Saturday night show, which presented a theatrical adaptation of the Legend.

Sunday morning brought honors, awards, and a lot of recognition in the section business meeting. O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265 was named Best All-Around Lodge for the fifth consecutive year. (See inside this issue for a detailed list of awards.) The section re-elected Seth Mollitt as Chief and elected Adam Wintenburg as Vice Chief, David Summerlot as Secretary, and Travis Sheehan as Historian. In all, the weekend featured fun, learning, and fellowship.

Section S-4S Officers and Advisers. Left to Right: Jeff Jonasen, Adviser; David Summerlot, Secretary; Travis Sheehan, Historian; Seth Mollitt, Chief; Adam Wintenburg, Vice Chief; and Elam Patterson, Associate Adviser.

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Chiefly Speaking

Dear Brothers,

The new section year has begun, and your officers and I have been hard at work planning for the months ahead. The coming year will be filled with hard work as our section strives to improve itself and the lodges within. I hope that it will also be filled with fun. During the next twelve months the section will be participating in Order of the Arrow Indian Summer, will be represented at Order of the Arrow Trail Crew and Wilderness Voyage, and will host section seminars, a section conference, and the Southern Region National Leadership Seminars. The section will also be busy with section assistance team meetings and lodge visitations. Hopefully all these activities will afford you the opportunity to meet and greet your brothers from around the section, as well as an opportunity to get to know your section officers.

I look forward to the new year and the new challenges it will bring. I also look forward to visiting the lodges in our section and getting to know their Arrowmen. I want to encourage all of you to get involved in any way you can during the coming year, and I look forward to seeing you at Indian Summer.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Seth Mollitt
Section S-4S Chief

O-Shot-Caw Lodge Receives National Service Award

Congratulations to O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265. For the second consecutive year, O-Shot-Caw was the recipient of the Order of the Arrow National Service Award. This award is given annually to only two lodges per region, for a total of eight in the country.

The National Service Award was established in 1999 to recognize lodges in each region that have performed outstanding service, both in a qualitative and a quantitative sense, to its council. Service for this award is defined as any project that has directly benefited the Scouting program in the council. To be considered for this prestigious award, a lodge must have achieved the National Quality Lodge recognition in that same year and submit a completed National Service Award petition. O-Shot-Caw was recognized for the outstanding service provided to its council for the 2002 charter year. Congratulations!

O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief Josh Levenson receives the Service Award from National Chief Nick Digirolamo

Arrowmen Climb Kilimanjaro

This past winter, eight Arrowmen traveled to East Africa for an experience of a lifetime. Among those on the expedition were National OA Committee and Echockotee Lodge member Jack Butler, Echockotee Lodge Adviser Norm Gregory, Section S-4S Adviser Jeff Jonasen, and five other Arrowmen from Texas and Indiana.

The backpacking expedition originated in the rain forests of equatorial Tanzania at 6,000 feet. The group climbed roughly 2,000 in elevation each day for seven days. On February 23, 2003, these Arrowmen reached the summit of Tanzania's Mt. Kilimanjaro, also known as Uhuru Peak. Uhuru Peak is the highest point in Africa (19,300 feet). Their trip also included a four-day photo safari in the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater National Parks.

Jack Butler, Norm Gregory, and Jeff Jonasen on Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest free-standing mountain in the world.

2003 Conference Awards

Best All-Around Lodge
First Place: O-Shot-Caw
Second Place: Tipisa
Third Place: Echockotee

Ceremonies
Pre-Ordeal Ceremony
Seminole - Honor Team
O-Shot-Caw - Honor Team
Tipisa - Honor Team

Individual Honors - Pre-Ordeal
Allowat Sakima - Daniel Smith, O-Shot-Caw
Meteu - Paul McColgan, Seminole
Nutiket - Justin Baggett, Seminole
Kichkinet - Eric Perez, O-Shot-Caw

Brotherhood Ceremony
Seminole - Honor Team
O-Shot-Caw - Honor Team
Tipisa - Honor Team

Individual Honors - Brotherhood
Allowat Sakima: Daniel Smith, O-Shot-Caw
Meteu: Paul McColgan, Seminole
Nutiket: Ben DeWitt, Seminole
Kichkinet: James Guglielmi, Seminole

Publications
First Place - O-Shot-Caw
Second Place - Timuquan
Third Place - Tipisa

Website
First Place: O-Shot-Caw
Second Place: Timuquan
Third Place: Echockotee

Inductions
First Place - Echockotee
Second Place - Tipisa
Third Place - O-Shot-Caw

King's Cup - Novice Category
First Place – Osceola
Second Place – Seminole

King's Cup - Advanced Category
First Place – Tipisa
Second Place – Echockotee
Third Place – O-Shot-Caw

Best Trained Lodge
Timuquan

Spirit Award
O-Shot-Caw

American Indian Events
Individual Dance
Old Style (Novice)
First Place-Cory Reynolds

Traditional (Advanced)
First Place - Ryan McReynolds
Second Place - Matthew Alexander
Third Place - John Bates

Straight (Advanced)
First Place - Ken Labonte

Grass (Advanced)
First Place - Scott Smith
Secpmd Place - Travis Sheehan
Third Place - Kyle Rogers

Fancy (Advanced)
First Place - Jarrod Shepherd
Second Place - Nick DiViesti;
Third Place - Danny Adamson

Group Dance
First Place - Aal-Pa-Tah

Singing & Drum
First Place - Aal-Pa-Tah
Second Place - O-Shot-Caw
Third Place - Seminole

Adviser Sink-a-Thon
First Place - Tipisa
Second Place - O-Shot-Caw
Third Place - Echockotee

Adviser BMX
First Place - Seminole
Second Place - O-Shot-Caw
Third Place: Aal-Pa-Tah

5K Run
First Place - Brian Timmons, Tipisa
Second Place - Royce Peadon, Echockotee
Third Place - Bryant Moorefield, O-Shot-Caw

Quest for the Golden Arrow
BMX Racing
First Place – Timuquan
Second Place – Seminole
Third Place – O-Shot-Caw

Volleyball
First Place – O-Shot-Caw
Second Place – Echockotee
Third Place – Osceola

Horseshoes
First Place – O-Shot-Caw
Second Place – Echockotee
Third Place – Aal-Pa-Tah and Tipisa

Water Volleyball
First Place – O-Shot-Caw
Second Place – Tipisa
Third Place – Osceola and Echockotee

OA Jeopardy
First Place – O-Shot-Caw, Seminole, Tipisa

Wet and Wild Tug-O-War
First Place – Tipisa
Second Place – Osceola
Third Place – O-Shot-Caw

Blind Canoe Race
First Place – O-Shot-Caw
Second Place – Tipisa
Third Place – Seminole
Honorable Mention: Osceola

Overall Quest for the Golden Arrow
First Place – O-Shot-Caw
Second Place – Tipisa
Third Place – Echockotee

Your 2003-2004 Section Officers

Seth Mollitt
Chief

Seth Mollitt, Section Chief

Seth Mollitt was born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida. He is the youngest of four children (two sisters and one brother). Seth followed his older brother Todd into Scouts starting as a Tiger Cub. He is currently an active member of Troop 35 and Echockotee Lodge. In addition to his Scouting commitments, Seth is very involved in his school. He is currently a Junior at Samuel W. Wolfson High School in Jacksonville where he serves as the Student Body Vice President. Seth is Yearbook editor, and was the captain of his school's mock trial team. He is also a member of Junior Senior Alliance, DECA, and National Honor Society. Seth was a part of Youth Leadership Jacksonville during this past year and he volunteers for the Duval County Teen Court Program.

When not working at school or for the Scouts, Seth enjoys fishing, backpacking, and joking around with his friends. He is an avid hiker who has been to Philmont twice (once on a contingent, and once for Trail Crew), and he one day hopes to through hike the Appalachian Trail and climb the seven summits. Seth listens to all type of music, his favorite TV show is *The Simpsons* and he enjoys History and English. Seth hopes that the Section will have a successful year and is looking forward to meeting his fellow Arrowmen from around the section.

Adam Wintenburg
Vice Chief

Adam Wintenburg, Section Vice Chief

Adam Wintenburg is a native Floridian, born in Port Lucie. He began Scouting in the first grade. He is an active member of Troop 436. Adam currently resides at Camp La-No-Che for the summer as a member of the camp's staff. He will return in the fall for his sophomore year at St. Leo's College, where he is majoring in Accounting. Adam''s hobbies are patch collecting, baseball, lacrosse, and Scouting.

Adam is the past 2002-2003 Tipisa Lodge Chief. He also served as lodge treasurer for three years prior to being chief. He is a Vigil Honor member and recipient of Tipisa's Outstanding Service Award.

David Summerlot
Secretary

David Summerlot, Secretary

David Summerlot was born in La Jolla, California, and later moved to Orlando, where he has lived ever since. Last year he attended Bishop Moore High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society and the Math Honor Society. This summer he will begin his freshman year at the University of Florida and he will major in Chemistry.

David first joined Scouts as a Tiger Cub in Pack 221. He then became a member of Troop 221. He currently serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster. He is a member of Tipisa Lodge and he has held a number of positions including Lodge publications chairman of *The Nimat*, secretary, vice-chief, and a ceremonialist. David has attended three NOAC's, OA Trail Crew, and is a Founder's Award recipient. In his free time David enjoys playing football, basketball, and bowling with his friends.

Travis Sheehan, Historian

After joining scouts at the age 11, Travis quickly jumped the ranks on his trail to Eagle. At the age of 12, he was elected Senior Patrol Leader for two terms. After an array of positions including Troop Guide, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Travis was inducted into the Order. After his 1998 Ordeal, he attained Brotherhood exactly 10 months later. As well as Troop responsibilities, Travis is the president/chief of his Venture crew 'The Hitchiti Dance Team', lodge Dance Team Chief and now currently serves as the Aal-Pa-Tah 237 Lodge Chief. Recently, he was awarded the Vigil Honor, earned the Eagle Scout rank, and turned 17 years old. On his off time he does mostly Native American and lodge activities. Travis builds outfits, dances and teaches a couple of dance styles. He has been busy with Lodge business in the past few months, as his Lodge is hosting the S-4S Section 2004 Conference. In school, he holds between a 3.8 and a 4.0 GPA.

Arrowmen Prepare to Attend Indian Summer

This summer near Asheville, North Carolina, Arrowmen from Section S-4S will join hundreds more from across the country for the National Order of the Arrow Ceremony and Native American Indian Conference, or in short, Indian Summer. This week-long gathering of OA members, starting August 2 and ending 7 August, is a unique program is geared specifically to promote and teach Arrowmen the Native American aspect of our Order.

In addition to Native American-themed shows, Arrowmen will receive hands-on experience with American Indian crafts, singing, dancing, customs, traditions, Indian games, and conducting pow-wows, as well as in-depth examinations of ceremonies. This examination will focus, among other things, on settings, props, understanding the ten induction principals, symbolism, memorizing lines, and the development of low-cost ceremonial costumes. Arrowmen will be able to learn the basics or perfect their techniques as they learn from the nation's best instructors.

Indian Summer is a great opportunity to gather and meet with many individuals from across the nation. With over 65 delegates, Section S-4S boasts one of the largest contingents that will be in attendance. With such a large showing from the section, there will be a section gathering that will be among the highlights of the week.

Timuquan Lodge 340 Receives E. Urner Goodman Camping Award

The E. Urner Goodman Camping Award was established in 1969 as a tribute and testimonial to the Order's founder, E. Urner Goodman. Its purpose is to encourage and challenge Order of the Arrow members and lodges to increase their effectiveness in promoting and increasing Scout camping in each council. Awards are presented to two outstanding lodges in each region annually. For a lodge to be eligible for consideration, the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award petition should be completed and forwarded with the lodge's charter renewal application.

Congratulations to Timuquan Lodge 340 on the recent announcement that they are the recipient of this coveted award. This award recognizes Timuquan of West Central Florida Council for their accomplishments in the year 2002 in promoting camping in their area.

Around the Section

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237

Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge is tirelessly preparing for Section Conference. With much construction around camp, the site of Section Conference 2004 is taking shape. Best of all, our dining hall is now air conditioned! With the assistance of the lodge chiefs around the Section, the conference patch design will be prepared and ready for the section to preview by the end of July. Woohoo!

Our lodge recently had its first annual Chapter Service weekend, where the lodge worked closely-knit with the staff of Camp Tanah Keeta and helped prepare for the upcoming weeks of summer camp. Our summer Ordeal weekend swiftly approaches (25-27 July). There our lodge will be preparing for the Section Conference with the construction of the dance arbor by adding electricity and lighting. We will also be improving the safety of camp. That's all for now in the swamp, MORE GATORS, LOTS MORE GATORS!

Travis Sheehan
AAL-PA-TAH 237
Lodge Chief

Osceola Lodge 584

At our Ordeal weekend in March, supervised by Ordealmaster Casey Nesselhauf and Head Elangomat Tim Wehrle, the lodge inducted 139 new Ordeal members, and 35 members sealed the ties of Brotherhood with the guidance of Jonathan Costello, Brotherhood Committee Chairman. Our program of service, led by Service Committee Chairman Brad Connerton and Advisor Chris Connerton, was a huge success as the lodge completed major projects on the main road to camp, in the Cub Scout Camp Gannett, in the lodge ceremonial ring, and on the ongoing chickee project. Following the Ordeal, the lodge conducted the national Jumpstart program and awarded the Exceptional First Year Arrowmen awards, adopted from O-Shot-Caw Lodge.

At the exciting 2003 Section S-4S Conference, Osceola Lodge packed the bus with 59 devoted Brothers and made the long trip to Wallwood Scout Reservation. We are pleased to report respectable placing in the Quest for the Golden Arrow events, including second place in the Wild and Wet Tug-O-War, third place in Volleyball, a tie for third place with Echockotee Lodge in Water Volleyball, and an Honorable Mention for mind-bogglingly swamping our canoe in the Blind Canoe Race. We are also especially proud of our first place finish in the King's Cup Novice Category. This is the first, in at least 8 years (no one really remembers anymore), that Osceola Lodge has competed in the King's Cup competition, and our display would not have been possible without the unflagging work of Jason and Bob Gumtow. We thank Semialachee Lodge for hosting the excellent Conference. Our entire contingent had a great time.

We are constantly working to make our lodge better than it already is. After all, OSCEOLA'S GONNA RISE ABOVE!

O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265

Dear Members of the OA,

All through O-Shot-Caw's history, but especially as of late, there is one thing that we have been able to do on a consistent basis: leave a legacy. These past couple of months further proved how powerful O-Shot-Caw is on both a lodge level, and national level. Looking first at the Section Conference, there is much to be said about O-Shot-Caw! We once again took home FIRST PLACE in the Best All Around Lodge competition for the fifth year. Yes, the fifth year in a row! Other awards earned by mighty O-Shot-Caw include first place in Inductions, Quest for the Golden Arrow, Publications, Internet, Volleyball, Water Volleyball, Blind Canoe Race, Horseshoes, Order of the Arrow Jeopardy (3-way tie), and we took back home the SPIRIT AWARD where it rightfully belongs! There are many other awards that we placed in, but perhaps one of the greatest accomplishments of the weekend was being the lodge with the

longest drive to the Section Conference, and still bringing 164 Arrowman in our contingent! Following the Section Conference, our lodge hosted its summer ordeal and annual bowling tournament, and Indian Summer. Speaking of large contingents, O-Shot-Caw has the largest contingent in the nation for Indian Summer with a total of 20 Arrowman from our lodge attending (not counting staff members).

At the Summer Ordeal, our lodge elected a NEW LODGE CHIEF. His name is BRIAN POLINO! O-Shot-Caw sends big congratulations to Brian and looks forward to supporting him as the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief. As mentioned in the beginning of the report, O-Shot-Caw's force is not only here on a lodge level, but on a national level as well. We received news in mid April that we are once again, for the second year in a row, one of the recipients of the National Service Award! Hearing this news sent electricity through the entire lodge! Moreover, Section S-4S can continue to say that ever since the National Service Award was created, it has always had a lodge that was a recipient of the prestigious award. It has been a pleasure to serve as the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief and be a member of the Council of Chiefs. Remember, "Who can knock O-Shot-Caw down? NOBODY NOBODY YEAH!"

WWW,
Josh Levenson
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
2000-2003
"Learn through experience; succeed through ambition"

Tipisa Lodge 326

On June 1, six Arrowmen were sworn into their lodge postions for the upcoming 2003-2004 year. Shortly after the elections I realized that Tipisa's new group of officers is a "Dream Team," and I am looking forward to a stellar year. Congratulations to Jason Egli, 1st Vice Chief; Dominic Palvisak, 2nd Vice Chief; Stefan Hester, Historian; Ryan Fadden, Secretary; and Luis Fernandez, Treasurer.

On August 23, we will be holding our annual Lodge Leadership Development Program and banquet at First Baptist Church of Orlando. At the banquet Tipisa will be presenting the Best All-Around Chapter award and the Outstanding Service Awards. "Be prepared" for a healthy day of training at the LLDP.

Tipisa's Fall Fellowship is September 12-14, at Camp La-No-Che. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Chris Hester
Tipisa Lodge Chief

2003 Section Seminars

This fall, on November 14-16, the eight lodges of Section S-4S will gather at Camp Shands for the 2003 Section Seminars. For those of you who do not know, Section Seminars is one of two annual gatherings of the section. However, unlike the Section Conference held in spring, the Seminars will focus specifically on teaching Arrowmen the many aspects of the Order of the Arrow. The event will feature classes on a wide variety of topics, from Native American regalia and dancing to ceremonies and Seminole cooking. In addition, there will be numerous seminars on becoming a more effective leader or adviser, and on creating better lodge and chapter programs. Though the seminars are a large part of this weekend, it is also great opportunity to interact with fellow Arrowmen as you take part in activities including a Saturday afternoon campwide program and late-night cracker-barrels. Mark you calender for this exciting event and make plans to attend. More information will be available in the Fall edition of *The Sounds*.

2002 Section Seminars

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Calendar of Events

2003

June-August

OA Wilderness Voyage
OA Trail Crew

August

2-7 Indian Summer at Asheville, North Carolina

October

17-19 National Leadership Seminars
FFA Leadership Training Center, Haines City, Florida

November

14-16 Section S-4S Seminars and Council of Chiefs
Camp Shands, Baden-Powell Scout Reservation, Melrose Florida

2004

April

16-18 Section S-4S Conference
Camp Tanah-Keeta, Tequesta, Florida

July-August

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)
Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa (July 31-Aug 5)

In the Next Edition…

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