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Tau Phis From the '70s Return — Big Turnout Enjoyed a Great Weekend

While every summer the Penn State University Alumni Association hosts tours, lectures, dinners, and receptions that will reacquaint all who attend with our alma mater, the Tau Phi Delta Fraternity jump-started this process much earlier this past spring.

The weekend of April 23 – 25, was a very special gathering dedicated for those Tau Phis who either pledged or lived at TΦΔ, or attended or graduated from PSU during the '70s. For a fair number of the nearly 200 in attendance, it had been some thirty or more years since they had been back to Happy Valley! While most came from within Pennsylvania, some from New York, Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia, and a few even traveled longer distances from California, Connecticut, Florida, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oregon, Texas, and Wyoming.

There was lots of food (some catered), adult beverages (much of it in a canoe filled with ice water), a large canopy tent with tables and

Awards `R Us — We're #1 ... Again!

In the last issue of *The Taproot* we reported that Tau Phi Delta – Penn State Alpha Chapter was recognized by Penn State's Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life for their community service, philanthropy, and educational programming. So in 2009, Tau Phi Delta Fraternity received the University's **Distinguished Community Service Award, The Chapter of Excellence Award, and The Omega Epsilon Award of Fraternity Merit** as PSU's IFC Chapter of the Year (2008).

Well in April 2010 and at the same annual awards ceremony, Tau Phi Delta cleaned up bringing home four more awards, this time for their many accomplishments in 2009.

Congratulations to all Tau Phis for this awesome recognition!



(Left to right) Chapter of Excellence; President's Cup for Organizational Excellence (Best of all Greeks); 2009 IFC Chapter of the Year; Distinguished Community Service. (Not shown) The 2009 Blood Cup Trophy – that was proudly announced at Beaver Stadium during a football game in November 2009.

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House Advisor Report By Chris Myers (Spring '94 Beta) and Martin McGann (Fall '72)

Greetings all,

Another year has passed and another *Taproot* deadline is here. What has been going on at Tau Phi Delta in the last year? As you may be aware, Penn State has a system in place that yearly evaluates Greek organizations as to their meeting certain criteria including grades, philanthropy and community service. For the second year in a row, our Actives achieved "Chapter of Excellence" status as well as receiving the "Chapter of the Year" and "Distinguished Service Award." Also

our actives also received the "Presidents Award for Organizational Excellence", the highest award the University bestows upon any Greek organization.

That being said, moving forward we are facing some of the usual hurdles; we are trying to attract high quality members while dealing with an aging facility. A large spring graduating class has hurt our active numbers; however, the actives view this as an opportunity to work at membership with more vigor and (hopefully) more success. Besides recruitment, other challenges include keeping the house bills down, keeping the house shipshape, and meeting the requirements expected by the IFC. This last is a real concern since it requires the brothers to meet certain thresholds in order to be permitted to undertake certain activities. This always takes time to do and often at the expense of other activities. Although the house has been outstanding in respect to the IFC requirements, we hope the brothers will concentrate first and foremost on scholastics, then the house and lastly, what the IFC requires. The house GPA was 2.84 this past spring. Not great in comparison with other fraternities. Hopefully we, as advisors, can channel some excess energy into improving academic ratings while having a successful recruitment drive and a fun and safe fall semester.

Lastly, we would like to thank the actives for being very gracious hosts for the '70s reunion this spring. We're glad that the alumni who returned had a chance to talk with the actives and hopefully renew ties with other alumni. As always, if you have any comments, suggestions, or leads for potential pledges, please get in touch with us.

Chris can be reached via email at forestree96@yahoo.com and Martin at mrm19@psu.edu.

We hope to see many of you at the Fall Homecoming on October 9th.

Another '60s Reunion?

We are going to do it again. Brothers from the 1960s, late 1950s, and early 1970s are planning to hold a reunion in 2012. It will be the fourth 1960s reunion, following reunions in Colorado Springs in 1997, State College in 2002, and State College in 2007.

We have some ideas, but we want to hear from as many brothers as possible about potential sites to hold the reunion and the relative interest in each site. Suggestions include Las Vegas, Nevada, Coeur d Alene, Idaho, Memphis, Tenn., and Baltimore, Maryland. The reunion in Memphis would be followed by a riverboat cruise on the Mississippi River and the one in Baltimore would be followed by an ocean cruise to New England and Nova Scotia. Each of the reunions would be 2 – 3 days plus the optional cruises.

Please think about what kind of reunion you want and where it should be. Send your suggestions for reunion activities and your interest in the potential sites to Tom Yorke (tjyorke@mindspring.com).

We want to hear from you soon so we can begin planning the reunion and get information to those that are interested in attending.

Do you want more?

For additional previous alumni updates, you can check out the back issues of Tau Phi Delta's *The Taproot* alumni newsletter online at: www.tauphidelta.org, navigate to the Alumni page, then click onto Newsletters.

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Chris "Zoo" Zamzalow (Spring '95 Alpha)
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Hello Brothers and Little Sisters. I hope you enjoyed one very hot and humid summer and are looking forward to some cooler fall weather. This past Spring we held a 70's Reunion at Tau Phi Delta. We on the BOD would like to thank all of those involved with making this event a success, especially Brs. Terry Stemmler, Will Leete, and Earl Hower. We also want to thank all of the Brothers and Little Sisters that donated money for The Tau Phi Delta Foundation during this event. We hope that other "decades" get together and decide to hold similar events at Tau Phi Delta.

To make things a little easier and smoother, the BOD has gotten an online version of Quickbooks, which the Tau of the BOD will use in conjunction with the Tau of the House. The purpose is to make our accounting procedures easier and more precise which should lower the accountant charges for tax preparation. Our goal is to file our 2010 taxes on time without having to apply for an extension.

The BOD is also currently looking at replacing the windows in the Dining Room and Chapter Room. The windows have moved up on our priority list due to the fact that during the Local Alumni Dinner held at the House this past Spring, the attendees could actually feel the wind coming through the frames of the windows. A number of alumni contacted us about this, and in response, we are putting together a scope of work and getting bids for this project. Once we get the bids, we will then look at funding for this project.

During the Spring BOD meeting it was brought to our attention that something needed done with the elm tree near the parking lot. The BOD had two arborists and Bartlett Tree Service look at the tree. The arborists recommended removing the tree and Bartlett Tree Service felt that the tree could be saved with treatments for yellow elm disease and some pruning. Subsequently we received a letter from the State College Borough's Tree Commission and Arborist stating that the tree had to be removed. Br. Joel Boogher has volunteered to remove the tree at no charge to the Fraternity. Thanks to Joel and his crew for this service.

The BOD held a "Pledge Again Weekend" at Tau Phi Delta in conjunction with the Actives. The purpose of the weekend was to work with the Actives and show them how to maintain the house and fix/repair many of the minor items that needed attention in an aging house. There seems to be some lost communication from semester to semester on how house duties are to be done and when house duties are to be done. A number of alumni came back to help the Actives out and get the ship back on course. Thanks to all of you that participated in this event.

There are too many times when information is not handed down from one group to the next. This is true for not only the Actives, but for the BOD as well as all of the special committees. We discussed this as a group and decided that in the beginning of the Fall Semester, the Actives will identify candidates for the various positions and begin

training these individuals right away. Similar training will be done for candidates for the BOD. I asked the BOD to figure out who wants to be the next Phi and Tau and report back at the Fall BOD meeting. Those individuals will begin training to take over these positions so the transition following the spring BOD elections will be as flawless as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at ckamzalow@hotmail.com or call me at 724-744-0026.

Supporting *The Taproot*

The Taproot continues to provide news about the Actives and Alumni of Tau Phi Delta because of the support of our alumni. The "Alumni Update" section of this issue includes 42 entries provided to us through emails or returns of inserts from last year's issue or information obtained during the 1970s reunion. Each year individuals or groups of Brothers and Little Sisters have provided financial contributions so the printing and mailing of *The Taproot* is not a financial burden on the actives or the Alpha Chapter. This year is no exception. The following Brothers and Little Sisters have donated \$10 to \$50 to help print and mail *The Taproot*.

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We may have missed a few contributors if checks were sent directly to the House. Please accept our thanks and apology if you made a contribution since the last issue and are not listed above.

If you have not sent us an update about yourself in recent years, please take a few minutes to complete the insert sheet in this issue (actually its page 15) and send it back to us. Better yet, turn on your computer and send an email to Tom Yorke, Editor, at tjyorke@mindspring.com.

Brothers Honored as Outstanding Alumni

The School of Forest Resources (SFR) honored four alumni at the Annual Alumni and Friends Banquet, which was held at Toftrees Resort and Conference Center on April 23, 2010. Recognized as 2010 Outstanding Alumni were Joseph E. Barnard, Robert G. Kintigh, Malcolm H. Stehman and Tau Phi Delta Brother Thomas H. Yorke (Fall '61). Also Brother David J. Gustafson (Fall '97) was recognized as the 2010 Outstanding Recent Alumni.

Brother Yorke had a long career with the Water Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey. He served in research and management positions in Maryland, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Virginia between 1965 and 2001. He was Chief of the Office of Surface Water and the Senior Scientist for Surface Water when he retired in 2001. Since "retirement", he has worked as a consulting hydrologist for federal agencies and foreign countries. He currently serves as the administrator of the U. S. Technical Advisory Group on Hydrometry for the American National Standards Institute. He also is a member of Technical Committee 113 on Hydrometry and chairman of the Subcommittee on Equipment, Instruments and Data Management for the International Standards Organization. Brother Yorke is a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association, former President of the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group, and a member of the board of directors of the College of Ag Sciences Alumni Society.

Brother Gustafson began his career as a forester with Weaber, Inc. shortly after graduating in 2000. In 2002, he was hired as a forester with the Penna. DCNR Bureau of Forestry's Forest Inventory and Analysis Section, and then in August 2003 he became a forester with the Pennsylvania Game Commission. In August 2007, Brother Gustafson was promoted to chief forester of the Commission where he directs the forest habitat silviculture program on the 1.3 million acres of forested State Game Lands. He is a First Lieutenant in the Penna. Army National Guard, and he has been deployed for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in 2005 and later with a Stryker Brigade combat unit during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2008 and 2009. He has received numerous military honors including the Lt. Gen. Milton G. Baker Outstanding Leadership Award. Brother Gustafson is a member of the Society of American Foresters and the Pennsylvania Forestry Association.



(Left to right) Brother Tom Yorke, Robert Kintigh, SFR Director Michael Mussina, Joseph Barnard, and Brother David Gustafson.

Alumni Updates

PHILIP “PHIL” R. ARNOLD (Fall '61) retired from the lumber business in 2007. He and his wife, Beverly, live in Greer, South Carolina. They have a son and daughter and two grandsons. Phil enjoys gardening and landscaping. His real passion is Elvis Presley, and he is the original Elvis Blogger (www.elvisblog.net) and receives 5,000 hits per week. 864-244-2251; philarnold@charter.net

Some sad news came to the House just prior to spring Homecoming.

KENNETH E. BARNETT (Spring '80), of McClure, lost his battle with leukemia on April 2, 2010 at Geisinger Medical Center. Upon his Penn State graduation in '83, he owned and operated Allegheny Outdoor Shop in State College for 10 years. During those years, he did volunteer work with the National Wild Turkey Federation, taught pistol classes at Penn State, and contributed artwork to various conservation fund-raisers such as Ducks Unlimited. Recently, he was a district manager for the J.C. Ehrlich Pest Control. He adored his daughter, Page, and enjoyed introducing her to the outdoors, teaching her to fish and hunt. Ken, an avid archer and bowhunter, was also a bowyer and made numerous longbows under the name Barnett Self Bows. His family requests that memorial contributions be made to the NWTF, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the NRA or Leukemia/Lymphoma Society.

DON BERGER (Fall '62) sent the following note: “Thanks for using my humble effort at writing in *The Taproot*. I have now discovered both the wheel and the” pen. My horizons are limitless.

In truth, I hope that my effort and those of other brothers will bring

more stories from those who are hanging back. *The Taproot* is fresh air to me in a “politically correct”, superficial world with little true values. The brothers that I met or know in these pages all seem like men who have contributed to society in their lives and work, kept values, and stayed close to the land, even if only by hunting and fishing. None have said they became a celebrity lawyer or rap singer, but most spent some time in the outdoors so they were also blessed.

Keep up the good work. I eagerly await the next volume.

JEFFREY P. BISSETT, D.V.M. (Fall '92) and his wife, Amy, report they and their daughter named Gillian (2), are living in Washington, Pa. After he graduated from PSU in '97 with a B.S. in Dairy and Animal Science, Jeff went onto Veterinary School in the Caribbean at Ross University in St. Kitts, West Indies. Upon completing his my fourth clinical year at New York's Cornell University in 2001–2002 (**Editor's Note:** Our guess is he missed the snow?), he earned his D.V.M. in 2002. “I own my own practice, called the ‘Houston Cattle and Saddle’ and it's doing well in this part of the country.” (724)747-0386 bissvet@yahoo.com

Jeff joins the known ranks of several other Brothers and one Little Sister who are also practicing “vets.” They include **WILLIAM SMITH** (Spring '70) – Chester Veterinary Clinic of Chester, W. Va., **ERICH HOFFMAN** (Fall '77) – Shiloh Veterinary Hospital of Dover, and **STEPHANIE (DONEY) MEYER** (Fall '87) – Creatures Great and Small Vet. Hospital of Chambersburg.

RICHARD “DICK” C. COOK (Fall '48) says, “Thanks for the great job!” 792-283-2731

DOUGLAS DANKO (Fall '72) and Little Sister **JOAN (TWARDZIK)**

DANKO live in Mechanicsburg. They have a daughter and son. Douglas is President of Protection Services, Inc., in Harrisburg. 717-697-9794; dankod@comcast.net

CHRIS “SHOESHINE” DAUM (Fall '74) commented on the recent '70s Reunion, “I really enjoyed getting back to Tau Phi Delta and visiting with everybody. Thanks for all of your efforts and coordination. My woman, Terry, enjoyed it as well. It is funny how everybody gets older, but a lot of mannerisms and personalities stay the same. It is a good bunch to hang around with!” “Shine” lives and works for Helena Chemical Company in Geneva in upstate N.Y. 315-789-4450; daumc@helenachemical.com

The passing of another Brother, **GABE DEPIETRO** (grad. '59), was reported in the 2010 issue of the PSU- Mont Alto alumni newsletter, *The Bridge*. Gabe died October 11, 2009 and had served most of his career with the Penna. Bureau of Forestry along with some time spent with the U.S. Forest Service in Washington, DC.

“I recently had a good visit and hunt with **TOM YORKE** and **CHUCK STRAUSS**,” reports **JOE EICHERT** (Fall '60). “No elk, but Strauss successfully filled his whitetail tag.” I'm also planning on seeing them in December when Lee and I return to Pennsylvania. We spent a week with Pat and **JOE BARTNICKI** in May of 09. We fished on Young Woman's Creek and Kettle Creek in Clinton County and then fished the Tobyhanna in the Poconos for several days. We enjoyed several days of good fishing for Brook Trout. Bartnicki informed me that he'd been successful on his spring gobbler and that he'd finally made the 50-yard line in turkey hunting. For those who know Joe, you might ask him just what that entails! 208-476-3325; joelee1@suddenlink.net

Editor's Note: Will Joe be submitting a 50-yard line story for the next volume of *The Taproot*?

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By Kory Enck (Fall '84) Chairman, Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees has been working steadily to get the Tau Phi Delta Foundation established and operational.

While The Foundation is operating as a non-profit, it is almost, but not quite official. As many of you know, establishing a non-profit puts you face to face with lawyers and the IRS (need I say more). Rest assured though, we are almost there. We are currently accepting donations; please contact any of the board members listed below to make a contribution.

We also are moving ahead with some much needed renovations and are formulating plans for a makeover of the back patio. It will of course be a fundraising campaign. Look for news on this in the future. Ideas being considered are "named" pavers and/or bricks that make up the patio walls. These will be sold to increase the value of our various endowments for the future of TΦΔ.

Now many of us have established our best and longest lasting friendships at the fraternity. Some of you met your spouses there. We also established contacts, both professional and personal, and you may have even launched your career through our beloved Tau Phi Delta! Our Foundation has been formed to enable you to give back to a fraternity that meant so much to you as a student at Penn State and even today. The Tau Phi Delta Foundation is a non-profit listed as a 501(c)(3). This new Tau Phi Delta Foundation will open the doors for you to give something back and preserve our Tau Phi Delta Traditions. This will be a very unique opportunity for us to hold fundraising events, accept charitable donations, create additional scholarships, and most importantly to preserve the house in perpetuity. The following funds have been established within The Foundation:

TAU PHI DELTA SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AND ADVANCEMENT FUND

The purpose of this fund shall be for the intention to enhance and/or provide for the continuing support of educational opportunities of Tau Phi Delta active members; specifically in regard to tuition assistance for facilities of higher learning or similar trade specific schools.

TAU PHI DELTA CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND

The Continuing Education Fund will be administered on a basis of creating and supporting outreach programming for both Tau Phi Delta alumni, and others who demonstrate equivalent professional standing, either on an individual or an organizational level.

TAU PHI DELTA FOREVER FUND

The Tau Phi Delta Forever Fund namely shall be a charitable fund established to preserve and maintain the foundation of ideals of Tau Phi Delta, Tau Phi Delta Grand National and similar institutions of education and charitable service. To further endow with, and foster, the tools and facility of an educational environment from which beneficiaries may enrich their educational pursuits, the Forever fund will be intended as progressive management investment to further this interest.

The Fraternity's Spring weekend/70's Reunion on April 24, was a huge success and resulted in substantial contributions to The Foundation. Look for other reunions in the future for the classes of the '60s and '80s.

If you have any comments, ideas or donations please contact me or anyone on the Board of Trustees.

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chairs under cover, and even a DJ named Corbin who provided lots of great ‘70s tunes (That’s funny ... the House Phi’s name is Corbin too).

Besides the daylong opportunities to “meet and greet” your pledge classmates, other Brothers and Little Sisters and their families, there were many other activities including a wine and cheese tasting, group photos sessions and music with dancing ... not to mention some horseshoes were thrown and a late night bonfire in the stone barbeque pit.

Some folks even took the time to be in Beaver Stadium for the annual Blue-White Game that same afternoon.

A daylong silent auction fundraiser was held with \$1,800 of proceeds going to the newly-formed Tau Phi Delta Foundation. Many of the donated items – wildlife artwork, ammo, woodcraft, statues – were handmade, purchased, or “acquired.” This amount was small in comparison to the thousand of dollars more in donations pledged to our Foundation.

This reunion weekend was a great opportunity for ‘70s alumni to return to reunite with old friends, and make new ones! It was by far, one of the largest spring homecomings ever.

There were so many amazing memories reconnected between fraternity brothers, little sisters, and friends. This reunion — Tau Phi style — was one that those who attended will surely remember forever!



Fall 1975 Pledge Class had 11 pledge Brothers return out of the surviving 14 Brothers. (Left to right) John Schrenk, Mike Hrizuk, Harry Vitolins, Mark Hahn, Marty Zukovich, Tom Stouffer, Ken “TV” Thompson, Charles “Virgil” Thuma, Terry Stemmler. (Not shown) Steve “Bennie” Warner, and Richard “Rusty” Taylor.



Crowds gathered on the patio During the successful reunion.

The ‘70s — What made this decade so special?

First, a quick history lesson: By the time the ‘60s decade ended, our fraternity was growing and looking to “moving on up.” Soon after, our Brotherhood abandoned the “Crow’s Nest” and moved across town and they sang their first “After One” in the “cellar of a new Tau Phi Delt.” Throughout the ‘70s, our fraternity had many new challenges. You were the first to move into a larger, more modern fraternity house. A sizeable mortgage was taken on by the Brotherhood. Thus began this era of challenge, to raise the money to pay the bills, run a successful rush program to fill a much larger capacity house.

Those who served as the Alumni Chairman became more innovative in communications and fund-raising techniques. The Membership and Social Chairmen had to improve the house’s image in order to make it more competitive with others. The Pledge Masters had to train the potential Brothers on the traditions and needs of the household. The Executive Officers had to hold the Brotherhood together. Throughout this decade the Rush Chairman continued to bring in some sizable fall pledge classes, such as in 1972 - 12, 1975 - 16, and 1977 - 14, filling the house and continuing the magic of TΦΔ.

World events ran rampant during the ‘70s. The war in Southeast Asia winds down, but not before it escalates and anti-war campus protests come to Penn State. Penn State allowed women onto the all-male Blue Band for the first time. Our football coach was offered \$1.2 million to become head coach and general manager of the New England Patriots ... But declines and Joe Pa is still on the job 37 years later.

Students are seen both in town and on campus donning buttons that read, “Don’t Shoot – I’m a Student” in protest PSU’s decision to issue campus police handguns, thus creating much widened debate on use and ownership of firearms in our society. As a counter-protest, Treehouse fraternity submits its first (of many) “Support Our Local Police and Second Amendment” photo as our fraternity’s group composite for the annual *LaVie* yearbook in 1978. Needless to say they never printed it.

This decade also had the worldwide oil embargo, a financial recession, and heightened tension of the Cold War. The nation was rocked with the Watergate scandal and, more locally, the TMI affair.

While much of the decade’s events in the world, nation, state and campus went virtually unnoticed as the Brotherhood kept busy adjusting to their new home and a changing society. Friendships made in this situation often lasted forever and the memories of TΦΔ that resulted have been enjoyed over and over in previous years!

Tau Phis in the Great Outdoors

The forest and fields and fish-filled waters are our playground

Editor's Note: *This is a continuing feature of The Taproot – a place much like the oaken walls of our fraternity – where Brothers can share their successes and failures, in the great outdoors.*

The Hunt

By Dave "Goose" Gray (Fall '73)

(Written from memory about Thursday, Oct 1, 1974)

With a slam of a door, a turn of my wrist and a press
of my foot, I was away
Bedecked from head to foot in mottled hues of brown
and green
I eased into my surrounding at once a part of but
different from the wild I hoped to invade
One hand astraddle my "cougar" arrow, the other
constantly shifting its aim
I searched with roving eyes and listened with fine tuned
ears
I was sneaking into an area of pine thatched meadow and
food plots
Where three days earlier I'd muffed a fleeting chance at
horns
So back, as ever the hunter will come, I hoped for that
lucky chance
Ever watchful, I examined all possible cover
And finding a crab apple tree, I hoped for what wasn't
there
But there were runs around it, showing deer had been
there
So glancing upward, seeking a possible watch tree, I
noted in the corner pine, a weathered board and some
netting, left from the bygone tries of years before
It overlooked the open food plot I'd just crossed
But also had a small hole, difficult to shoot from,
Overlooking the brushy ravine behind the tree that
separated two of the surrounding plots
Like a highway, snaking down from the wooded ridge
above...
A possibility, but moving on, I sought game on the hoof
And again, I was of the wild, alert and jumpy, to each
unnatural sound
A rustle of leaves...
The snap of a twig...
The nearby cries of a jay...
All in their time stopped me, while I searched in vain for
that which was not there
Each time, moving on, ever watchful, ever hopeful
My mind, filing away all I saw

The run here, the pawings there, slowly circling,
Reluctantly admitting that I would see no game this way
So back I went, to a weathered board, and a squat pine
tree
And climbing up, I trimmed the whippy young branches,
until satisfied, I began my long wait.
Three hours I had to stand, constantly scanning all that
was around me
And each rustle of branch, each snap of twig
Froze my outsides, while inside, my mind jumped into
frenzied activity
But each time, the wind came forth or a jay flew away,
leaving me alone again, watching – quietly listening
I began to count the hours, wondering if it was really
worth it
The standing around, idly wasting away the time
When books could be read and engineering studied
But no, this is what I came for
Even with the light rain starting – now on again, now off
again
I still hungered for these times, when the cold wind blew
and the dry leaves rattled
A jay landed in my tree, just over my head, and I froze,
praying he would fly away – soon
Without crying his alarm...
And as he drifted off, looking for something to scream at
I started anew my watching, scanning for some
movement
Listening for that which didn't belong
And I turned, eons it seemed, from when I'd first started,
but actually only two hours,
And I froze...
Unbelieving in what my eyes proclaimed
A deer, swiftly fading behind the tree on the border of
the narrow plot, on the other side of the ravine
And all but my eyes froze
But my brain screamed out orders to all inside me that
would listen – "get ready" "there she is" "soon
now..."
And my heart, trying to keep up with its frenzied beating
Its throb like jungle drums, pounding out a message

I hoped no-one else would hear
 And I squinted for that second look, to confirm my first
 quick glance
 My ears – straining, grasping at the slightest whisper
 Of nothing, nothing...
 All of my senses cried out the impossibility, of nothing
 Not a sound, not a sight, as if she'd been but a ghost,
 blown astray by the wind
 And the rain started again, and the cold wind blew, and
 my hopes plummeting down, to crash –
 Yes! A crash and all of a sudden, with a rushing of the
 wind,
 A deer ran by me, right at my feet
 Unbelieving, I watched in amazement, finally realizing I
 was supposed to shoot
 And as I checked my arrow, and brought up my bow, I
 began to hope, desperately hope for another chance
 Knowing that one chance is all you usually get
 When, with another rush, she darted out, dancing
 amongst the trees, as if to tease my patience
 I whipped up my bow, futilely going to half draw,
 knowing I had no shot
 When she stopped, on the far side of the food plot upon
 the corner of which stood my watch tree
 And I realized how barrenly open I was on that side
 And I looked at the distance, realizing how far it really
 was, and wondered if I dared try a draw
 Knowing it might be the only chance I'd get
 When she darted out across the plot again, satisfied that
 all was as it should be
 Playing tag amongst the trees, giving me nothing but
 brown blurred glimpses
 When she stopped again, in the brush at the foot of the
 ravine, and another deer jumped out, frolicking as the
 first
 I heard yet another one, all below me
 And I began to pray – for one to stop, near me for one
 brief instant
 When suddenly, my attention shifted –
 Above and behind me, I heard more noise
 Slowly, not loud, it eased down through the brush
 towards me
 And I waited, no longer aware of what happened below
 me
 I thought of all the stories where the buck was the last
 one out of cover
 And I remembered Saturday – jumping a buck not 30
 yards from here
 And my heart pounded even faster, louder
 And my blood raced faster
 And I began to quiver – to shake all over...

Steeling myself, I slowly swung around to position
 myself for a shot out that difficult rear hole
 Remembering to watch that no other deer saw my
 movement,
 Remembering to make no noise – not even the purr of
 cloth on cloth
 I took the arrow off the holder
 Finally ready, praying that the noise keep coming
 And suddenly, where there had been nothing
 Three deer strolled out
 Disappointed only that none of them had horns
 I recognized old mama doe and her two young'uns
 Looking ahead, I saw they must pass right beside the
 base of my tree
 Out that difficult rear hole
 And as mama doe filled that hole
 I drew my arrow back and let it fly
 But in my excitement, my coat rubbed my sleeve, and
 she heard it,
 Stopping, raising her head
 And with a sinking feeling, I realized my error,
 When “THUNK”
 My ears recorded what my brain claimed wouldn't
 happen
 She flopped once and dashed off
 And my eyes watched her disappear, my ears listened as
 she crashed her way through the woods in the distance
 And then a huge smile split my face, and I started
 shaking like a leaf in the wind
 Collapsing against the trunk of the tree, exhausted, and
 thrilled
 Realizing that though the tough job of tracking was
 ahead,
 My season was over
 And again, for a brief instant in time, I was able to
 capture the essence
 The true being of the wild.

*I still remember today, 36 years later, standing in that watch
 tree, trying to pass the time. It was the week of learning the
 Greek Alphabet; and I remember Brother Al Tauses bet me
 that he could recite the Greek alphabet backwards faster
 that we could say it forwards. So I too memorized the Greek
 alphabet forward and backwards and repeated it over and
 over, faster and faster. I was going to beat him at his own
 game... But I didn't, that sorry sneaky SOB! — Goose Gray*



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MATHEW “SHINDOG” FANTASKEY (Spring '94) lives in Coudersport, Pa. with wife Gina and daughters Alyssa and Madison. He left the timber industry after 12 years and currently is doing environment inspections southwest of Pittsburgh on Marcellus Shale gas drilling. He enjoys hunting and fishing with his wife and daughters. His daughters have become deadly snipers and have bagged more game than any boys their age. 570-447-6787; mfantaskey@hotmail.com

“Congratulations Tau Phi Delta actives and a great newsletter,” says **FORREST FENSTERMAKER** (Fall '54). 757-258-9647; ffenster@widowmaker.com

JOSH “TURBO” GALLAHER (Spring '05) graduated with a Business Marketing degree in 2008. He and Mallary Boyer were married on July 10, 2020. Josh is the owner of Gallaher Landscaping in New Cumberland, Pa. He enjoys hunting, trout fishing, kayaking, PSU football, coaching high school wrestling, and camping. jmg5003@gmail.com

CARL E. GEESAMAN (Fall '69) is an owner of Bommer-Geesaman & Co., Inc., a timber company in central Pennsylvania. He and his wife Christine live in Hummelstown, PA. They have 3 children and 1 granddaughter. Carl enjoys hunting, fishing, tree planting, and managing his properties for timber and wildlife. 717-566-9858; patreefarmer@comcast.net

The House was recently notified that **PORTER “TRAPPER” H. GEARHART** (Fall '50), of Erie, passed away on August 29, 2010.

Little Sister **VIRGINIA “GINNY” (BURNE) GLASSCOCK** (Fall '77) graduated in 1979 with BS degrees in Forest Science and Biology after starting at Mont Alto in the fall of 1974. She says, “It was great to get *The Taproot*. I am still living in a little log cabin in the tiny town of Picabo, Idaho, about an hour's drive south of Sun Valley. My husband,

Dave, and I continue to run our fly fishing guide business, Idaho Angling Services; and we travel to New Zealand for at least part of most winters. Last spring, I was hired as the Preserve Assistant for The Nature Conservancy's Silver Creek Preserve, here in Picabo.” 208-788-9709; info@anglingservices.com

DAVE “GOOSE” GRAY (Fall '73) attended the '70s Reunion and treated all in attendance to 15 gallons of PSU Creamery ice cream! Dave's happily married for 33 years to Barbara (Wilson), his high school sweetheart from upstate New York. She's not a PSU grad, but “she came down to visit at the house many times while I was there!” They have two sons, Lucas (29), works as salesman in the offshore oil patch. Andy (24), who just graduated from Steven F. Austin State University in wildlife management, is currently a hunting guide at a high-dollar deer hunting ranch in Iowa.

As the first engineering graduate from Tau Phi in Mechanical Engineering in 1976, he moved west of the Mississippi in 1980, spending almost all of it in Houston, Texas. “I work in the oil patch, in offshore underwater construction. I oversee the installation of pipelines and umbilicals in deepwater. The deepest so far being 6,800 feet deep; the longest 56 miles.” The Gray family recently built a log cabin home located in the Black Hills, near Custer, South Dakota, about 15 miles off the hard road on U.S. Forest Service dirt road. “I tell people, I work in Texas, but we live in the Black Hills. We hope to retire there in about 5 years. I play a lot of golf when I am home [Houston], almost to the point where I even tried to qualify for the U.S. Amateur for several years.” But hunting has and remains his primary passion.

“The last time I was back to Tau Phi was the fall of 1978 and I stayed with **JIM EVANS** [my best man at my wedding] and his wife Pam, spending a week in archery season hunting deer with Jim. Jim's passing was not

a good time for me.” 281-382-4690; goose3195@aol.com

ADAM HEGGENSTALLER (Spring '98) and wife, Kristen, proudly announced the recent arrival of their newborn son, Jacob Lee (aka Higgins Junior), on September 12th.

DR. WILLIAM “BILL” HOOVER (Fall '64), Assistant Head and Professor at Purdue University's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, sent us a quick note. “My days in the Army have come flooding back recently. I'm helping to train National Guard Units deploying to Afghanistan for civil development work on reforestation, watershed and range management.” billh@purdue.edu

GREGG HORVAT (Spring '98) is still working for Kraft Foods and living in Chicago. He says to give him a call or send an email if you are passing through town. 919-259-0167; gah142@yahoo.com

NELSON “CORKY” LEVENS (Fall '74) and his wife Nancy live in York, Pa. They have two daughters, Kayla (22) and Kiersten (17). He is in sales with Lafferty Lumber, and he is the owner of Small Steps Day Care. While not working, he enjoys cruising in his '37 Chevy street rod, golfing, bicycling, and swimming. 717-318-7533; nlevens2@comcast.net

For **JOHN MAZA** (Spring '78), “Things are great up in Dickson City! I've been working for the Penna. Bureau of Forestry full time since May 1985. My wife, Mary Beth and I have four children (Alex 24, Chris 22, Julian 16, and Vicki 15).” John says he often thinks about all the guys and the great fun we had back in those days. Especially with his pledge brothers: **BOYD MOYER**, **KEVIN “HAROLD” VERNAREC**, and **JIM WASILEWSKI** and, yes, his Big Brother: **ASHLEY SWEDA**. He had some fun as the Little Sisters Chairman, too.

“When **TERRY STEMMLER** told me about a ’70s reunion this past April and I would have love to be there!” But John mentions how springtime is his busiest season with forest fires, Arbor Day and Earth Day programs, tree planting in communities, and Tree City USA ceremonies.
jmaza@state.pa.us

ROGER MENTZER (Fall ’72) graduated with a BA degree in Religious Studies and a BS degree in Education. He is pastor of the Bethlehem United Methodist Church. He and Catherine have a son, Garrett, and a daughter, Allison. They live in Dallastown, Pa. Roger enjoys outdoor sports, golf, and reading.
717-244-5127; *rhmcmj@comcast.net*

DENNIS “STIX” B. MIELKE (Fall ’62) had a varied career after graduating from PSU. He was a Captain in the U. S. Army and flew helicopters during the Vietnam War. In the 1970’s and 1980’s in was a real estate appraiser, and then he worked for the U. S. Postal Service until he retired in 2002. He says, “I am currently ‘roughing it’—living in an Amish house with no electricity, no water, no plumbing (that’s right – an outhouse), and a woodburner for heat. My private cabin! I still hunt, golf, bike, run and get in plenty of racquetball. I hope to make it Homecoming one of these days.”
724-651-8272

“I now live up in the Prince William Sound area of Alaska,” says **ADAM “CRAZY EYES” MILLER** (Spring ’05). “I moved here after graduating (believe it or not I graduated!) and work for a non-profit organization called Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation raising salmon at a hatchery on a remote island. Currently, I am the assistant manager of Main Bay Hatchery, the largest Sockeye Salmon hatchery in the world. It’s an amazing place to live and although it’s in the middle of nowhere, it’s a great place to live. There is tons of fishing, hunting, and just stuff to do outside so if any Tau

Phi Deltis are planning a trip, swing by the land of Crazy Eyes and have some beers. 907-252-7337;
adm5012@live.com

“My goal has been to become as self-sufficient in my lifestyle as is reasonable. My wife and I have achieved that on our farm in the Smokey Mountain region of western North Carolina,” says **BOB MOMICH** (’70). Bob graduated with a B. S. degree in Forestry in 1971. He and his wife have one daughter, Allison. He enjoys woodworking and botany.

TOM MUSCHLITZ (Fall ’66) was in the same pledge class as **STEVE GEHRINGER** and **TOM WOLF** and **FRANK JUDD** was his Big Brother. He and his wife, Jan-Marie, live in a log cabin that they built in town called Trinity, N. Car. — in the “Triad Area” between Winston Salem, Greensboro and High Point. After earning his Parks Administration and Recreation degree in 1969, Tom enlisted in the U.S. Navy in early 1970, earned his Pilot Wings in 1972. Upon leaving the service in 1978, he took the job with the City of High Point’s Parks and Recreation Department, where he worked for five years until his position was cut in an economic recession. He had taken up blacksmithing as a hobby and decided to give that a try. He now owns and operates the Mountain Forge. They have four grown children; three sons and a daughter. “None of whom chose Penn State as their choice of university and too far and out of state tuition is too expensive.” Their oldest son Hans works in landscaping, Kurt works with Tom, Greta is a financial advisor and lives in Wilmington, N. Car and the youngest son, Kyle, is a chef, graduated from Johnson and Wales in Providence, Rhode Island and remains there. They have two granddaughters.
(336) 241-5054 *blksmth@rtmc.net*

THOMAS PAJAK (Fall ’73) and his wife Deb live in Lewisbury, Pa. 717-938-8147; *pajaktom@epix.net*

The recent issue of *The Penn Stater* magazine reported that **JAMES F. PIERCE, JR.** (Fall ’59) passed away on March 4, 2009. He had been retired and residing in Washington DC at the time of his death.

ANDREW STRASSNER (Fall ’00) a 2003 graduate with a B.S. in Environmental Systems Engineering, has reported moving to Forty Fort, Penna. *astrassner@hotmail.com*

MICHAEL RYAN -TODD (Spring ’84) after he graduated a few years later in 1990 with a BS in Marketing, he later completed his MBA at the University of Pittsburgh in 1999. While previously located in Pinecliffe, Colorado, he’s now living in Rockwall, Texas and currently works for Texas Instruments as their Director of Market Research. Mike sends his regards! (972) 782-9732
mryantodd@hotmail.com

Mrs. Pat Wilson-Schmid wrote to thank us for the memories about the “Groe” (Ugly Man Contest, see Volume 6 - 2009). “Our son was most pleased to read about his late dad (**GEORGE SCHMID**). Keep me on your mailing list.”
palettepat@verizon.net

BARRY “SEIPS” SEIPLE (Fall ’62) has retired from the tree care business. He and Brenda have 5 children and 14 grandchildren. He reports that “My career included stints as Superintendent of Grounds at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens and at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching. We spend the winter in the north Georgia mountains and the summers on the Delaware River in Pennsylvania. I enjoyed Br. Berger’s article on Mont Alto memories. I too remember Charlie Buck breaking the ice, **JON “STINE” MUSSELMAN** and trips to Wilson College mixers (I once walked back to the campus in my dancing shoes).

One forestry camp weekend, Jon, **DENNIS “STIX” MIELKE**, and I hitchhiked to Canada for some ale. We stopped at Syracuse and retrieved the

Tau Phi Delta bell clapper and gavel used at House meetings. They had been acquired by some Syracuse forestry students that were guests at the House after a PSU football game. We reacquired them, in kind, though we did not stay.

I see Park Shimp, who roomed in Conklin Hall with **ART BRIGGS**, weekly for hard-fought games of pool. Congratulations to the brothers on their recent awards; TΦΔ has always had fine members."

KARL "FOOSE" SHAFFER (Spring '74) and his wife Kathy live in Pittsboro, NC. They have two daughters, Lisbeth and Kristin. Karl received a B.S. degree in Environmental Resource Management in 1974 and an M.S. degree in Soil Science in 1977. He works in the soil/environmental consulting field. He enjoys fishing, hunting, canoeing, tennis, golf, mountain biking, and kayaking. 919-542-5803; kshaffer@mindspring.com

"My wife Judy and I are happily retired and very busy," reports **ROBERT "BOB" SHRUM** (Fall '62). "Our blended family includes 4 kids and 4 grandchildren. We spend about 6 months of each year on my childhood farm, deep in the woods near Latrobe, Pa. and 6 months in 'The Villages' near Ocala, Florida. We love both places and do some other travelling when we can squeeze it into our schedules. We are fortunate to have great health, great families ... and a great life.

I love reading about Mont Alto, hunting trips, and other articles in *The Taproot*, and I'm proud to hear about the current actives and their awards. Congratulations!

Greetings to all the guys from the early '60s. It's great to hear about you. *The Taproot* bridges whay my busy life has denied me in keeping up with all of you. If in my area, Latrobe, Pa. (May to Oct.) or The Villages (Nov. to May), we would love to see you!" 724-331-5788; roadsendfarm2004@yahoo.com

CRAIG "Z-MAN" SMITH or aka "**LITTLE RAT**" (Spring '73) is the owner of Smith's Meats, a retail meat market and smokehouse. Craig and Cindy have a son, Christopher. 724-843-1160; craigz28@verizon.net

WILLIAM "BROTHER RAT" T. SMITH, DVM (Spring '70) received a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the Univ. of Pennsylvania in 1976. He and his wife Dr. Sue Smith are partners in Chester Veterinary Clinic, Inc. They have two sons, Robert and Ryan. Bill enjoys horseback riding, hobby farming, traveling, and biking. 724-843-7912; drsuesmith@hotmail.com

JAMES "SAM" R. SPAID (Spring '56) received a B.S. degree in Forest Management in 1958. He and his wife Alice live in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. They have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. "Sam" enjoys gardening, reading, travel, and birds. He says, "My start in a career of Forestry and Forest Products began shortly after graduation in the summer of 1958 at Oil City, Pa. working for United Natural Gas Company for a period of 2½ years. My immediate supervisor was Bob Harmon, who was a former Penn State forestry major, having graduated approximately 20 years prior, and then acting as Vice President of the company. United owned about 80,000 acres of mostly forested land composed of Cherry and Maple between Emporium and Clermont with smaller holdings scattered throughout northwest Penna. My job was to type these areas in order to know just what we had on them and plan select-cutting timber sales where timber had matured. I also was responsible for estimating the value of timber on land not owned or leased by us where new pipe lines were to be constructed.

After doing this for two years, with stints in the U. S. Army Reserves, I left the job to take a position with U. S. Plywood in Pittsburgh. I worked with the U.S. Plywood/Champion Papers for 24

years in six locations in various product sales and management positions. Other Penn State foresters working for the company were Roger Armstrong and Terry Wurtzenbacher. Ramsey Frank was running a particle board plant in Virginia. Meanwhile the company changed their name to Champion International.

The company started to sell off some their holdings to competitors in 1984 and 1985 so I left to begin a new career once again. Luck was with me and I ended up with a position at Lumbermen's Merchandising Corp. in Wayne, Pa. Timing was perfect as they were planning to expand their panel department making it a perfect fit for me. LMC is a coop buying source for independent dealers over a large part of the US. I loved this job and worked there for 14 years, buying and selling wood products for our members. Other Penn State forestry grads working there included: Vern Dando, Andy Toombs, Greg Gorniak, Rick Beam, Bernie Taylor, David Gonz, Mike Chrisman, Don Finn, Jim Massung, Travis Jackson, along with Rich Skarbeck - Logistics, Karen Balbierer - Business, Jack Kinkaid -Philosophy and Anna Marie Guenther, and Don O'Hara whose father was the Defense Coordinator at State for years.

I finally retire from the business in October 1999. I am proud to have been associated with literally hundreds of people in the wood industry ... an industry that still does much of its business on a man's word and/or a simple handshake, and that is plenty to be proud of in this day and age! Good luck to all at TΦΔ."

BARRY STAUFFER (Fall '61) reports that he is retired and enjoying it. He and Maggie have 5 children and 2 grandchildren. Barry spends his time leading rebuilding efforts for non-profit housing and bicycling. 703-549-8680; bcstauffer@comcast.net

TERRY “STEM” STEMMLER (Fall '75) is the District Forester of the Gallitzin State Forest, Pa. Bureau of Forestry. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and working on his property. He says, “Leave it better than you found it.” 724-668-2135; tstemmler@state.pa.us

DONALD LEE STONER (Fall '63) lives in Sundance, Wyoming. His daughter, Lynn, and her 3 children also live in Sundance. Don provided the following brief history: “I had a 4-year tour in the Air Force prior to beginning college so I was much older than most of my classmates. I had a private pilot license, and occasionally some of the Brothers and I would rent a Piper Tripacer (4 seater) and fly over Happy Valley. In the fall of 1966, I entered the Army Warrant Officer Flight Training Program. After graduation, I got Chinook transition training, and I flew CH-47As in Vietnam in 1970. I was wounded with a gunshot through the right wrist, and I was sent to Valley Forge to recuperate. I left active duty in 1972 and returned to employment with the Forest Service, stations at Deadwood, South Dakota. I joined the South Dakota National Guard and flew Hueys with a MedEvac Detachment based in Rapid City. I retired from the Guard in 1988 and the Forest Service in 1996. Currently, I keep busy serving on boards for Senior Citizens and Muicum Foundation in Sundance. Additionally, I assist the contractor who hauls the mail from Gillette to Sundance. 307-283-1657

ALBERT “AL” TAUSES (Fall '72) says, “I lost contact with several people and would like to catch up with them sometime to maybe hunt, fish, hike, backpack or just chart and drink a beer. I left TΦΔ in 1974 and went to Maine to work as a forester. I loved the profession and Maine so much that we stayed for 30 years. We have 2 children, so when they left home, I decided to try southern forestry for awhile. We transferred to Alabama and then to Florida. This was mostly with the same company, including mergers and buyouts with

Diamond International, St. Regis, Champion Int., Int. Paper, and West Fraser. In 2009, we decided to retire, sell our house, and live full time in an RV for a while. We do some volunteer work with the National Park Service and Forest Service and just travel around the country. Anyone in the early '70s era, drop me a note – would love to cross paths. 850-512-3774; atauses@aol.com

BROOKE THOMAS (Fall '59) says, “You’ve done a nice job with *The Taproot*. I especially like the stories: the elk hunts, memories of Mont Alto, and the ugly man contest. Here is some news from me. Still doing research on how mass tourism on the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico is impacting the Maya residents and the environment. On another front, I’m in a group building an orphanage and running a vaccination program for alpacas in the highlands of Peru. I’ve done most of my research here, and it’s time to give back to the community (www.rojectmunoa.org). This fall I’ve been going to alpaca shows in the northeast trying to drum up potential donors.” 413-548-9281; anthro.umass.edu

ALLEN J. VOHDEN (Fall '46) lives in Danville, Vermont.

RODNEY L. “ROD” WHITEMAN (Fall '85), of Morgantown, W. Va., died June 21, 2010, in Lock Haven of injuries suffered in a tragic small airplane crash. He and two others were conducting U.S. Forest Service aerial survey for gypsy moth damage in that region. A 1986 graduate of PSU School of Forest Resources, he joined the Forest Service that same year. Those who knew Rod, remembered him as an avid runner, and a typical Tau Phi who enjoyed all the good stuff in life: hunting, fishing and trapping. He was survived by his wife, Megan and a daughter, Haley.

At the request of his family, memorials can be made to: Hunt Of A Lifetime, P.O. Box 241, Harborcreek, PA 16421.

PATRICK “CAVEMAN” J. WILLIAMS (Fall '69) and his wife Susan live in Wilkes Barre, Pa. They have one daughter, Jillian. He works for Griffin Greenhouse and Nursery Supply. 570-822-1424

In June 2009, Penn State – Mont Alto recognized another Tau Phi with a Distinguished Fellow Award. **JAMES F. WOLF** (grad. '59) of Hollidaysburg, Penna. was honored with two other forestry alumnus during the campus' class of 1959 50th reunion. Other Brothers in attendance included **JESS F. CLARKE, JR.** of Brandenton, Fla. and **JOE WHITECAVAGE** of Fishers, Ind.

THOMAS “TOM” E. WOLF (Fall '67). “I have the same telephone number and email address. No major changes. *The Taproot* is excellent, and I appreciate all the work you guys do.” 814-266-2247; wolffe109@verizon.net

HOWARD “DOKEY” G. WURZBACHER (Spring '77) lives in Titusville and is Regional Forester at the Penna. Game Commission's Franklin NW Office. 814-589-7538; hcwurz@aol.com

RAY ZOMOK (Fall '78) graduated with a BS degree in Environmental Engineering. He and Christine live near Harrisburg. Ray is a Senior Civil Engineer Manager with the Penna. Dept. of Environmental Protection. His hobbies include fishing, fly tying, bowhunting, and birding. 717-697-4045; rzomok88@comcast.net

Betty Tingle ~ House Cook

She has just turned 93 (September 7th) and is living in a personal care home in the Penn's Valley area. She still asks about her “boys” from TΦΔ! She'd loved to hear from or, better yet, see you:

**Elizabeth Tingle
Salem Hill Personal Care
424 Heckman Cemetery Rd.
Spring Mills, PA 16875**

FORE!!

The 2010 Jim Evans Memorial Golf Tournament was without a doubt another great success!

On July 17th, 52 Tau Phi's and friends hit the links at Freestone Golf Course outside of Port Matilda. With the sun beating down and the men doing their best to golf through the libations, two teams of duffers emerged tied for first place.

Two years now we have had the good fortune of golfing at Freestone which is a very nice mountain side golf course along old Route 322, just below the new I-99 cutover near Skytop, northwest of Happy Valley.

We have been invited back for the upcoming 2011 tournament and we look forward to returning (This date to be determined).

The numbers of golfers were down this year, thus the scholarship funds generated were slightly lacking in comparison to past years. However, two nice scholarships will still be awarded this year — in memory of the late Br. W. James Evans, State College Borough Arborist — to two deserving young Tau Phis.

Thank all for attending and we hope to see all and more next year!

For more information contact Br. Mark Haffley (mah400@gmail.com).



Team Skippy Ties For First
(left to right) Brs. Nelson "Corky" Levens, Kirk "Stool" Galley, Joel "Joey" Boogher, and Dave "Skippy" Domin.

Photo by Kelly Wisniowski

Bear Hunts TΦΔ Style At Camp Spike Buck And The Old Buck Camp

By Br. Chris Kamzalow
(Spring '95 Alpha)

The Golden Bears of Tau Phi Delta (aka North Camp) is not the only group of Brothers to set up a new bear hunting camp with some success away from State College (**Editor's Note:** Refer to previous volumes of the *Taproots* 1 - 2004, 4 - 2007, and 6 - 2009).

Back in 2003, another group of Brothers from Tau Phi Delta broke away from the black bear hunts at the House and decided to start hunting bear from their camps in Forest County.

Br. Jason Anderson who hunts out of Camp Spike Buck (in village of Pigeon) and Br. Chris Kamzalow who hunts out of The Old Buck Camp (near Kellesteville) decided to join forces and organize our own bear drives (techniques copied from those many successful TΦΔ bear drives in Centre County). Camp Spike Buck is owned by the Anderson's and The Old Buck Camp is owned by the Kamzalow's — kin to Brs. Chris and Marc Kamzalow.

Over the years, besides Brs. Anderson and Kamzalow, the following Brothers have participated in our bear hunts, Kris Gisi, Kevin Oskin, Gary Adams, John Hudson, and Marc DelRosso. We usually average of between 18 to 25 hunters for day one, and then attendance starts to drop off after that.

Much like the hunts at the House, we have a bear meeting on Sunday evenings at The Old Buck Camp, where we sign the rosters, go over the rules of the hunt (Yes, coyotes are legal game during our drives!), break up into teams, figure out who is driving vehicles, and assign riders to those vehicles. One new twist that we do different is we have three teams: Team A, Team B, and Team C. Team C is made up of older hunters and they are always posters during the hunt.

We do get shooting at bear just about every year and in 2006, Ted Kamzalow (father of Brs. Chris and Marc) tagged a bruin on the second day of the season (See below photo). The bear was a male and it field dressed at 145 pounds, this is the first bruin harvested by our group.

Of course much celebrating was done that day and after we checked the bear in at the PGC bear check station in Marienville, a trip to the Kelly Hotel for a couple of cold ones finished that day off (oddly another Tau Phi tradition). Our bear hunts are always enjoyable and safe and we look forward to many more years of hunting bruins together.



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Dear Tau Phi Delts,

Please take a few minutes and tell us about yourself and your family so you can be included in the “Alumni Updates” section of the 2011 issue of *The Taproot*.

Name and Nickname _____

Pledge Class _____

Phone Number (To be printed) _____

Email Address (To be printed) _____

Quotable comments and other information about you, your family, your career and interests outside of work (If need be, continue on a separate sheet).

My contribution for supporting the Taproot is \$10, \$20, \$30, or \$____ (specify).

Please make your check payable to Tau Phi Delta Fraternity and send this form (detach this page or photocopy) and the check to: Tom Yorke, 5384 Antioch Ridge Drive, Haymarket, VA 20169.

You also can send an alumni update and suggestions for future articles by email to Tom at: *tjyorke@mindspring.com*.