

A GUIDE TO THE WAUPACA TRAILS CONTINUED

THE CLASS TRAILS

As I stated before, the Waupaca trail divides into many smaller trails. These have many different destinations. The ones we are interested in here are the class trails. In 1970 there were more class trails than ever before. They go to many interesting places such as the Camp Waupaca Country Club for golf, the Waterfront for swimming, and the Rifle Range for, well....Let me take you down the trails and let the individual trail guides tell you about their classes.

THE WATERFRONT

Camp Waupaca prides itself in having one of the nation's best aquatic programs. We test each boy to find out where he is, physically, and start from where we find him in teaching him how to swim.

We have found that any boy can swim. There is probably no other sport in which all boys are created equal. Given good teaching all boys can learn to swim, and to swim well. Any normal boy can become a good competitive swimmer, if he wants to. There are naturals in swimming, of course, just as there are in any sport, but most easily in swimming can natural advantages be offset by intelligent instruction and hard work. The implications of the Camp Waupaca pioneer work in testing each boy physically and working on his weaknesses have not yet been fully realized. Camp Waupaca believes that physical fitness is the key to good swimming.

In swimming, boys can easily see the relationship between work and results. In other sports, the phrase "character-building" is too often a cliché without meaning. However, here in swimming there is a clear day-to-day discipline

involved that teaches the boys that he who works succeeds. Thus, in Camp Waupaca, if you work you get better. If you don't work, you don't get better. Few things in life are that simple for boys. The advantage here at Camp Waupaca is that swimming is a sport, and because it is fun, character is "built" in a relatively painless fashion. We are careful about claiming carry-over into other activities, but surely experience with hard, systematic work has obvious benefits that need no further justification. If our educational system has any main fault it is that we do not sufficiently encourage boys to stretch themselves to the limits of their abilities. Camp Waupaca's Aquatic Program is an excellent vehicle for giving boys a chance to find out how good they are--in their own terms.

Room does not permit the listing of all the names of the boys who earned awards at Camp Waupaca this year. We can only mention that the following were earned: 28 Beginner, 18 Advanced Beginner, 36 Intermediate, 37 Swimmer, 27 Junior Life Saving, 12 Advanced Swimmer, 5 Senior Life Saving, and three boys earned their 50 Mile Swim Awards.

Each boy will receive a five-page report on his swimming accomplishments, and we will continue next year where we left off this year.

Michael Euer,
Waterfront Director

WATER SKIING

The success of this year's water skiing program was extraordinary. Of ninety different boys who participated in the skiing program only six were unsuccessful in their attempt to ski, or, roughly, seven-percent.

SCUBA

Is your tank filled? Are you going diving? How long will your tank last you underwater? became familiar questions hurled at the members of this years diving classes.

The program. this year was divided into two classifications: (1) Skindiving and, (2) SCUBA. The requirements for skindiving are simply that the entrant must be a swimmer. The student then embarks on a course involving chumming fish underwater, search and recovery techniques, deep water dives (15 to 20 feet), and one night dive. After completeing the course the graduate recieves an intermediate snorkler award, which is the highest snorkler award offered.

The second part of the program consists of using self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (SCUBA). This is an elyte course offered to boys who are at least 14 years old, excellent swimmers, and in excellent helath. The course covers the laws of physics, medicine, and chemistry which are involved in diving as well as it's mechanical aspects. The second part is aimed at dev'eloping the actual skills of Scuba diving--skills which will aid the diver to relu on his own ability and obtain confidence in his equipment. At the end of five weeks, if the students progress has been satisfactory and his final exams, both written and practical, have been successfully completed, the graduate will recieve a Junior Divers certification card by way of The Professional Association of Diving Instructors.

This year out of a calss of five people, one person, Ronald Berg, successfully completed the course and obtained a Divers Certification Card.

Zbigniew J. Hinz
Skin and Scuba Diving
Instructor

ARCHERY

Camp Waupaca Archery started on a fresh new note this with the addition of a new equipment shed. Along with the equipment shed came new bows, animal targets, and an expanded archery program.

First on the list was an Archery Ladder where the best archers in camp could compete against each other in serious competition. The Senior Ladder comprised cabins 8 - CIT:

1. Mark Horwitz and Reid Davis
3. Barry Robbins
4. Dave Karlin
5. Paul Kuznetsky
6. Howie Booth
7. Perry Becker
8. Steve Perlow
9. Mark Field
10. Mike Chavin

The Junior Ladder comprised cabins 1 - 7:

1. Steve Shyman
2. Paul Goldstein
3. Rich Feingold
4. Jerry Lavin
5. Sam Skurie
6. Steve Alex
7. Bert Saper
8. Marty Shabelman
9. Mike Heim
10. Steve Mendelson.

Besides the Archery Ladder there was a cloud of shooting on the soccer field by all classes and another group got to play the camp golf course with arrows. Finally, during classes, archers were able to shoot at field targets of deer, tiger, lion, and other assorted course animals.

Joe Hecht
Paul Steinfeld
Archery Instructors

RIFLERY

The Riflery Program at Camp Waupaca has taken a giant step forward in comparison to past years. The program consisted of an emphasis on safety and marksmanship. The campers were allowed to shoot more than ever before and, due to an outstanding group of riflemen, more than 150 N. R. A. awards were awarded to over 50% of the campers. Besides targets, on

special days, cans and balloons were set up to shoot at. As in other classes we had a Rifle Ladder in which campers were allowed to compete and challenge one another. The final Senior Ladder (age 12 and up) consisted of: 1. Perry Becker 2. Dave Karlin 3. Matt Tulsy 4. Danny Fiengold 5. Rob Gerowitz 6. Barry Robbins 7. Gary Grossman 8. Alan McGhee 9. David Tobias 10. Mitch Levine.

Finally, to top off the summer the most outstanding group of shooters participated in the N. R. A. Postal Summer Camp Matching!

Howard Resnick
NRA Instructor
Steven Lavine
Assistant Instructor

LAND SPORTS

This year at Camp Waupaca, Land Sports turned to be one of the most popular classes. The instructors in Land Sports were Steve Roth, Dick Garb, Dale Halter, and George Pressley. They had the campers play every type of land game there is at Camp Waupaca. Some of the more popular games were Floor Hockey, 16" softball, and playing the baseball classes in 12" softball. Also, the campers who took Land Sports were the first to learn the game of Flickerball, a new game introduced this year. Overall, from a campers point of view, Land Sports was one of the most enjoyable classes at camp this summer.

Sid Karlin
Steve Lev
C.I.T.S

BASEBALL

This year the baseball classes got some real insight into what goes into making a successful ball club. In addition to learning and practicing some of the more complex techniques in baseball, members from all classes were chosen for a team to put them into practical use against Camp Miquano. Waupaca fielded a strong team but, despite a strong final inning rally, dropped a close 7 - 5 decision to the visitors. I look for some exceptional ballplayers to develop at Camp Waupaca in the next few years.



Gary McDonald
Baseball Instructor

CRAFT SHOP

In the craft shop this summer there were four specialties: woodworking, aluminum foil plaque work, plaster mold painting, and lanyard braiding. The bulk of the work centered around woodworking.

Over 280 projects were completed by the campers, with some campers making as many as twelve projects.

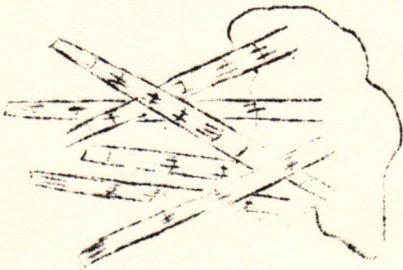
There were more than forty different items to choose from, most popular being model boats and airplanes, aluminum plaques, tool boxes, note boxes, baseball games, and box hockey games.

A boat building contest was held and four plaques were awarded to the winners. Great skill and originality were displayed in the winning entries.

That the craft shop was popular this summer was proven by the fact that more campers wanted to use it than the shop could handle when evening free period sessions were held.

Erv Kasian
Arts and Crafts Instructor

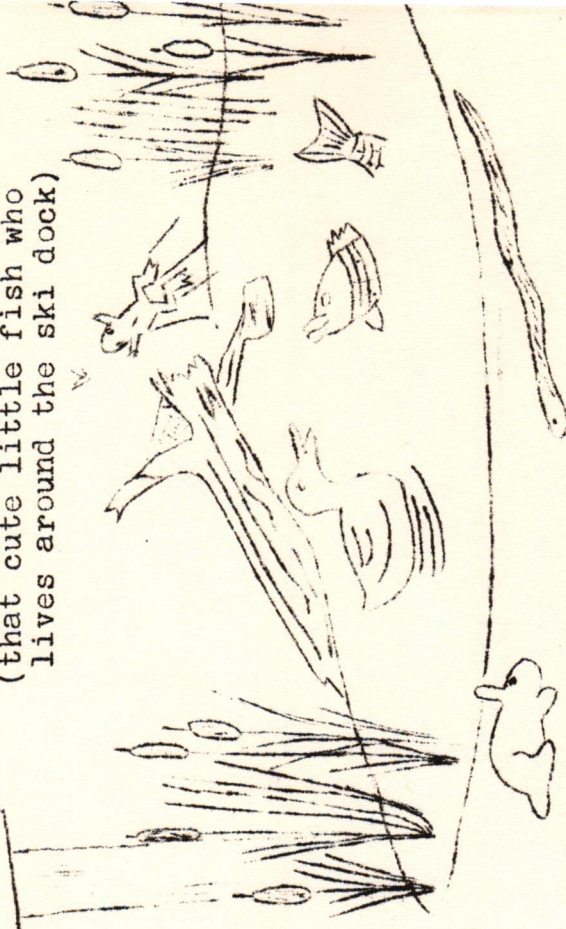
Chinese Puzzle Plant
(found at our old beach
and also at Radley Creek)



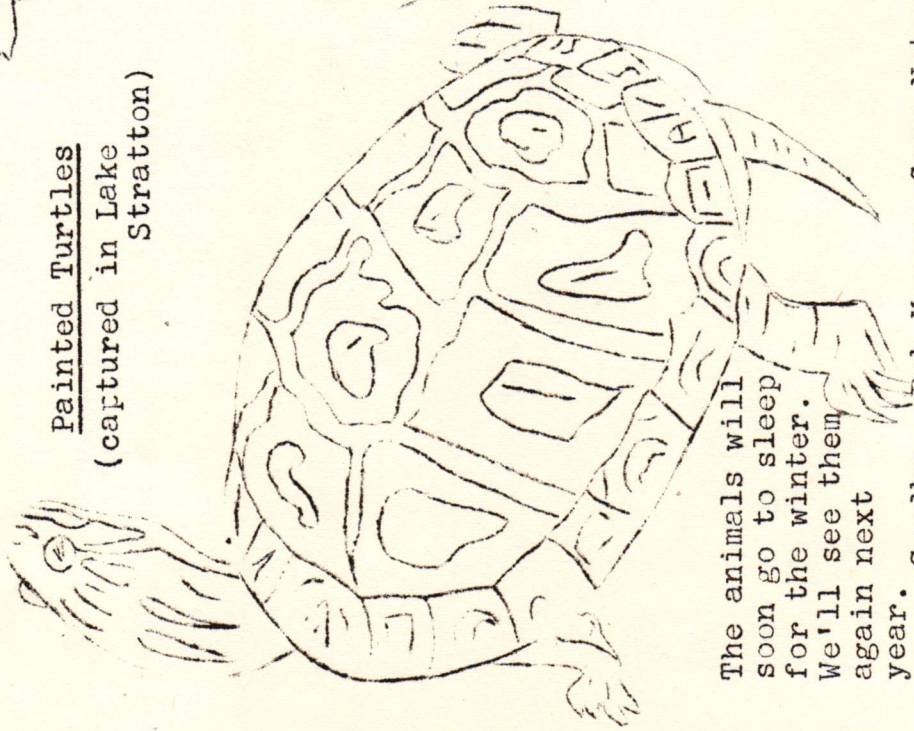
Bullfrogs, Greenfrogs, Grassfrogs
(also toads and tadpoles -
caught at Frito-Lay Pond
and the pond out past
the C.I.T. Village)



Johnny Darters
(that cute little fish who
lives around the ski dock)



Painted Turtles
(captured in Lake
Stratton)



The animals will
soon go to sleep
for the winter.
We'll see them
again next
year.

Goodby, Bob Mowen, Camp Naturalist

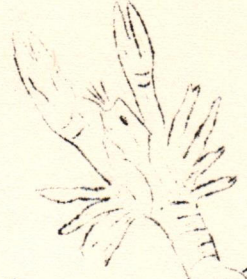
Rabbits

(the domestic variety which
we have each year - let's not
forget the cute little black
ones we had this year)



Crayfish

(this was the year of the cray
fish for us - we had our 30
gallon aquarium loaded with
them - How primitive they look)



RIDING

This was indeed a successful year in our riding program. During the first four weeks of camp, we had forty-one riders. The program was highlighted by overnight pack trips in which we rode to a campsite, hitched and groomed the horses, and camped out overnight. Mr. Walt Ciurra of the W-Bar-C Ranch deserves our sincere thanks for his efforts in assisting us with our entire riding program. We all look forward eagerly to next year when we can once more ride the beautiful trails of the W-Bar-C and have names like Penny, Dawn, Slade, and Cyclone ringing in our ears.

Gary McDonald
Riding Instructor

PHOTOGRAPHY

Breaking film cartridges, loading film reels, filling up developing tanks, D-76-stop bath fixer..wash/dry..printing up negatives, blow-ups--during the first two weeks, one-third of the camp had learned to develop film and print up pictures in the darkroom. In the following two weeks, along with viewing a filmstrip series on taking better pictures, class members traveled to the Red Mill, nearby rapids on the Crystal River, and Whispering Pines Park on studies of photographic composition.

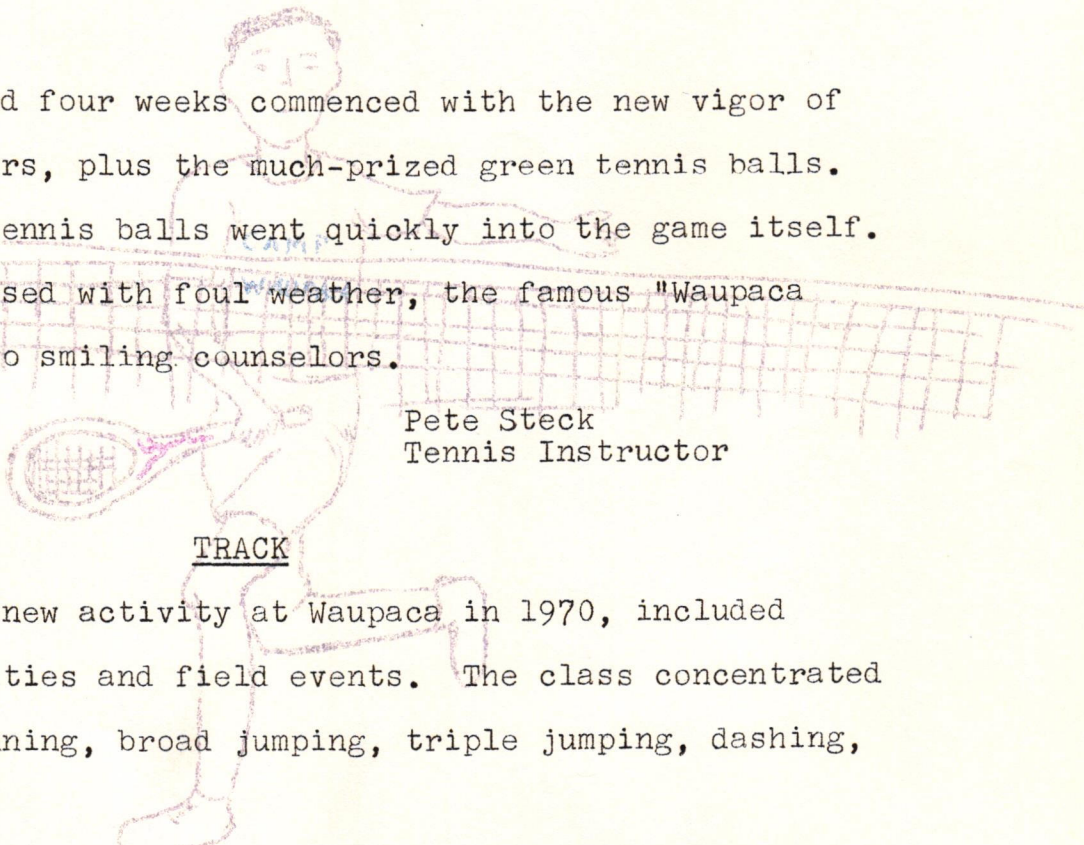
Having developed film from pictures taken around camp or on composition trips, during the second four weeks, each class member printed photographs from his own negatives and selected his entries for the photo contest which was judged following the sixth week of camp. From this "Gallery" of photographs displayed to the rest of the camp, prize-winning prints were chosen for publication in the Camp Waupaca Yearbook.

Brian Peterson
Photography Instructor

TENNIS

In 1970, tennis came to Waupaca--not from England--but from Milwaukee and Minneapolis by way of Pete Steck and Pete Jocketty. The season started with the traditional basics instruction, and within the first five classes, tennis games were underway. Then tournaments within the classes and the operation of the challenge ladder closed the first four weeks.

The second four weeks commenced with the new vigor of the four weekers, plus the much-prized green tennis balls. Again, these tennis balls went quickly into the game itself. The season closed with foul weather, the famous "Waupaca bounce" and two smiling counselors.



Pete Steck
Tennis Instructor

TRACK

Track, a new activity at Waupaca in 1970, included running activities and field events. The class concentrated on shuttle running, broad jumping, triple jumping, dashing, and jogging.

During the course of the summer, more than fifty boys participated in the class. Each boy worked on developing individual skills. Awards were given for improvement.

The following campers received track awards:

Best camper in track program: Rich Feingold

Runner-up for best camper: Mike Ehrlich

Most improved camper (first four weeks): Arnie Kaplan

Most improved camper (second four weeks): Tony Kamin

George Pressley
Track Instructor

GOLF

It was another big summer on the Camp Waupaca golf course. Over 100 boys signed up for golf classes during the eight-week season. We did not overburden the campers with a complicated series of lessons, but instead, stressed the basic fundamentals of the game while giving them added opportunities to play the four-hole camp course. This emphasis on actual play rather than listening to lengthy lectures resulted in many golfers showing marked improvement over the course of the summer.

Gold classes were highlighted by a pair of tournaments, match play in the third and fourth weeks, and medal play in the seventh week. These tournaments gave the golfers a chance to play under competitive conditions. To enhance their competitive spirit, the junior and senior golf ladders gave recognition to some of the more outstanding golfers in the camp. All campers had the opportunity to challenge those on the ladder in order to be among the select few. A special inducement for those on the senior ladder was a weekly trip to the plush Waupaca Country Club. Playing a top-flight regulation golf course gave the campers the opportunity to put their skills to a most demanding test.

All in all it was another successful year for golf at Camp Waupaca.

Bob Cantu,
Jeff Fitzrandolph,
Gary Hurwitz,
Jeff Tobias,
Golf Instructors

GYMNASTICS

"Learning through practice" was the principle behind this year's gymnastics classes. The boys were instructed in basic moves on the trampoline, high bar, parallel bars and side horse, and then were encouraged to work on the stunts until they had mastered them. Each boy was allowed to move through the program at his own pace, since the instruction was on an individual, rather than group, basis. In this manner boys with previous gymnastics experience did not become bored with preliminary material, but moved on to more difficult tricks such as front and back flips on the trampoline and advanced apparatus stunts.

This year three boys, Ronnie Tickman, Mark Field, and Steve Ornoff, who took the course for the full eight weeks, displayed special desire and ability in all aspects of the gymnastics program. Many campers who became proficient on all the equipment, and everyone who put a sincere effort into the class, greatly improved his own proficiency in gymnastics.

Steve Roth
Gymnastics Instructor

WRESTLING

Wrestling is the only sport that allows contact person-to-person combat with all the resources a person can use-- speed, strength, agility, endurance, and cunning--yet guarantees no bodily injuries. In no other sport is more pressure placed on a competitor than wrestling. He, the competitor, has nobody else on his team; nobody else to blame, and nobody else to ask for assistance.