INCREDIBLE! How about BEST EVER? Never before has O-Shot Caw Lodge earned the National Service Award (article pg #9), Best All Around Lodge (pg #5), and elected a Section Chief (pg #3), all in the same year! Brothers, it doesn’t get any better than this. Enjoy this very special issue because this year will surely go down in history!
O-Shot-Caw Brothers,

As usual, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge is staying busy. Two major events just passed; the Section Conference and the Summer Ordeal. Throughout the summer, our lodge has arrowmen representing O-Shot-Caw by attending High Adventure programs, summer camps, Camp Sawyer Staff, and the National Order of the Arrow Conference.

At the 2006 Section 4S Conference, O-Shot-Caw Lodge stood out from every other lodge. Besides all 200+ of us having a great time at the conference, we were honored, to be named the 2006 Best All-Around Lodge. This was our 8th year in a row, an accomplishment that has never done before! Throughout the weekend the O-Shot-Caw Lodge shined in American Indian Activities, when we won 1st place in Drum, 1st place in Dance, and honored in all Ceremonial Competitions. We also won Tug-O-War, the Quest for the Golden Arrow, Adviser Sink-A-Thon, Inductions, and Publications. We took a close 2nd in both Internet and Volleyball. To make the weekend even better, our lodge brother Alex Gomez was elected Section Chief.

The Summer Ordeal took place May 19-21 and was a huge success due to the service that was accomplished. All of our projects helped to ready Camp Seminole from Hurricane Wilma’s damage for the Cub Scout Day Camp this summer. On Saturday afternoon the Best All Around Chapter competition took place. Congratulations to all chapters for the best presentations I have ever seen, and congratulations to the Paldani Chapter for winning the Best All Around Chapter competition. Every member of our lodge should be very proud.

As most of you know, it was at the Summer Ordeal that five new officers were elected to lead our lodge this coming year. For many including myself, it is their 2nd year being a lodge officer. I look forward to working with Chris, Andy, Jamie, and Jack to ensure another successful year. Our next event is the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), where our lodge is sending over 100 arrowmen to Michigan State!

Yours in Service,
Geoff Landau
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
"A Chief Among Us"
Alex Gomez- Section Chief 2006-2007

For the first time in ten years, O-Shot-Caw has a Section Chief of our very own. Alex Gomez, the immediate past Section Vice-Chief, was elected the 2006 – 07 Chief of Section S-4S at this year’s Section Conference. Alex has served O-Shot-Caw and the Order of the Arrow since his induction in the winter of 2000. He has served two years as chairman of the Haunted Forest committee, two and a half years as Paldani Chapter Chief, and was the chairman of the 2005 Section S-4S Conference hosted by O-Shot-Caw.

Alex is an Eagle Scout of Troop 492, a Vigil Honor Member and a Meritorious Service Award recipient of our lodge. His active involvement on O-Shot-Caw’s ceremonies team has given him several opportunities in the world of OA ceremonies. He was a member of the medal winning Historic Ceremony Team at the 2004 NOAC, where he earned a total of four medals. He also participated with our team at the 2005 90th Anniversary at Treasure Island. He will be participating in the Historic Re-enactment again at the upcoming NOAC this summer, one of only four Arrowmen in the country. Alex will also be on staff at NOAC, teaching Advanced Character Analysis for Ceremonialists. This summer he also attended OA Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier, which he described as one of the best experiences in his life and a great opportunity for all Arrowmen to take part in.

Some of his goals as Chief are to boost enthusiasm in American Indian activities and ceremonies, and to inspire future leaders through new and improved Section Seminars. He also wants all lodges in S-4S to earn Quality Lodge Recognition.

A sophomore at Florida State University, Alex carries a 3.5 GPA and is a Brother of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

Congratulations Alex – We’re very proud of you.

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“2006 Summer Ordeal- A Return to Camp Seminole”

This year’s summer ordeal was held once again at camp Seminole from May 19th through the 21st. As you all know, the summer ordeal is always filled with a great amount of cheerful service, brotherhood, and anticipation; for both the new officers of the lodge and for the title of best all-around chapter.

Friday night couldn’t have started out any better. It started with a terrific performance by the ceremonies team performing the pre-ordeal ceremony. And a Brotherhood bash was put on as well.

Saturday morning started with a delicious breakfast served by the Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter. Then, after every arrowmen had the opportunity to eat a good breakfast, the long-awaited service projects were assigned. During this quite short weekend, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge accomplished a great deal of work that might have taken months to complete. At the ordeal, Arrowmen cleaned up the Tomoka campsite to prepare it for the use of the fast approaching Cub Scout day camp. Although it may sound simple to clean up a campsite, there were many more tasks to complete thanks to our good friend Hurricane Wilma. Some of which were, filling holes made in the ground so that no one would fall into them and possibly twist an ankle, clear brush from fallen trees, and level out the ground so that no one would trip on any one of the myriad of newly found dirt mounds.

Then, later on in the afternoon, was the highly anticipated Best-All-Around Chapter. Competitions. Many chapters put together a terrific presentation and Best-All-Around book, but none of them could amount to the greatness of the one that the Paldani Chapter assembled months in advanced, going through great extents to reserve their seat as number one in O-Shot-Caw. Sadly, on Sunday morning, the old lodge chief forgot to announce the Best-All-Around chapter results, but thankfully, the new chief did not. The Paldani chapter won after all.

Sunday morning, new arrowmen of our lodge woke up refreshed after a full night’s rest, and enjoyed the usual necessities that mornings have to offer: a bowl of cereal and hot coffee. Of course the reason why many people came out to this summer ordeal was for the election, which took place shortly after breakfast.

Up first, was the high ranked position of lodge chief. In the end, Geoff Landau was re-elected into his second term. Next up was the spot for the position of first vice chief. Chris Gundlach had the honor of winning that position. After that, was the battle of the second vice chief. In the end, Andrew Durden had won. Jamie Nelson had won the position of Lodge secretary. And last but not least, Jack Sweeney won the election for lodge treasurer. For more information on your new officers see page 8.
“Eight is Great”

On April 21st, over 2000 arrowman filed into the show arena at Camp La-No-Che for the 2006 Section Conference Business Meeting. This is one of the only business meetings in the world where cheering loudly at nine in the morning is tolerated. But why on earth would a couple thousand teenagers wake up so early? Simple: they wanted to see their Lodge win. And thankfully, for a few hundred scouts from South Florida, their morning had just started.

O-Shot-Caw Lodge conquered this year at Section Conference like never before. For the eighth year in a row, our Lodge won the coveted title of being Best All Around. Let’s start off with our Teams:

Denison Weidman helped lead our Group Dance Team to another victory this year. Our Lodge’s Drum Team, headed up by R.J. Smith, also won 1st Place. The O-Shot-Caw Ceremonies Team, lead by Jamie Nelson, honored in both the Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies. Ceremonialists Dan Smith, Jonathan Marino, Alex Gomez and Michael Worley all won Best in Section for their respective parts.

One of the toughest competitions this year was King’s Cup. This event is where Lodge’s display their History and Achievements through a creative “Trade Show” type display. Michael Worley, and the King’s Cup Committee, fiercely competed against some very professional and imaginative displays. But in the end, our Lodge placed 1st, an achievement that hasn’t occurred since

The Patchwork, edited by Lenny Schrager, was voted best Publication in the Section and our Lodge Web Page, maintained by Jack Sweeney, placed a close second in a much disputed Web Site Competition.

Perhaps the biggest surprise was when Poncho and Bill Gilliland won 1st Place in the Advisor Sink-A-Thon, an event that our Lodge has never won!

O-Shot-Caw also won 1st Place in the Induction Administration Competition, Tug of War, and 2nd Place Volleyball. Yet overall, the Lodge succeeded in the athletic competitions allowing O-Shot-Caw to win 1st Place in the Quest for the Golden Arrow.

But the fun wasn’t over yet. Our own Alex Gomez, the Section Vice Chief, past Chief of Paldani Chapter and the Chairman for the 2005 Section Conference became the 2006-2007 Section S4S Chief. Alex is the first Section Chief from our Lodge in 10 years. He now joins the ranks of fellow brothers who both served as Section Chief and belonged to the greatest Lodge in the nation. These brothers include Tom Watts, Bill Cowles, Barry Ekle, Phil Engelmann, Jason Wolz and Devang Desai.

Winning was, and will always be an amazing feat, but now our Lodge faces the hardest task any person or team can be burdened with: maintaining excellence and achievement, and staying the best means that we must keep striving for perfection. O-Shot-Caw is now in reach of a goal many thought was impossible; to win Best All Around for an entire decade. Eight is great, but not as great as ten.
“Conch Craziness”
The biggest event of the year for the Nok-Su chapter held at Camp Sawyer
By: Jonathan Yost

A laid-back weekend in the keys, with swimming, patch-trading, and just relaxing is what the arrowmen that attended Nok-Su chapter Conch Craziness enjoyed. In total there were about 30 arrowmen, ten of which were from outside O-Shot-Caw. Saturday morning consisted of a work project on the beach, while the afternoon was time to go snorkeling or fishing, and in the evening there was a marshmallow-roasting contest. Many spent time with old friends, and also made new ones; it was definitely a time for fun & fellowship.

“Paldani Chapter and the Walk for PKD”

On April 30th, 2006, Paldani Chapter woke up early and went to T.Y. Park in Hollywood to help with the Faske Family Walk-A-Thon. Garry C. Faske was a past Lodge Brother who died of PKD (Polycystic Kidney Disease) on April 30th, 2005. The Chapter assisted the PKD Foundation in staffing this Walk-A-Thon. They hung up signs, took out trash, cooked food, handed out water, and gave directions and much more. 30 Paldani Brothers showed up to this event and gave 300 hours of cheerful service. Afterwards the Chapter had a great BBQ Fellowship. At the event, both the Dance and Drum teams came out and gave our members an interactive experience into what they do. This allowed the Chapter members to join teams, or just to see what it is like to do group drum or dance.
“NOAC Be Ready for an Awesome Time”
Chris Miller / Lenny Schrager

This year, as you all know, NOAC is going to be held at the University of Michigan, but it’s what we plan to do there that really makes the trip well worth it. If some of you have been asking where are we going, what sites are we going to see etc., well brothers, your questions are about to be answered. First things come first. The theme at NOAC for the O-Shot-Caw 265 is an underwater theme. Featured on the patches are various scenic occurrences under the ocean. These scenes are those that would most likely be liable to occur in the Keys or at our very own council camp, Camp Sawyer. The theme on the patches is also going to be put into our display on founder’s day the last day of NOAC, where lodges set up displays to display how fantastic their lodges are and it gives each lodge an opportunity to hand out something that represents their lodge.

Oh the places you’ll see at NOAC! The NOAC tour of Michigan will include visiting places such as, the Air Zoo, Kellogg’s cereal City, and the Henry Ford Museum. And we will also be going on Dune Buggie Rides!

To find out what we did and what happened at these various places tune into the next issue of The Patchwork!

Camp Sawyer: Get Your Piece of Paradise

Camp Sawyer is one of the most up and coming camps in the nation. Within the next 2 years, it is planned that Camp Sawyer will be home to a multi million dollar expansion project including new dormitories, a new mess hall and kitchen, new storage areas, a new bathroom and many other facilities. What was first being called the “poor man’s Sea Base” is now turning into a true entity of its own. Camp Sawyer is hands down the best kept secret in the South Florida Council. But that secret won’t be kept for long. At this year’s NOAC, O-Shot-Caw Lodge is planning to host a Founder’s Day booth promoting Camp Sawyer. Over 9,000 Scouts and Scout Leaders will find out that there’s more than one camp in the Keys. Camp Sawyer sits on West Summerland Key at mile marker 34. It is about as large as Sea Base and is surrounded by a coral rock lagoon which plays host to a huge variety of beautiful fish. A major thing that our Lodge can be proud of is the OA involvement at Sawyer. This year, every staff member was a member of the OA including the O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief, Geoff Landau and the Paldani Chapter Chief, Michael Worley.
Lodge Chief- Geoff Landau

Geoffrey Landau’s scouting career began with Tiger Pack 73 and continued as he worked his way throughout the Cub Scout program. He is now an Eagle Scout from the Lighthouse district. Geoff was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in January of 2002 and sealed his ties in the Brotherhood one year later. At the 2005 Lodge Banquet he was chosen to receive the Vigil Honor. While in the Order of the Arrow, Geoff has worked staff at Eagle Claw, National Jamboree, and Camp Lone Oak. In 2003 Geoff was elected as the Elgixin Chapter Chief, a position that he held for two years. Under his leadership the Elgixin chapter won the Best All Around Chapter competition two years in a row. Geoff was our Lodge Chief for the 2005-2006 year, and under his leadership O-Shot-Caw won best-all-around lodge at the Section Conference.

First Vice Chief- Chris Gundlach

Chris Gundlach is an Eagle Scout with two palms, from Troop 190 in the Pine Island district. He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in the summer of 2001. Ten months later Chris sealed his ties in the Brotherhood. Since becoming a member of the Order of the Arrow, Chris has been a very active member of the lodge. For the past few years he has been a key player on the dance team helping the team win first at this year’s Section Conference. He also served two terms as the Unit Elections Chairman for our lodge. Two years ago Chris was the Chapter Chief of the Gokhos Chapter.

2nd Vice Chief- Andrew Durden

Andrew began his scouting career as a Tiger Cub and earned his Arrow of Light as he continued on through the Cub Scouting program. Andrew entered the lodge at the 2004 Summer Ordeal. He then was appointed First Year Arrowmen Committee Chairman for the 2004-2005 lodge year. Andrew sealed his ties at the 2005 Lodge Banquet. In addition to his position on the Lodge Executive Committee, Andrew has been an active member of the dance team, and has served as the historian for the Pooca-Tooka chapter.

Secretary- Jamie Nelson

Jamie is currently an Eagle Scout from the Lighthouse district. Over the past few years, Jamie has served the Lodge as the Ceremonies Team chairman. Jamie was worked staff at Camp Lone Oak, taking on the responsibility of teaching a myriad of merit badges to fellow scouts from near and far. This past year at the 2005 National Jamboree Jamie served on the Order of the Arrow Service Corps and helped make the jamboree a success. This summer Jamie is attending the OA Wilderness Voyage program at Northern Tier.

Treasurer- Jack Sweeney

Jack Sweeney is currently a Life scout from Troop 519 from the Lighthouse District. He was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in the fall of 2003. In his first year of membership in the lodge, Jack served as the Elangomat chairman, and was an active member on the L.E.C. Jack was also the Internet Chairman for the lodge this past year. As chairman Jack updated the Lodge’s website within 24 hours after every lodge weekend, and added a section giving arrowmen information about their chapter on the home page.

All pictures of your new officers were taken as they were being sworn into office on the Sunday of the summer ordeal.
O-Shot-Caw Lodge has once again proved that it is the most powerful lodge in the nation! Not only have we dominated the Best All Around Lodge competition in recent history, but we have also impacted the national scene too.

The National Service Award is awarded to only two lodges per region every year. This is the fifth year in a row that O-Shot-Caw has won this award – the only lodge in the history of the Order of the Arrow to do so. In order to compete for the National Service Award, lodges must submit a petition that outlines all of the service hours performed from Jan 1, - Dec 21, of the respective year and also be a National Quality Lodge. Our Lodge Chief, Geoff Landau, put this year’s National Service Award Petition together, which in the end was seventeen pages, 6219 words long.

In the year 2005 O-Shot-Caw racked together 21,322 hours of cheerful service over the course of 46 events. If you wish to read more about O-Shot-Caw’s involvement in council and community service, simply log onto our lodge’s website and click on the National Service Award logo (www.o-shot-caw.org).

From May 25-27, 2006, O-Shot-Caw sent Geoff Landau, Scott Landau, and Ron Bell to the National Boy Scout meeting in Washington D.C. to accept this award. While in D.C., the O-Shot-Caw contingent visited nearly every museum and memorial on the Walk, including the Civil War, Korean, Vietnam, World War II, and Holocaust Memorials. Geoff, Ron, and Scott also visited Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial, Ford’s Theater, the National Archives, the Capital Building, the White House, the Air & Space Museum, and Museum of American History. Of course, our group also visited the Museum of American Indians where Ron led an amazing tour through the museum.

The trip was an awesome time and hopefully, O-Shot-Caw will win the National Service Award again and have the same opportunity next year.
"Chapter Information for new Arrowmen"

**Elgixin**
Elgixin chapter serves the lighthouse district. They meet the fourth Monday of each month at the prince of peace church located at 6012 NW 9th court, Margate at 7:30 pm.

**Paldani**
Paldani chapter serves the Seminole district. They meet at the elks Lodge at 7190 Davie Road Extension, Hollywood, FL 33024 at 7:30 pm on the second Monday of each month.
Chapter Chief: Michael Worley
E-mail: thedeaconblues@bellsouth.net

**Gokhos**
Gokhos chapter serves the Pine Island district. They meet on the second Monday of the month at Plantation United Methodist Church located at 1001 70th Ave., Plantation at 7:30 p.m.
Chapter Chief: Brad Schmitt

**Pooca Tooka**
Pooca Tooka chapter serves the Fireball district. They meet the first Monday of each month at Barbara Goleman High School located at 14100 NW 89 Ave.
Chapter Chief: Chaz Pinna
E-mail: chazpinna14@hotmail.com

**Tomoka**
Tomoka Chapter serves the Pioneer district. They meet at American Legion Post 67, located at 1491 West Dixie Highway on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

**O-Shot-Co-Chee**
O-Shot-Co-Chee chapter serves the Tequesta district and meets the first Monday of the month at First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables located at 536 Coral Way, one block west of LeJeune(42 Avenue) on Coral Way (SW 24th street).
Chapter Chief: Julio Rodriguez
E-mail: Abe 242@aol.com

**Hnu-Ra-Con chapter**
Hnu-Ra-Con chapter serves the Hurricane district. They meet the first Monday of the month at the LDS Kendall Chapel located at 10000 SW 107 Ave at 7:30 p.m.

**Nok-su**
Nok-Su chapter serves the Buccaneer district. They meet at District events and the Nok Su Fellowship- Conch Craziness.
Chapter Chief: Randy Cheney

**Allouchset**
Allouchset chapter serves the Calusa district. The chapter meets at the American Legion Post - No. 29 located at 6445 NE 7th Ave on the first Monday of the month.

**To-Hopki-Lagi**
To-Hopki-Lagi chapter serves the Thunderbird district. They meet the first Monday of the month at the Perrine Elementary located at 8851 SW 168 St at 7:30 p.m.
Chapter Chief: Jack McLeod
E-mail: torquiljim@bellsouth.net
"Editor's Notes"

Dear Brothers,

As a new year begins, I think of all the fun events we will share together and the many fellowships that will take place. I look forward to yet another great lodge year. I hope that you enjoy this issue of The Patchwork. If you or someone you know is interested in writing articles for The Patchwork please send me an email at ischrage@bellsouth.net. If someone you know is not receiving The Patchwork and is a dues-paid member of the lodge, please let them know that they can send me e-mail to start receiving The Patchwork.

Lenny Schrager

"O-Shot-Caw Patches"

The Patch given out at NOAC 2000.

The 1992 NOAC flap patch.

The 1998 NOAC Flap patch

The 2004 NOAC flap patch.

Articles to look for in the next edition of The Patchwork:
NOAC results, and Much More...
ICHMAEL ROWLEY WRITES: WHY IS THE OA SHED SO UNORGANIZED?

THE EDITOR: WELL, ICHMAEL, SOME SAY THAT THE Goblins OF CAMP SEMINOLE KNOW THE CODE TO THE LOCK AND TRESPASSED INTO THE SHED AND UNORGANIZED THINGS JUST TO GET US ANNOYED.

WHY DO YOU THINK THE HAUNTED FOREST THINGS ARE MIXED WITH THE LODGE BANQUET THINGS, WELL, IN THE LITTLE HORRID GOBLINS SICK TWISTED MIND, THEY BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO PUT THINGS THAT HAVE THE SAME SECOND LETTER TOGETHER. HA & BA. THOSE SILLY Goblins!

O-SHOT-CAW BROTHERS TRY TO FIT AS MANY BROTHERS AS THEY CAN ON A PLATFORM.