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Club Noyo V was a blowout!

*Fun and Fellowship Had by All at
Club Noyo V—Despite Obstacles*

Club Noyo V got off to a rough start, however it proved to be an enjoyable weekend. Twenty-two Lodge members attended the fifth annual fellowship weekend, once again held at Camp Noyo, in Mendocino county.

The group left the Fort Bragg Skunk Train



Depot on a 1:30 p.m. train. Fifteen

minutes into the trip, the train engine began to sputter. "That doesn't sound too good..." declared the engineer shortly afterward. A short while later, the train abruptly halted. What was supposedly a freshly rebuilt engine had expired. The Lodge members then proceeded to unload the train, while another train was dispatched to collect the stranded campers. Not long afterwards, the train picked up the Lodge members, and delivered them safely to Camp Noyo, late, but otherwise in fine condition. Thus, after a bumpy start, the weekend began.

At camp, Lodge members enjoyed various forms of fun and fellowship. Hiking, card games, canoeing and swimming were some of

the activities that were conducted throughout the weekend. The campers enjoyed superb meals, provided once again by Messrs. Hannan and Delgado.

A Lodge meeting was held on Sunday, March 21. Many items were discussed, including the 1999 budget, upcoming Ordeals in June, unit elections, and the Conclave, to be held in September of this year, at *Yosemite National Park*.

Participants agreed that the weekend was a success. Some hailed the weekend the second most exciting Club Noyo; second of course, to the by now infamous Club Noyo IV. On that memorable journey, the Lodge was evacuated via rail car to the YMCA

Camp Mendocino. It seems that 4" of rain on Saturday night had caused a slide on the tracks, and the river was over the tracks in places. Much thanks to the Skunk for rescuing us then, as well as getting us into AND out of Noyo that year and indeed every year.

All Lodge members had a great time, and look forward to Club Noyo VI, to be held in March 2000.

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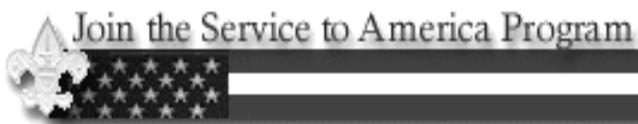
Elections are Here



Elections have already started in many parts of the Lodge. It is not too late though, to start holding elections if they haven't been held already. The Spring Ordeals are being held on June 4-6 (Elk River) and on June 18-20 (Masonite Navarro). All elections should be completed by the beginning of May at the latest.

Election teams typically consist of an adult, accompanied by two youth. While the team's primary function is to hold an election for possible Ordeal candidates, election teams do much more. The teams are responsible for giving a *general overview about the Order*, as well as *Promoting Camping* and *Service to America*. Election teams should try to be as concise as possible in their explanation, and avoid taking up too much of the troop meeting.

The **new election rules** are in effect. A troop may elect all eligible scouts to the Order, providing that at least fifty percent of the troop is present, and each candidate receives fifty percent of the vote. Anyone interested in participating on an election team should contact their local clan or chapter officers.



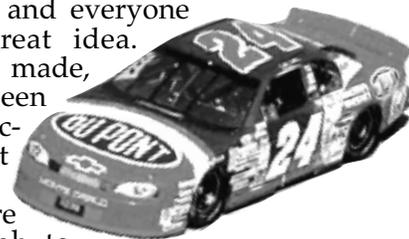
As most of you know, the Boy Scouts of America have committed themselves to 200 million hours of service, to be completed by the end of the year 2000. This arose in 1997, after President **Bill Clinton** challenged all youth organizations to provide service to their community. The *Boy Scouts* responded to this challenge with a pledge to complete 200 million hours of service. These hours may be completed anytime from now until the end of the year 2000. The *Boy Scouts of America* created a program, *Service to America*, to comply with the demands of the pledge.

The *Order of the Arrow* is not obligated to participate directly in this program, however the Order is **responsible for promoting service**. All election teams should promote *Service to America*, when they conduct their elections. The Order should also promote this program at other functions where there are troops present (such as Camporees). Each arrowman should make a special effort to advocate this program within their troop, and be a leader in service.



fundraiser

Last June Orca Lodge was given the opportunity to run a concession stand at the 1998 Nascar races held at Sears Point Raceway in Sonoma County. Although we were given short notice and had to scramble to come with enough volunteers to cover the weekend, we were successful thanks to those close at hand and willing to pitch in. Thank you Miwok Clan and Troop 431. Our efforts paid off and we were able to raise \$2,020.00. The majority of those who participated were polled, and it was decided that the funds from this event should go towards something tangible for one of the camps. After some investigation, the idea of a large masonry BBQ for Camp Masonite Navarro came up and everyone agreed it was great idea. Plans are being made, permission has been given, and construction should start shortly.



This Year we were again lucky enough to secure the concession stand for Nascar Weekend. However, this year we will be responsible for all four days, **Thursday June 24, through Sunday June 27**. We will need as many people as we can get to help out. Typically that is 20-30 people per day. We hope to have enough volunteers to allow everyone a chance to go and watch the cars for awhile. It's a lot of work, a lot of fun, and a chance to see something you might not otherwise have a chance to see. Oh!! And last but not least, a chance to help earn another amenity for our Camps that they might not otherwise be able to have. For details and to sign up, please call Sue or Craig Bulleri at 795 2868. This year we'd like the whole Lodge, to have a chance to participate. Make a weekend of it and plan now to come join in the adventure!!

Patch Opportunities

Get Your 1998
NOAC Patches

For all of you who haven't purchased the full-pocket, two-piece NOAC patch, there are still a few available. By order of the Lodge Executive Board the price has been reduced to \$5.00 for the top and \$2.50 for the bottom. A Great Deal!! They will be available to purchase at both of the Spring Ordeals. Supplies are limited, so hurry!





From the Lodge Adviser...

Fellow Arrowmen,

Well, by now everyone probably already knows about our train dying while en route to Camp Noyo. Even though the weather cooperated, something did happen to make the trip a memorable adventure. As always, the Skunk Train personnel were very friendly and accommodating.

Exciting things are happening in the OA, not the least of which is the *National Leadership Summit* to be held in August of this year. Another exciting event is going to be this year's conclave, to be held in *Yosemite National Park*, September 17-19. Section W-3B is limited to five hundred participants, so sign up early, to reserve your place. I don't see why **Orca Lodge** can't have fifty to sixty members there. It should be a very unique conclave.

I hope to see good results from our camp promotion efforts at the unit level, and from our commitment to the *Service to America* program. Keep up the good work and cheerful service. I hope to see you at some of the tap-outs and Ordeals this Spring and Summer.

Yours in WWW,

Greg Hannan,
Lodge Adviser

Akela Festival Held

On April 24 Miwok Clan held its annual Akela Festival during the Miwok District Camporee held at Two Rock. Lead by **Kevin Gingher** and **Hank Creyssels** and countless other Clan members, over 60 Cubs crossed over into scouting. Miwok Clan has been running this event for almost twenty years. Congratulations on a job well done!

Cabrosha Chapter Chief's Message

We still need some Chapter Officers. The positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Adviser are open. The Chapter is currently planning the Spring Ordeal to be held at Camp Masonite Navarro on the weekend of June 18-20. The Miwok and Wonkantonk Clans are both starting drum teams. If you would like to be on the drum team, call **Pam Faurot** at 431 0249. *Chris Faurot-Chapter Chief*

Cabrosha Brotherhood Team

The Cabrosha Brotherhood team is looking for members. All Brotherhood members are invited. Meetings are held every fourth Thursday at the Cotati Scout Hut. If you have been looking for a place to get involved in the Lodge, this is a great way to start! If you have questions or need directions, call **Chris Schoenthal** at 707-795-3099.

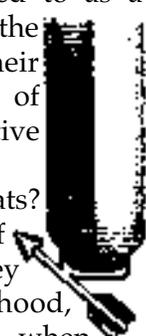
What Exactly is the Elangomat System?

The Elangomat system has been a part of the Order of the Arrow for many years, although it hasn't been until recently that this program was strongly encouraged. Orca Lodge is planning on instituting this system, and hopes that it will become an integral part of our Lodge. Elangomats may be present as soon as the Spring Ordeal in June of this year.

In the language of the Lenni-Lenape, 'elangomat' simply means 'friend'. This, indeed, is precisely what an elangomat is. Elangomats are present at Lodge Ordeals, and go through the Ordeal along with the candidates. Typically, they are the leaders of small groups of candidates, referred to as a 'clan'. The clan works together during the Ordeal, following the example of their elangomat. Elangomats are members of their Lodge, who wish to take an active part in the Order of the Arrow.

What is the purpose of the elangomats? Elangomats strive to set an example of what it means to be an arrowman. They teach the candidates Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. Often times, when groups are lectured to, they do not remember the bulk of the talk. It is for this reason that the elangomat system is so effective. By participating in the tests of the Ordeal, and showing the candidates what the Order is about, they become far more effective, than if they had used words alone.

Since an elangomat is also bound by the pledge of silence, advance training is necessary. The Lodge will train those who are interested, and looks forward to all those who wish to serve. Those that are interested in participating in the elangomat system, should contact Tom Keaney at (707) 573-8769. What a great way to lend yourself in service to the Lodge!



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