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Pasquaney Crew

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by Jack Reigeluth


“Half, half, three quarters, full,” Graham Crevoiserat (Camper 1999-03) yelled, urging his boat forward. “Ten to build,” he bellowed and counted out each successive stroke. “Ten to settle.” The two boats pulsed through the water neck and neck as they passed the Spaeth Cottage.

Then, only thirty strokes into the race, the Birch boat stopped. Nick Downing’s seat had jammed on his slide. The Dana boat cruised ahead as the Birch rowers tried unsuccessfully to get the seat back in place. Hoping to maintain some semblance of pride, the stern pair rowed to the finish line with the bow pair setting the boat.

The Birch boat gave a railroad to the victors and went back to the boathouse. Nick does not remember what his crew said to one another or how they tried to console themselves or make sense of a race that they could not finish.

It was not until years later that Nick’s thoughts about his experience crystallized. “There is a lot that is outside of your control in rowing: wind, waves, and current, or an equipment failure,” said Nick. “You must learn to define success by what you can control – your effort, your strategy, and how well your boat rows together – not the outcome of a race. My experience rowing at Pasquaney helped me put future races into context. Rowing must be about improving and learning to work together for it to be a worthwhile endeavor. It cannot just be about winning.” After four summers of Pasquaney crew, losing all four of his races, Nick went on to row for the British Junior National Team and to captain the Harvard Varsity Lightweight Crew.

In a world where young athletes often get a medal just for participating, Pasquaney rowing is somewhat of an anomaly. There is only one formal race that takes place at the end of the summer, and the pressure building up to it can be challenging. “I remember thinking so much about who would win or whether I would catch a crab,” said Brad Cragin (Camper 1988-92, Counsellor 1994-96), who rowed at Georgetown University. “I was always a mess before the race, heading to the mines a half-dozen times thinking about the uncertainty.” Once the race is over, dealing with the disappointment of defeat poses another challenge for many boys. “I cried myself to sleep the night that I lost because it meant so much to me,” said Alec Southall (Camper 1983-86, Counsellor 1989-92).

Because of the emotional intensity of the race, the teamwork and preparation that go into it, and the finality of the regatta, Pasquaney rowing is a transformative experience for many alumni. “Race day made me understand what it feels like in your gut to compete,” said Tim Dittmann (Camper 1994-99, Counsellor 2002-03), who won the Junior National Championship in the pair while in high school and later rowed at Princeton University. “That is one of the important things about rowing at camp. You learn how to be vulnerable, how to face failure or success and deal with it. In that moment, as a fourteen, fifteen, or sixteen-year-old, that was the biggest moment in your life. You learn a lot going through the pressure that surrounds that.”

For alumnus Alex Newell (Camper 2004-07, Counsellor 2009-13), who rowed at Harvard University and captained the lightweight team, having an intense competition within the context of the Pasquaney community changed...
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who, he was sure, was
the hoity-toity Nick.

"It's like an out-of-town
hotel, or maybe an
out-of-town hotel,
but not to me. I'm in the
water, and I'm living it..."
how he thought about competition. Before rowing at camp, Alex was used to competing against other schools, making it easy to think that his only objective was to win and that his opponent was the enemy. After losing the senior boat race in 2006, Alex stopped speaking to Gus Godley, who rowed in the winning boat and was also his best friend. Every summer during announcements in Mem Hall, Mr. Vinnie talks about the true purpose of competition being found in the word’s Latin root, competitere, meaning to strive together. Dealing with the disappointment of defeat and realizing the value of his friendship with Gus made this lesson stick for Alex.

“Because of that experience, I learned that a race was a chance to showcase what you have learned and to put your newfound talent to the test by trying to win. You need an opportunity to strive for your best at the end of the season, and a race is just a vehicle to do that.”

Rowing first came to Pasquaney in the summer of 1901 when Teddy Jackson (Camper 1895-99, Counsellor 1900-32, Director 1933-39), a Harvard coxswain, and Herber Howe (Counsellor 1901-03), a Harvard rower who went on to be the founding Head of Belmont Hill School, convinced Mr. Ned that rowing should be offered at Pasquaney. That summer, on July 25, two “four-oared barges” (1901 Annual) arrived two weeks before the first regatta. The two boats were separated by dorm (Birch and Dana), pitting the dorm where the boys tended to be younger and smaller against the one that tended to be older.

In 1904 the crew council recognized the need for a change. While maintaining Birch and Dana as the names of the rowing clubs, the council organized boats based on ability with the aim of creating the closest race possible (1904 Annual). Crew’s place at Pasquaney was transformed. “Throughout the entire summer the keenest interest had been taken in the sport,” wrote Miff Frothingham in the 1904 Annual. “Almost any morning the hills have echoed with the shrill voices of coxswains and the more impressive harangues of the coach.”

While boys take rowing seriously because of the excitement of preparing for an evenly matched race, the shared commitment that boys make to their boat also gives crew a greater sense of importance. “Rowing is really the ultimate team sport,” said Carl “Nordy” Nordstrom (Camper 1960-66, Counsellor 1970-88, 1993-94), who rowed in the Northeastern University crew that narrowly lost to the Russian Olympic Crew in the 1972 Grand Challenge Cup at the Henley Regatta. “Only if your boat is fully coordinated and balanced will it be able to succeed.” To accomplish this coordination and balance, rowing requires more structure than other activities and a big commitment. “Out of all the activities at Pasquaney, rowing most closely resembles the feel of a varsity program,” said Graham Pearson (Camper 2000-04, Counsellor 2007-08), who was the captain of the Bates College Varsity Crew. “We had structured workouts and well-planned drills. This is not the kind of program that you would associate with a stereotypical summer camp. Participating in crew requires a big commitment to your team, and that is what makes it special.”

Some boys have stayed away from crew because they desire the freedom to float from one activity to the next. Brian Young (Camper 2002-06, Counsellor 2008-11), who rowed at the University of Pennsylvania, said, “If I could have quit early on, I would have. Rowing was tough, and, sitting in a rocky and untalented third boat, I was not sure what the purpose was of me being out there. It was not until about halfway through the summer that things started to click, and I started to enjoy it. Rowing is really a microcosm of Pasquaney: working together for something greater than yourself, while learning about leadership and doing the right thing.”

More recent coaches have also emphasized the importance of team unity by introducing new rituals and traditions. In the early 1970s counsellors Charlie Platt (Counsellor 1949-52, 1956-73), who coached at St. Mark’s School and Episcopal School of Jacksonville, and Nordy Nordstrom introduced a Dana and Birch shirt to give each rowing club a greater sense of shared identity. In 2002 counsellors Tim Dittmann and Scott Kennedy (Camper 1995-99, Counsellor 2002-04), who rowed at Dartmouth, added to that tradition by presenting crews with their club’s shirts in front of the entire camp during a ceremony in Memorial Hall. The change has been palpable. When I was a camper from 1995 to 2000, the boathouse was almost silent during the regatta as the rowers awaiting their race tried to conserve their energy. Each boat thought of itself as a team of five. Now, you hear boys cheer in support of other boats that wear their shirt (either Birch or Dana). Older boys will help younger boys from the same rowing club deal with prerace nerves and the disappointment of defeat, and they will also share
in the excitement of victory.

Rowing teaches boys collaboration because the solutions to many of the obstacles that arise can only be overcome as a team. “When we are out with the team, we feel like we are learning together,” said current camper Fin Zakas. “One practice, while doing a race piece, one of us caught a crab and then all of us did. We were all yelling at each other and blaming each other. We almost capsized.” When counsellor Townley Chisholm caught up, he taught Fin’s boat a valuable lesson by saying almost nothing, forcing Fin’s boat to find a solution themselves. While Townley’s silence was probably intentional, it may also have been out of necessity. “You put the challenge in front of the boys, and a lot of the time that was the only way to do it because as a coach I often did not know what the problem was,” said Jon Meredith (Camper 1985-88; Counsellor 1990-98, 2000-01, 2003-04), who rowed at Kenyon College and started the rowing programs at Blair Academy and Frederica Academy. While working with the Birch Senior Boat this past summer, Conway Staunton (Camper 2010-12, Counsellor 2016-present), who rows at Yale University, had the boat do a catch placement drill. The goal was to teach rowers to drop their oars in the water at the same time and then take them out while maintaining the balance of the boat. To make it more difficult, Conway had the boys pause with their oars suspended. “There was complete silence in the boat as we all focused on balancing together,” said the Birch stroke Pierre Vivier (Camper 2012-16). “If we messed up, the boat might flip over. We really felt unified, and no one had to say anything.”

By giving boys the freedom to figure out this new sport, Pasquaney also teaches rowers to be resilient. When Vinnie Broderick was head of the crew program, Matt Haslett asked him for instruction on how to row a single. With only ten minutes before scheduled crew, Matt remembers Vinnie saying, “I do not have enough time to teach you how to get back in the boat.” Vinnie cut Matt loose after only a few minutes. “By only teaching me how to get back in the boat, Vinnie showed me that there was no shame in the boat might flip over. We really felt unified, and no one had to say anything.”

Learning to move beyond mistakes is also essential to having a great race. When coaching at Pasquaney, Brad Crigan used to tell his crews, “Your boat might catch three or four boat-stopping crabs, so it is so important to prepare yourself to be resilient and perseverate, be prepared to bounce back if you make a mistake and get right back to it. The chances are that the other boat will be going through the same thing. There have been races where a boat won or lost in the last four strokes. You have to prepare the boys to keep going at all times.”

In addition to the intensity of the regatta, rowing’s novelty for most new boys is an important part of Pasquaney rowing. “Because most new campers have no experience rowing, almost everything they know about the sport they have learned together. So, if you work hard, you can be a great rower at Pasquaney,” said Phil Hooper (Camper 1999-03, Counsellor 2005-08), who rowed at Brown. With activities like tennis and baseball, the gap in ability between the least and the most experienced can feel insurmountable. Gregg Stone thought he was a non-athlete when he first came to Pasquaney. “I played baseball and got so few hits that I can remember each one,” said Gregg. “Crew gave me a higher level of confidence in myself because it taught me that with hard work I can improve.” Gregg went on to row at Harvard University, and he was the US Champion in single sculling from 1977-80.

With the contemporary emphasis on winning, Pasquaney seems out of place with its focus on competition as a means to an end and not an end in itself. “In high school, winning seemed to be all that mattered and that took away from my enjoyment of crew,” said Jamie Mazzio-Manson (Camper 2009-13), who rows at Wesleyan University. “At Pasquaney, you rowed for the love of the sport and to be out on the water with a group of your friends; you rowed to get better and not just to win.”

After first rowing at Pasquaney, many rowers have competed at the international and collegiate level. Almost all the alumni interviewed for this article said that the life lessons they learned while rowing at Pasquaney were the most important factor in determining their future success. As Will Newell (Camper 2001-05, Counsellor 2007-08), who went on to captain the Harvard lightweights and row in the 2012 Olympics in the lightweight coxless four, said, “rowing at Pasquaney taught me the value of hard work, the ability to commit to something, and to compete and subject myself to high levels of competition... It gave me my foundation, a love of rowing, which took me farther than sheer technical skill.”

Anne Scribner Hopkins Joins the Board

by Jack Reigeluth

Anne Scribner Hopkins was elected Parent Representative of the Board of Trustees during the October meeting. Anne, parent to Roan Hopkins, was a camper and longtime counsellor and Assistant Director at Camp Onaway, and she was a teacher for 27 years at the Shady Hill School in Cambridge, MA. This fall Anne will be moving with her husband, Jake; Roan; and daughter, Caleigh; to southern Maine, where she will be the Lower School Director at the Waynflete School.

“My biggest hope as a trustee is that I will help strengthen the sustainability of Pasquaney,” said Anne. “Today traditional summer camps almost seem counter cultural, and with technology, organized sports, and the like, they are in a tentative place. I want to make sure Pasquaney continues to thrive.”

“As the Assistant Director of Onaway, Anne was a strong leader. She was extremely loyal to Onaway and its values. She is a strong person who stands by her beliefs. When Anne said that she was going to do something, she did it,” said former Onaway Director Carol Southall.

Anne’s experience as an educator and knowledge about the transformative potential of a great camp experience will be a huge asset to the Board. “I attribute my years at Onaway with the woman that I am today,” said Anne. “I became a teacher because of my experience at Onaway. As a parent, Onaway has impacted what I try to pass on to my children: values, being a member of a community, and being adventurous. As a woman, Onaway gave me confidence and taught me to feel empowered. As the Assistant Director, my priority was on helping campers be their best selves. I tried to do that by encouraging counsellors to have a strong relationship with the girls.

“As an educator, I believe in what camp does for kids: providing new opportunities, mentors, a sense of independence, and an opportunity for kids to reinvent themselves. Too often in schools, kids will get stuck in a peer group where they feel they need to act like everyone else to be accepted. At Onaway I was valued for myself: my personality and the traits that make me different from everyone else, not just those that make me the same. Great summer camps allow kids to reinvent themselves because they create a space where kids feel appreciated for who they are.”

Anne, Caleigh, Roan, and Jake at Water Sports in 2016 (by Kris Sycamore)
Howie Baetjer Joins the Board

by Jack Reigeluth

Howie Baetjer was elected to the Pasquaney Board of Trustees during the 2016 August meeting. Howie is a man of spirit and integrity. During his time at camp, Howie had been “such a tower of strength” that Mr. Gem-John wrote to Howie, “It difficult to imagine Pasquaney without you. Your enthusiasm, your insistence that things be done right, your concern and love for the boys, and your loyalty to Pasquaney will be greatly missed.” Luckily for Pasquaney, Howie has never been gone for too long.

Howie was a camper from 1964 to 1968 and was a counsellor from 1970 to 1983 and 1988 to 1995. As a camper, Howie developed a love of sailing and skippered the winning boat in the club and open regattas in 1968 with his partners Peter Hoversten and Bill Johnson respectively. Howie was also a baseball captain (always naming his team Baetjer’s Birds), a Long Walker, and the comic hero Harry Howard in the 1966 Theater Play, _The Fireman’s Flame_.

As a sailing counsellor, Howie brought high performance sailing dinghies and board sailing to Pasquaney. Pasquaney had long sailed in the Puffin, a heavy boat that must be towed in and bailed out when capsized. By introducing Pasquaney to the 445 (a planing-hulled boat that can be easily righted when capsized), Howie enabled Pasquaney sailors to be more self-reliant and to sail in a sleeker, faster, more responsive craft.

Despite the improvements to the sailing program under Howie’s command, the greatest impact he had on Pasquaney was through his unwavering commitment to do what is right.

Howie said he joined the Pasquaney Board of Trustees because “Pasquaney is the finest educational institution that I have been associated with. Many other institutions talk about their goal of building character. Pasquaney really does it.”

Howie has a deep knowledge of Pasquaney and tries to include character education in his job as an economics professor at Towson University. “One of my beliefs about teaching that comes from Pasquaney is that the most important thing we teach is not our subject but ourselves; my example matters,” said Howie Baetjer in an interview for an article on Pasquaney educators that appeared in the _2015 White Birch_. “I want my students to live honestly and respectfully, so I try to be a good guy to set the example. I try to be respectful and gentle. I am always trying to teach them to be a good person.”

Brandon Neblett, Howie Baetjer, Bobby Blue, Andrew Doolittle, Peter Denious, Tommy Sutro, Adam Charles, Kirk Phelps, Teddy Winstead, and Nick Finn in 1983 (from the Pasquaney archives)
From the President of the Board

Dear Friends:

Last summer I attended the parent roundtable held on Water Sports weekend. It’s a chance for parents to ask questions and to hear from counsellors and Director, Vin Broderick, about how the summer has gone. There were many good questions, but I was struck by one in particular. One parent asked how, in real terms, Pasquaney achieves the kind of education centered on traditional moral standards that it achieves each summer.

Everyone in attendance leaned in a bit to hear how the counsellors and Mr. Vinnie would answer. I think one reason that we were leaning in was our sense that Pasquaney’s mission seems increasingly audacious. Despite the continuing emphasis in many schools on character education, it often appears that our world is moving in the opposite direction. For the roundtable audience sitting in front of Eastbourne last August, it felt like a lot was riding on the answer to this question.

Several counsellors spoke eloquently about how Pasquaney works, but there was no single, simple answer to the question posed by the parent. Many elements come together each summer and trying to account for them precisely is a bit like trying to describe the beauty of a summer afternoon in New Hampshire—you can’t quite do it justice.

I will share part of Townley Chisholm’s answer. Townley teaches at Exeter in the offseason, and he has been a Pasquaney counsellor for 31 seasons. Townley’s response in part was that “Pasquaney asks a lot of its campers, counsellors, parents, and director.” I think Townley was on to something. Pasquaney asks campers and counsellors to take Pasquaney home at the end of the summer, to put into practice what was learned during the season in a world that sometimes appears unsympathetic to the values Pasquaney holds up, and to remember what we are like when we strive to be our best selves.

But Pasquaney also requires more mundane commitments. We ask our alumni, parents, and friends to do a lot financially to support the work of Pasquaney. Without that support, we could not operate as we do. In 2017 the full cost of camp is $12,200 per camper, and yet our tuition is $6,900, a fraction of the cost. That difference is funded by annual gifts and endowment income. This coming summer we expect that 24% of our campers will receive partial or full scholarships, and again we will rely on gifts and endowment income to make this possible.

During our fiscal year ending March 31, 2017, we were fortunate to receive contributions from more than 700 people and institutions, including a record-setting $314,100 in gifts to the Annual Fund. We also set a record for the percentage of alumni giving to Pasquaney, boosted once again by volunteers like Doug Camp, Will Talley, Billy Wilson, JP McGuire, Harry Pearson, Lee McElroy, Walt Suskind, Michael Harrahan, Jay West, Butch West, Trey Winstead, Dave Powell, Teddy Winstead, Bobby Blue, Howie Baetjer, Harrison, Edward, and Matt Hill, Jim MacDougall, Blake Rice, Sam Linder, Kevin Cattrell, Mike Filbey, Jules Finney, Matt Woolverton, Greg Carlson, Brian Young, and Henry Valk who helped us reach that level with timely reminders and encouragement aimed particularly at the younger set.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Jack Reigeluth, and Vin Broderick, I thank all of you who contributed financially and otherwise during the most recent fiscal year to the preservation and strengthening of Pasquaney.

With my warmest regards,

Robert D. Denious
President, Board of Trustees
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Other income of $10,610.

We also received $128,690 from the endowment. As of March 31, Pasquaney's estimated endowment balance approaches $3.5 million. The endowment is the largest possible portion of our resources are applied to educating the boys. If you have any questions about camp finances, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Fiscal Year 2017 Sources of Operating Revenue $1,183,000

We are pleased and very grateful to report that the generosity of alumni and friends made up a large percentage of our revenue this year through Annual Fund gifts, scholarship gifts, and distributions from the endowment. Consistent with our commitment to use donated funds as effectively as possible and to keep Camp affordable, we strive to operate efficiently and to ensure that the largest possible portion of our resources are applied to educating the boys. If you have any questions about camp finances, please don't hesitate to contact us.

1. All expenses are categorized in consultation with Pasquaney's auditors on an annual basis. Because of the timing of this report, these figures are unaudited.
2. Funds released from restriction from a prior year represent income that was given during Fiscal Year 2016 but designated for use in Fiscal Year 2017.
3. Other Income consists of miscellaneous revenue such as sales at the camp store and advertising income from the Pasquaney Annual.

Pasquaney relies heavily on the Annual Fund to supplement revenues from tuition and income from endowed funds. These unrestricted dollars are applied to the entire range of operating expenses, from staff salaries, to financial assistance for campers, to kerosene for our lanterns. Next year giving to the Annual Fund will close on March 31, 2018.

Demand for financial aid continues to grow. Fortunately for Pasquaney and the boys, the extraordinary generosity of donors has enabled us to respond to that demand by increasing our projected scholarship budget to $180,350 for the 2017 season (Fiscal Year 2018), a record amount.

Robert D. Denious

March 31, 2018
Figures above represent the approximate value of the endowment on the final day of our fiscal year, March 31st. The 13-quarter rolling average referred to above is the average of the endowment value at the end of the 13 most recent fiscal quarters.

Pasquaney draws income from endowed funds that are managed by Brown Advisory, who are overseen by the Investment Committee of the Board. In order to ensure the continued growth of the endowment, the Board has established a spending guideline that is designed to limit withdrawals from endowed funds to 4% of its 13-quarter rolling average balance.

Our list of donors and funds is only published in the paper version.
The 1895 Society was created to recognize and thank people who are making planned gifts to Pasquaney, which will help ensure that Pasquaney continues to thrive in the future. Planned gifts include making a bequest in your will, recognizing Pasquaney as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy, or making a gift to Pasquaney through a retirement plan. To join the 1895 Society members pledge to make a planned gift to Pasquaney. For more information contact the Pasquaney office. [Phone: (603) 225-4065 Email: office@pasquaney.org].

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The 1930s
Galen Stone
lives in a retirement community in Westwood, MA. Galen served in the Army during World War II, landing at Normandy in 1944 and serving as Military Governor of Friesen, Germany's fifteen thousand residents. After completing his service in the Army, Galen finished his last two years at Harvard University and passed the US foreign service exam. Galen's long career in the foreign service includes serving under the Supreme Allied Commander of NATO, as the Deputy Director of Western European Affairs, as the US Ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency, and as the US Ambassador to Cyprus. Galen will have two grandsons at Pasquaney this summer: Brewer and Hayden Stone.

Tom Sanders
resides in Wichita Falls, TX. He says that he has a lot of good memories from camp: going on camping parties to the islands with Shaw Mudge, coxswaining, hiking on the Long Walk, and being a real water dog.
The 1940s

Claude D. Mosseri-Marlio (who lives in Paris, France) lives only two blocks from another alumnus Regis Bourget. He came to a Pasquaney Paris reunion that was hosted by the Viviers, a current Pasquaney family.

Paul Hertelendy wrote that one of his counsellors in 1943 "was a sharp-witted individual who did some theater at camp, among other things. At the age of barely eleven, I had the unenviable job of waking him up Sunday morns to drive us to a Catholic church. It took forever, with him flailing about semi-somnolent and me ducking errant blows like a nimble-footed Mohammed Ali in the ring... Quite a comedy!!"

In 1947 Stewart Ogden's first summer at Pasquaney was cut short because of the polio epidemic. Stewart recalls how Thruston Morton, Sr., father of Clay and Ballard Morton, arranged for a private plane to take a group of twelve campers home to Louisville, KY. The boys flew from Logan Airport in an old, refurbished war plane that still had gun ports in the windows.

Bob Ballard resides in New York City, and he is going into his 50th year at Cushman and Wakefield, a commercial real-estate company. “Soliciting new business has gone from walking an office building and knocking on doors to the sophisticated use of the internet,” Bob said, in an article published at cushwakecentennial.com. “Yet it is still a people business; it is still about relationships, face-time, teamwork, persistence, and serving the client.”

The 1950s

Dave Hughes has made Newfound Lake his permanent home. Dave continues to be the director of the summer camp Masquebec Hill. He visited Pasquaney on Opening Day last summer, and he has enjoyed getting feedback on videos of his Pasquaney Theater Plays, which are available on the David K. Hughes YouTube page.

Wendy Beyer, who worked in the Pasquaney office in 1998 and is daughter of Dick Beyer, appeared on Lester Holt's NBC Nightly News on April 14 because of her work in family medicine and direct primary care, in which doctors charge patients for a membership fee, bypassing insurance companies. One family that appeared on the show said they save five hundred dollars each month because of the program created by Wendy and her company.

Bill Legg leads a hardy retirement, hunting and fly-fishing in Montana, the Florida Keys, and the Poconos. When he is not doing something manly in the wilderness, Bill enjoys spending time with his grandchildren.

Ben Legg, who was the youngest camper for two consecutive summers, retired after 21 years as a federal judge in 2013. Since then Ben has served as a mediator and arbitrator and taught classes at the University of Baltimore and the University of Maryland Law Schools. Ben now works as an attorney at Baldwin Law.

The 1960s

Abbott Chrisman is a professor at Webster University in Geneva, Switzerland, where he teaches everything from debate to photojournalism. Abbott writes that he is thinking about retiring to “a permanent summer camp (the Findorn Community in Scotland) where I’ve spent a lot of time in the past years and am planning to spend more working in the gardens and kitchens and, of course, cleaning the mines!”

While recovering from a hip fracture that he sustained at a restaurant that he helped found in Boerne, TX, Nat Slater has been teaching art, math, and science, and completing a project of twenty oil paintings.

Bob Knox had an exhibit of four large scale paintings at Art and Design in Litchfield, CT. The exhibit’s title was “Re-Mastered: Paintings by Bob Knox,” and the paintings were created on top of recreations from the art historical cannon. Current camper Buckley Huffstetler and current parent Patricia O’Reilly attended the show, and they enjoyed talking with Bob about his paintings, tennis, and Pasquaney. (some information from artsy.net)
Matt Weir continues to practice medicine at the University of Maryland Medical Center. Looking very lean, he is a daily runner. He and his wife Duffy live in Lutherville, MD.

Tom Hampton resides in Hanover, NH, where he works for the Dartmouth Toxic Metals Superfund Research Program. A few years back, one of Tom’s squash partners showed up for a match in a Pasquaney crew shirt (possibly Scott Kennedy).

The 1970s

Tim Brownell will be moving to Monterey, California, where he will continue working in the recycling business.

Jim Creamer lives in Florida, but he is seldom there. Jim is a pilot and ferries light aircraft across the Atlantic and Pacific.

Brad Bull went ice climbing in the Haylite Canyon (Bozeman, MT) this past February.

The 1980s

“This fall, we are going to run the New York Marathon with Neil in our thoughts,” wrote Steve and Dan Russakoff. “Please help us honor his memory by donating to the V Foundation for Cancer Research.” Team Neal has already surpassed their goal of $4,500. You can donate by going to https://goo.gl/dKc1Lw.

Steve and Kim Brownell moved to St. Petersburg, FL, after their final New England winter in Glastonbury, CT.

Jas and Jen Easterly are moving to Manhattan with their son, Jet, who will be a new boy this summer.

Jas and Jen Easterly (courtesy of Jas Easterly)
The National Institute of Health awarded a grant to Voxelron (a company co-founded by Dan Russakoff) for their research on software that analyzes images of the retina to detect neurodegenerative diseases. “Ocular and neurodegenerative diseases affect millions of Americans each year,” said Dan Russakoff. “There is a dire need for advanced, device-independent tools for ophthalmic OCT analysis - a need we will address directly with this award.” (from prweb.com)

Regis and Gabrielle Bourget live in Paris, France, with their three daughters, just a few blocks from Notre Dame. When Regis got to business school, he was charged with organizing one of the largest regattas in Europe because of his experience sailing at Pasquaney. Vinnie Broderick visited Regis in Paris this past winter.

Nicholas and Megan Pearson moved from San Francisco, CA, to Chapel Hill, NC, with their children, Oliver and Linnea. Nick continues to run Jacaranda Health, a non-profit maternity clinic in Nairobi, Kenya. (jacarandahealth.org)

Peyton and Phebe Williams celebrated the birth of their daughter, Campbell, on April 9.
Matt Downing and Jes Bunsick were married on March 26, 2017, in Gwynedd, PA.

After graduating from the University of Vermont, Sam Weaver moved to Portland, OR, where he is a landscape contractor and does a lot of hiking.

Jamey Price married Emily Dnistran on April 1, 2017, in Lake Norman, NC.

The 2000s

Matt Downing (courtesy of Matt Downing)

This fall Matthew Riley will be a senior at Tennessee State University, where he majors in Biology. Matt enlisted in the Army Reserves as a Horizontal Construction Engineer and had a three-week training mission in Romania.

After graduating from Villanova with a degree in biochemistry and Spanish, Tim Davies moved back to St. Louis, where he works as a production scientist for MilliporeSigma, a pharmaceutical company.

Tim Jenkins completed the Engadin Ski Marathon with William, Robert, and Bay Harvey. Tim was a dorm parent at the Winter Term in Lenk, Switzerland, in 2017, and he will be back on the hillside as a sailing counsellor this summer.

Harry Pearson moved to Washington, DC, where he works for Mathematical Policy Research.

The Academy of Western Artists selected (the Munsick Boys) Tris, Sam, Ian and their father, Dave Munsick as the “Best Music Group in 2016.” The family flew to Fort Worth in March to receive the award.

Aaron Holland moved back to Baltimore, MD, after finishing his service as a cop and weapons instructor in the US Air Force.

Because Life, Animated (about the Suskind family and autism) was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Documentary, alumnus Walt, trustee Cornelia, Owen, and Ron Suskind went to the Oscars. Since the documentary came out, Walt had the opportunity to appear at the UN’s Autism Awareness Day to speak about the sibling perspective and the unique and long term role siblings play in their brother or sister’s life. Walt has been working with other siblings and various autism groups to try and start an organization directly focused on sibling advocacy in the autism world. Because of this work, Walt was recognized with the Inspiration Award by Circle of Friends, whose mission is to increase understanding and acceptance of disabilities on school campuses.
The 2010s

**Adam Caperton** spent the winter working in a ski chalet in the French Alps. He will be completing a gap year with a trip to Asia before becoming a student of archaeology and anthropology at Oxford University.

Will Krulak has formed a few bands this year, and they have performed for audiences up to 100. Will attended the Mountain School in Vermont this spring.
In Memoriam

This winter we learned of the passing of many alumni because of a concerted effort to connect with former campers.

1930s

Henry “Harry” C. Ely died on March 27, 2009. Harry was a camper from 1931-32 and during his second summer was in the Water Sports Play. While serving as an Army Air Corps trainer during World War II in Reno, NV, Harry met his wife, Laverne. The couple had two sons, Henry and Edward, and a daughter, Mary Parkinson. Harry graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in library science. Harry became a teacher before settling on a career as a reference librarian in Menlo Park and Palo Alto, CA. (some information from the San Francisco Chronicle)

Peter M. Hart passed away on November 6, 2012. He grew up in Waterbury, CT, and was a camper in 1931 and 1933. Peter was commended for his work in the wood shop, was a new boy, Peter served as a Captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942-45. During World War II, Peter flew cargo planes in Alaska and Canada. Peter married Margaret Jenks Corps from 1942-45. During World War II, Peter flew cargo planes in Alaska and Canada. Peter married Margaret Jenks in Menlo Park and Palo Alto, CA. (some information from myeasternshoremd.com)

George C. Fraser III died on February 8, 2006. George grew up in Philadelphia, PA, and was a camper in 1933 and 1934. His first summer George played on Tiger McClure’s baseball team, which won the 1933 junior championship, and his second summer he swum his half-mile and was voted most cheerful on his camping party to Cliff Island. George graduated from Princeton University and had a successful career as a geologist in the oil industry. (some information from findagrave.com)

Lawrence B. Young died on April 13, 2013. Larry was a camper from 1935-37. His final summer at Pasqueanu, he was in the Water Sports Play, was on the winning sub-junior baseball team, and was the flag bearer on the Long Walk, hiking all the way from Eastbourne to Osceola and Sandwich Dome and back. During World War II, Larry served in the Army but an injury from a basic training exercise kept him out of active duty. (Half of Larry’s regiment was killed during the Battle of the Bulge.) Larry studied Geology at Yale University before starting a long career in journalism. Larry worked for several publications across the US before settling down at the Spokesman Review (Spokane, WA) where he worked for 21 years. Larry met his wife, Loretta, in 2006, and the couple married that same year. (some information from the Spokesman-Review)

Thomas S. Young, brother of Larry Young, has passed away. Tom was a camper in 1937.

John S. Greacen died on June 14, 2013. John grew up in Morristown, NJ, and he was a camper from 1935-37. John was a two-year Long Walker in 1936 and 1937. His last summer at camp, he made it to the finals of the Senior Canoe Tilt with Buddy Harvey, and he was in the winning junior crew. After graduating from Yale University, John served as a lieutenant in the Philippines during World War II. John and his wife, Enid, had two sons, Stuart and James, and a daughter, Anne. John developed reactors for nuclear research and equipment for submarines and nuclear power plants during his career as an engineer. (some information from the Hartford Courant)

John S. Robey died on July 24, 1998. He was a camper in 1937, going on a Cliff Island camping party and the Cardigan Walk. John was a doctor in Massachusetts and an assistant professor at Harvard Medical School. In the 1970s John gave free medical care to needy children in Boston out of a medical van. (some information from the Boston Globe)

David S. Thomson died on April 8, 2015. Dave grew up in Greenwich, CT, and was a camper from 1937-39. Despite being a new boy, Dave was awarded the Harvard Cup for General Excellence in baseball. Dave remained a member of the Hobbs Field faithful throughout his career, and during his second summer he captained the second-place junior league baseball team, and was on the winning senior league team his final summer. After graduating from Harvard with a PhD in English Literature, Dave was a professor of English at Williams College, Harvard University, and then Columbia University. Dave went on to have a thirty-year career as a publisher for Time-Life Books. (some information from The Washington Post)

1940s

Hiram W. Emery, Jr. died on October 29, 2014. Hiram was a camper from 1941-43 and made several appearances in the Watson Theater with his twin brother, John, as “the confusing blonds” (1943 Annual). Hiram was in the winning Sandledome and back. (Half of Larry’s regiment was killed during the Battle of the Bulge.) Larry studied Geology at Yale University before starting a long career in journalism. Larry worked for several publications across the US before settling down at the Spokesman Review (Spokane, WA) where he worked for 21 years. Larry met his wife, Loretta, in 2006, and the couple married that same year. (some information from the Spokesman-Review)

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war canoe in 1942 and 1943 and was on the winning junior baseball team in 1943. After graduating from Harvard College, Hiram served as a lieutenant in Korea. Hiram earned his MBA from the Harvard Business School in 1956, and he went on to become a partner at the White Weld Company in Manhattan, where he worked for thirty years. Hiram is survived by his wife, Susan Curtis; two children, Marjorie Mc Cleary and Hiram III; and his brother, John, who was a camper from 1941-43. (some information from The New York Times)

Robert “Robin” M. Hogue died on Thursday, May 7, 2009. Robin grew up in Louisville, KY, and he was a camper from 1941-43 and 1946. Robin was in the 1943 Water Sports Play, and he also went on the 1943 Cardigan Walk. His final summer at camp, Robin came in second place in the junior dive, and he was voted Most Cheerful by the camper body. Robin went on to start a family with his wife Elizabeth Hogue and become the owner of Greenlawn Co. in Charlotte, NC. (some information from Legacy.com)

Christopher R. Coxe died on December 31, 2010. Chris was a camper from 1945-50. His final summer at camp, Chris was elected a Captain of Industry, went on the Long Walk, stroked the winning senior crew, and was the Vice-President of the camp society. Chris also won what was described as “the longest and most difficult obstacle race ever held at camp” (1950 Annual). Chris served for four years in the US Marine Corps. He started a family with his wife Barbara and was a salesman of everything from scientific instruments to advertising space. At the end of his career, Chris ran an auto auction in Daytona, FL. (some information from Legacy.com)

Michael C. Kissel died on May 5, 2016. Michael was a camper in 1961. He went to Yale University before founding KMA Music. Michael worked with Ringo Starr, Sting, Parliament-Funkadelic, David Bowie, Rod Stewart, Sean Paul, The Backstreet Boys, Nas, and Los Lobos, among others. Michael also had his own successful career in performing music and song writing. Michael was married to his wife, Elena for 24 years, and the couple had three daughters, Siena, Lucy, and Rosalie. (some information from The New York Times and mixonline.com)

Benjamin B. Stone passed away on May 4, 2017. Ben was a camper in 1965. After graduating from Middlebury College, Ben earned his PhD in microbiology at Cornell University. Ben and his wife, Meredith, had two children: a daughter, Meredith, and a son, Michael. Ben worked as a biotechnologist. During his free time, he built three boats and made fine furniture and went fly-fishing with his family. (some information from the Holliston Reporter)

1970s

John McDugald died on February 10, 2017. John was a swimming counselor in the seventies and early eighties. After graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, John served in the Army for 21 years including a tour in Vietnam. (some information from The Washington Post)

Christopher B. Berking died on June 3, 2016. Chris was a camper from 1973-74. He was commended for his play on Hobbs Field in the 1973 and 1974 Annual. He was also a regular at the waterfront, becoming a Junior Sailor and rowing in the Birch third boat during his second summer. Chris played Ursula in the 1973 Theater Play, A Song for Jenny, and he was a railroad worker and a bar girl in the 1974 Theater Play, Love Rides the Rails. Chris graduated from Wesleyan University in 1983, and pursued a career in business, working for Finlay Fine Jewelry and Aflac Insurance. Chris married Sheryl Blackman in 1988, and they had two daughters: Alexandra and Megan. (some information from The Salem News)

Reid Kittell passed away in 1989. Reid was a camper in 1978 and 1979. His first summer he made it to the finals of the Sub-Junior Doubles Tennis Tournament with Nick Donahue. Despite his tennis prowess, Reid spent much of his time sailing.

1980s

John Ogden, camp doctor from 1981 – 83, passed away on August 31, 2011. During his first summer, he quickly established himself as an advocate for the boys by accusing the waterfront director of cruelty for scheduling swimming races on a cold, rainy day. John was the Chairman of Orthopedics at Yale University from 1978 - 83, and he was one of many Yale orthopedic doctors to come to Pasquaney, starting with Wayne Southwick. (some information from The Atlanta Journal-Constitution)

Theodore “Ted” W. Moore II died on September 16, 2012. Ted was a camper in 1984 and 1985, and he spent much of his time sailing. Ted worked as a Case Manager for the Integrated Refugee and Immigration Services in New Haven, CT. (some information from the New Haven Register)
Save the Date!

2017 Turkey Bowl
Saturday, November 25

Alumni Gatherings
–Philadelphia, PA–
Wednesday, October 11
–New York, NY–
Thursday, October 16
–Boston, MA–
Thursday, December 7
–Boston, MA–
Thursday, May 10

For more information on these events, contact the Pasquaney office
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Saturday, June 24 - Opening Day
July 3 - July 7 Camping Expeditions
July 24 - July 29 'The Long Walk'
August 4 - 6 Trustees' Weekend
August 12 - 13 Water Sports Weekend
Sunday, August 13 - Camp Closes