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Lodge Dinner Held in Ukiah *Cabrosha Chapter Hosts Event*

By Michael Komorowski

About 90 arrowmen from around the Lodge gathered at the Broiler Steakhouse north of Ukiah on Saturday, November 17, 2001 for the annual lodge dinner. The evening was packed with fellowship, awards, and inductions, as the year was brought to a close. A highlight of the evening was the feature of the *Bald Eagle Award*, presented to Orca Lodge at the W-3B Conclave in Redding. **Lodge Chief Michael Buxton** promised to return the award to Orca again the following year.

After dinner, special recognition was accorded those arrowmen who have made distinguished contributions to either the lodge, the council, or Scouting as a whole. The *Vigil Honor* was bestowed on six arrowmen this year in recognition of their exemplary cheerful service and their demonstration of the principles of Scouting. **Scott Alto, Andrew Bulleri, Michael Buxton, Tim Bradford, Kevin Hamblin, and Mike O'Neill** were recognized as the Lodge's Vigil candidates.



L to R; Mike O'Neill, Tim Bradford, Michael Buxton, Andrew Bulleri and Scott Alto.

Next, *Silver Fluke* awards were presented. The *Silver Fluke* is a special award given by the Lodge to recognize those arrowmen who have demonstrated unselfish service to the lodge. The award features a silver arrow with an Orca fluke engraved in the center. The initials of the recipient are etched on the reverse of the pin. **Jason Kracht, Ken Moffitt, and Chris Schoenthal** were awarded the fluke this year to honor their dedicated service.

Orca Lodge also presented two *Founder's Awards* this year. This award is given in recognition of outstanding service to the lodge and to those who have demonstrated the principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service to an exceptional degree. **Dave Dukeman and Michael Komorowski** were this year's recipients.

Also during the course of the dinner, youth arrowmen

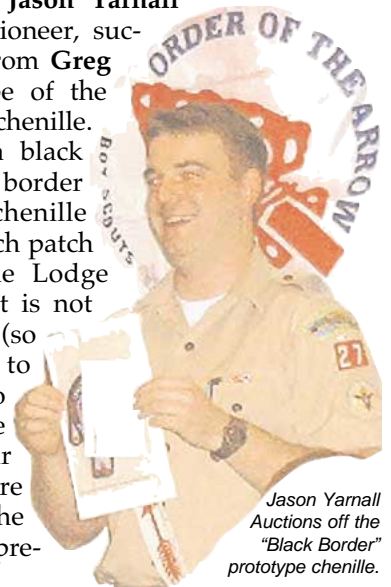
had the opportunity to vote for new officers. The results were announced toward the end of the dinner and the new slate of officers was sworn in by **Chris Schoenthal, Section Vice Chief of Operations**. It was also announced that **Dave Dukeman** would replace **Greg Hannan**, who stepped down after three years of service, as Lodge Adviser. In addition to **Dukeman**, the 2002 lodge officers are:

Michael Buxton, Lodge Chief, Chris Faurot, Lodge Vice Chief, John Mattern, Lodge Secretary, and Joey Fini, Lodge Treasurer.



The lodge also had the special opportunity to witness **Jason Kracht's** induction into the *Wood Badge* program. In a Court of Honor led by **Dan Ramos**, **Kracht** was recognized with the *Wood Badge* scarf and beads.

To close the evening, **Jason Yarnall** tried his hand as an auctioneer, successfully collecting \$170 from **Greg Hannan** for the prototype of the recently-produced Lodge chenille. The prototype featured a black border, instead of the blue border that the regular issue chenille bears and was the only such patch issued. By order of the Lodge Executive Committee, it is not an official lodge issue (so no, you don't have to have this patch to acquire a complete lodge set). The regular issue lodge chenilles were distributed at the end of the evening to those who had pre-ordered.



Jason Yarnall Auctions off the "Black Border" prototype chenille.

Orca Lodge looked back on a productive year and hopes that 2002 will be even better.

all photos courtesy of Tim Bradford

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Club Noyo VIII...at Elk River

That's right. Orca Lodge is heading north for the annual spring fellowship weekend. The eighth annual Club Noyo will be located at Elk River Scout Camp, outside of Eureka on the weekend of **March 2-3**. Due to issues with the Skunk Train, the lodge could not get Camp Noyo for the weekend, but did manage to secure Elk River. This fun-



filled outing is open to all lodge members who wish to attend. The weekend is meant to be a couple of days of relaxation and fun, with no work required on your part. However, for those of you who absolutely love helping out with lodge projects, accommodations can be made.

A lodge meeting and training sessions will also be held

during the course of the weekend.

The cost for this fun-filled, action-packed, activity-stuffed weekend is only \$15.00 per person (what a deal!). This includes dinner and cracker barrel on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Please be sure to bring your own lunch for Saturday afternoon. If you are interested in attending, please fill out the enclosed registration form and send it to the Eureka council office no later than Friday, February 22. Any questions can be directed to **Dave Dukeman, 443-9559** or **quietleder@aol.com**.



Hope to see all of you at Elk River!

————— *Club Noyo VIII at Elk River Registration Form -- Cut and Mail Today* —————

Mail this form with your check payable to Orca Lodge #194/BSA, and marked "Elk River."

Orca Lodge #194/Elk River
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Costs are as follows:

Youth Arrowmen: \$15.00

Adult Arrowmen: \$15.00

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code _____

Number of Youth Members _____ Number of Adult Members _____

Chapter: _____ Honor: _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

High Adventure Outdoor Awareness Seminar

Saturday February 23
All Arrowmen Welcome

The *Redwood Empire Council High Adventure Team* will again hold an *Outdoor Awareness Seminar*, and all interested arrowmen are invited to attend, free of charge (such a deal!). The only requirement is that those arrowmen who attend provide some assistance with set-up, direction, clean-up, etc. The Seminar will cover topics ranging from camping gear to cooking to first aid to water purification and will include both presentations as well as question-and-answer sessions. Speakers from around the Redwood Empire will present and discuss some aspect of camping, hiking, or outdoors recreation for 50-minute periods as well as display merchandise. Even for the experienced camper or hiker, there is a wealth of new information.

The event will be held at the Healdsburg Scout Hut, 437 First Street, Healdsburg on **Saturday, February 23, 2002** from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch; dinner will be provided. Any arrowman interested in helping out can contact Bruce Mayfield at (415) 479-4003 /agreone@pacbell.net or Jason Kracht at (707) 665-9705/jlkracht@pon.net. For directions, contact Michael Komorowski at (707) 431-8454 or dianerob@msn.com.



A reminder to all arrowmen in Orca Lodge that will be attending the Lodge Fellowship... All of the trading post supplies will be available for you to purchase. We will have plenty of the new lodge flaps for sale. So remember some extra money if you wish to buy some more OA items for you collection!

Yours in WWW,

Joey Fini

Lodge Treasurer



Notes From the Chief:

My Fellow Arrowmen,

It is Spring time again and that brings many great things having to do with the order of the arrow. First I would like to say that I would like to see all of you at the fellowship at

Elk River March 2-3. This will be a great weekend comprised of fun, good food, and a chance to learn about the lodge and the Order of the Arrow. This will be a great weekend and I hope to see many of you there.

A part of our lodge program needs you. The ceremonies team is looking for some new members to have roles in ordeals and to compete in competitions at the conclave. This is a great and fun way to participate in the workings of the lodge. I would like to encourage everyone to think about joining the ceremonies team.

With the time of Spring also brings the time when we elect new members into our brotherhood. Being active in one or more of these elections is a great way to help the lodge. I would again like to encourage all of you to call your clan chief and sign up to help with an election.

Last but not least I would like to encourage arrowmen of at least 15 to apply to Camp Staff. Some of my best memories of scouting have been from being a Camp Staff member. Thank you for your time I hope that I will see around this spring.

WWW,

Yours in Brotherhood,

Michael Buxton

Space Still Available at Masonite Navarro?

This year Camp Masonite Navarro needs your help. Redwood Empire Council is only operating one week of Scout Camp this summer. At press time there are seven confirmed troops signed up to attend. That is about half the capacity of a typical week. As members of the Order of the Arrow, Scoutings Honor Camping Society, our first charge is to Promote Camping. Whereas historically the OA grew out of Summer Camps, it would seem *only right*, that we take it on our shoulders to find those units that have not already committed to a long term summer camp and point the way to Camp Masonite Navarro. Let's all make the extra effort to fill the only week at **OUR** Scout Camp, Masonite Navarro.

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The *Orca Spouts* welcomes (okay, we'll do most anything for) submissions, both articles as well as photographs. Sending Articles & Digital Photos via e-mail is highly encouraged. All Photos welcomed (aren't you getting tired of ours)? The deadline for submissions to the next edition is Sunday, April 15. Send articles and photos to: Michael Komorowski, 1114 Rafanelli Ct., Healdsburg, 95448-3541, dianerob@msn.com

About Your Officers...



Lodge Chief—Michael Buxton is a senior at Montgomery High School in Santa Rosa. He is an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Honor arrowman. He has previously served as Ordeal Master at several Cabrosha Chapter ordeals, as Lodge Secretary (1999-2000), as Lodge Chief (2000-2001), and attended the Western Region Gathering in Portland, Oregon last October. He is looking forward to the challenge of serving as Section Vice Chief of Operations as well as his second term as lodge chief. He lists his hobbies as computers, golf and badminton.

Lodge Vice Chief—Chris Faurot is a senior at Geyserville High School. He is an Eagle Scout as well as a Vigil Honor member. He has served as Lodge Secretary (1997-1998) and as Lodge Vice Chief (2000-2001). Chris has worked on staff at the waterfront at Camp Masonite Navarro during the summer.



Lodge Secretary—John Mattern is sophomore at Maria Carrillo High School in Santa Rosa. He is a Life Scout in Troop 135, and was inducted into the lodge at the Spring Ordeal last year. His hobbies are reading, the guitar and camping, and he is also a published author. He looks forward to serving the lodge over the course of the next year.

Lodge Treasurer—Joey Fini is a freshman at Arcata High School. He is in Troop 9, Arcata, and has attained the rank of Life Scout. He is a Brotherhood Honor member and has served previously as Lodge Treasurer (2000-2001). He enjoys camping, being Orca Lodge Treasurer, flying and computers.



From the 2001 Lodge Adviser

I want to thank everyone who helped me during the past three years as Lodge Advisor.

I would especially like to thank Dave Dukeman and Bruce Mayfield for their assistance and guidance counseling during my tenure.

But don't think you're getting rid of me, for the most part I'll still be in the kitchen cooking. Again, thank you to the entire Lodge. I would also thank Mario Delgado for "his assistance", if I thought it would do any good!

Yours in WWW,

Gihim

Greg Hannan

From the 2002 Lodge Adviser

I want to thank all those who attended our January Lodge meeting. Much was accomplished and our financial situation is finally in the black.

Among the topics we covered were a ghost patch for the NOAC contingent, a new general issue patch and our next section conclave at Diamond Peak.

Another hot topic is the need for additional youth members to attend this years NOAC.

As you can see this promises to be an exciting year for all of us in the Order of the Arrow!

Yours in Brotherhood

Dave Dukeman



Section Officer Update

During the OA's National Planning Meeting on December 28, 2001 in Dallas, Texas, **Riley Berg** of *Tah-Heetch Lodge #195*, the newly-elected Section W-3B chief, was elected **National Vice Chief**. This caused him to vacate his position as **Section Chief**. At the Council of Chiefs meeting a week later on January 5, 2002 in San Rafael, the section elected Orca's own **Chris Schoenthal** to fill out the remaining term as **Section Chief** and **Orca Lodge Chief Michael Buxton** was elected **Vice Chief of Operations**, filling Schoenthal's position. **Buxton** has decided to stay on as **Lodge Chief** of Orca Lodge for the remainder of his term. Congratulations and the best of luck to both Chris and Michael as they work to plan the next conclave.



Productive Fall Ordeals

By John Mattern

The fall Ordeal season got off to a good start on the weekend of October 19-21 at *Camp Masonite Navarro*. Eighteen candidates participated in a variety of projects including: a revamping of the rifle range, taking down and storing tents for winter, and hauling out a load of recyclables. Four Orca members attained Brotherhood at the weekend. A second ordeal was held at *Elk River Scout Camp* two weeks later on November 2-4, at which three new members received the Ordeal Honor and two arrowmen sealed their membership by attaining Brotherhood.

A good time was had by all, with no complaints voiced by anyone, except the usual grumbling of hungry candidates. Speaking of food, **Greg Hannan** delivered his usual excellent cooking. *Ordeal Master Tyler Johnson* performed admirably, despite late notification. Up at Elk River the *Ordeal Master* was shared between **Curtis Aultman** and **Scott Alto**.

The ceremonies teams turned in an excellent performance. At *Navarro*, the *Ordeal team* consisted of **Robert Rivera**, **Chris Faurot**, **Patrick O'Neill**, and newcomer **Jeff Harmon**. The *Brotherhood team* was **Chris Schoenthal**, **Andrew Bulleri**, **Aaron Landwehr** and **Michael Komorowski**. At *Elk River* the Ordeal ceremony consisted of **Dax Kirkpatric**, **Anibal Polanco**, **Jonathan Biggs**, and **Shane Brimble**. The brotherhood team consisted of **Scott Alto**, **Curtis Aultman**, **Dax Kirkpatric**, and **Daniel Washburn**.

Congratulations to all **Ordeal Honor members**:

Daniel Alander
Ian Ambrosi
Brian Brady
Andrew Castillo
Brant Comini
P.J. Daniels
Jerad Daugherty
Matthew Davis
Richard Dunlap III
Billy Ensrud
Jeff Holland
David Meeson
Robert Meeson
Carl Merner
Laurent Palmatier
David Ryan
John Schaefer
Weston Shively
Kyle Turner
Michael Von der Porten
Dan Weil

...and new **Brotherhood Honor** members:

Jacob Dreyer
Anton Hannan
Luke Latham
Forrest Parker
Tyler Tarantino
Robert Young

Arrowman Service Award



The Order of the Arrow's vision for the future emphasizes a strategy of increased service to the Boy Scouts of America by Arrowmen. To reward those Arrowmen who go beyond their immediate responsibilities to help and guide others to new heights, the Order of the Arrow created the *Arrowman Service Award*. The award will focus on three areas of service: personal, chapter/lodge activities, and general service to the community.

The timeline of the award will begin on January 1, 2001, and will end on December 31, 2003. The award may be earned in the year 2001, 2002, and 2003. All first time recipients may purchase the original award (the white ribbon with the gold compass). Arrowmen who earn the award more than once during the outlined three year period (2001-2003) may purchase the silver attachment for having completed this award a second time (2002 or 2003 only) and the bronze attachment for having completed this award a third time (2003 only). The attachment will be worn on the award's white ribbon. Signatures of approval will be required for each requirement.

To date *Orca Lodge* recognizes the following for having earned the year 2001 award:

Michael Buxton
David Dukeman
Chris Faurot
Joey Fini
Steve Fini
Greg Hannan
Jason Kracht
Chris Schoenthal
Daniel Washburn
Jason Yarnall

If you think you have qualified for the Arrowmens Service Award this last year, or would like to qualify next year, it is not to late, or early to get yours. Talk to your lodge officer(s) or adviser(s) today!





The National Order of the Arrow Conference—NOAC—will be held from July 27 to August 1 of this year. The conference is a biannual gathering of arrowmen from across the United States. NOAC is an event that includes training, fellowship, and activities for arrowmen. The conference will be held in Bloomington, Indiana, on the Indiana University Campus, with the theme of "Test Yourself and So Discover." As an additional perk, all dorm rooms at Indiana University now have air conditioning (so you might only have to take two showers a day).



A preliminary sign-up sheet was passed around at the Lodge Dinner in November. Those who signed up should have received this article and registration form in the mail already. If you did not get a chance to submit your name and would like to go, or did submit your name, but did not receive the registration form by mail, please contact either *Lodge Adviser* **Dave Dukeman** at 443-9559 or quietleder@aol.com or *Lodge Chief* **Michael Buxton** at 578-5552 or byebux@aol.com, so that your space can be assured. Because of national quotas, Orca Lodge can only send one adult per two youth members who sign up. Currently the lodge is looking for additional youth members who wish to go. Please do not hesitate to ask for information, check out the NOAC page with an arrowmen who has been to one of the previous conferences. I



NOAC 2002 Registration Form

Mail the check payable to Ocrá Lodge #194/BSA for \$250 to the Eureka Council Office:

This registration form must be received no later than February 22, 2002, and must be accompanied by a check for \$250 in order to secure your place for NOAC 2002. Because there are a limited number of spaces available, only the applications and checks that are received first will be guaranteed a spot. If you think that the deadlines may be a problem for you, please contact Dave Dukeman as soon as possible. Mail your check and this form today.



Order of the Arrow
ORCA LODGE #194
2002 Annual Registration Form

Date_____

Chapter_____

Unit No._____

Name_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Date of Birth_____Phone_____BusPhone_____

Fax_____E-Mail_____

Honor & Dates:

Ordeal_____Brotherhood_____Vigil_____

Vigil Name_____English Translation_____

*Offices, Awards and Notes*_____

*Dues Collected By:*_____ *At:*_____

Please make check or money order out to Orca Lodge / B S A

Please, do not send cash!!

Due-ty Calls...

***** THIS IS IMPORTANT--PLEASE READ *****

Arrowmen, dues for the 2002 year are being collected. Dues for this year are only \$10.00 (you do not have to pay back dues if you haven't paid in several years). This fee includes several issues of Orca Spouts throughout the year, as well as a shiny, new membership card. It also entitles you to participate in lodge activities this year. If you have not paid your dues, fill out the attached form, with your check, and mail it to the Eureka council office (if you attended the lodge dinner, you have already paid dues for 2002). Arrowmen who have not paid their dues by March 1, 2002 will be dropped from the list of active members. Because of the costs involved with creating, printing and mailing the newsletter, coupled with the costs that the lodge pays to recharter inactive members, Orca Lodge can no longer afford to keep inactive members on the mailing list. If you wish to continue receiving the newsletter, and retain your membership, it is imperative that the attached form be completed and sent to the council office with a check.

Mail the dues form and check payable to Orca Lodge #194/BSA, marked "2002 Dues" to:

**Joey Fini, Orca Lodge Treasurer
c/o Redwood Empire Council, Inc.
Boy Scouts of America
1007 Wood Street
Eureka, CA 95501**

Thanks!!

Dates to Remember...

Feb 12	Wonkatonk Clan Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	6:30
Feb 14	Allohak Clan Meeting/Presbyterian Church, Ukiah	7:30
Feb 14	Miwok Clan Meeting	7:30
Feb 14	Yuki Clan Meeting	7:00
Feb 19	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30

Mar 2-3 Lodge Fellowship Weekend

Mar 9 Section W-3B COC Meeting/Sacramento

Mar 12	Wonkatonk Clan Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	6:30
Mar 14	Allohak Clan Meeting/Presbyterian Church, Ukiah	7:30
Mar 14	Miwok Clan Meeting	7:30
Mar 14	Yuki Clan Meeting	7:00
Mar 19	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30

Apr 9	Wonkatonk Clan Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	6:30
Apr 11	Allohak Clan Meeting/Presbyterian Church, Ukiah	7:30
Apr 11	Miwok Clan Meeting	7:30
Apr 11	Yuki Clan Meeting	7:00
Apr 16	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30

May 9	Allohak Clan Meeting/Presbyterian Church, Ukiah	7:30
May 9	Miwok Clan Meeting	7:30
May 9	Yuki Clan Meeting	7:00

May 11 Section W-3B Meeting/Sacramento

May 14	Wonkatonk Clan Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	6:30
May 18	High Adventure Raft Trip/American River	
May 21	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30

Jun 7-9 Mow-A-Toc Chapter Spring Ordeal/Elk River Scout Camp

Jun 11	Wonkatonk Clan Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	6:30
Jun 13	Allohak Clan Meeting/Presbyterian Church, Ukiah	7:30
Jun 13	Miwok Clan Meeting	7:30
Jun 13	Yuki Clan Meeting	7:00

Jun 21-23 Cabrosha Chapter Spring Ordeal/Masonite Navarro

Jun 18	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
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Jul 13 Lodge Executive Board Meeting/Camp Masonite Navarro (concurrent with the Council Board of Directors meeting)

Jul 27-Aug 1 National Order of the Arrow Conference

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