Friday night eager Arrowmen fled into Camp Seminole after a long period of anticipation as to when it was going to re-open after Hurricane Wilma.

Saturday morning, members of the O-Shot-Caw Lodge attending the Lodge Banquet woke up and were served an excellent breakfast, by the Pooca-Tooka Chapter. After breakfast, for safety purposes, Lodge Advisor, Ron Bell, briefed Arrowmen telling them not to go beyond the marked off perimeter. Although Arrowmen were disappointed that they were not going to be allowed to see their chapter campsite after the hurricane, it was a necessary decision made to ensure everyone’s safety.

That morning also brought many educational opportunities for brothers to learn more about the Order of the Arrow. There were seminars and training courses, which discussed the meaning of brotherhood, taught by Jamie Nelson. There was an elongated training taught by Eric-Smith-Norman and his advisor Martin Ruben. There were also classes about Native American Dances, the Secrets of the Drum Team, and many more. Also, in the first two training sessions, there were service projects, in which brothers picked up logs and debris around the area so that no one would get injured.

In the afternoon, all of the chapter competitions were held. Competitions consisted of the leaky drum, OA Jeopardy, a scavenger hunt, egg toss, volleyball, and, of course, Tug-of-War. **Continued on pg.4**
"Chiefly Speaking"

O-Shot-Caw Brothers,
To sum it all up into one word; wow! The past few months the O-Shot-Caw Lodge has been very busy with numerous Unit Elections, Crossover Ceremonies, Camp Promotions, Call Out Ceremonies, Chapter Meetings, and more. Even with all that we have also been actively planning for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). A new fundraiser was established this year thanks to the Coconut Grove Art Festival. In February, both youth and adult Arrowmen from our lodge had a great time taking tickets for people entering the festival. Our lodge successfully took in more than 30,000 tickets over a 3 day time span. Any youth that is going to NOAC received $150 toward his NOAC fund for working all three days. I would personally like to thank all the adults that spent their weekend helping the lodge be able to support our NOAC Contingent.

On March 3-5, 2006, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge held our annual Lodge Banquet. On Friday night we performed a brotherhood ceremony for over 30 candidates. Congratulations to all our new Brotherhood members that sealed their ties. The next morning we had training seminars and a work project to prepare the camp for the massive restoration effort that has already begun. As most of you know Camp Seminole, the location of the Lodge Banquet, was devastated by the hurricane. But with the help of the Order of the Arrow, South Florida Council, Downrite Engineering, and some huge machinery, our camp should be usable by this fall. Saturday afternoon of the Lodge Banquet, chapter competitions took place. The coolest thing in the afternoon was the chapter spirit. You could pick an Arrowman and based on his hat, shirt, hair color, face paint, or socks, know what chapter he was in. The competitions consisted of the Tom Tatham Spirit Award and the Quest for the Rusted Arrow for youth and adults, respectively. Congratulations to the Pocoa-Tooka Chapter for winning the Tom Tatham Spirit Award and Hnu-Ra-Con for winning the Rusted Arrow.

That night the lodge held a banquet style dinner for lodge members, their friends, and families. Congratulations to all those who won awards including the including the First Year Arrowman, Leadership in Service, Meritorious Service, and the Founders Award. For more information about these Arrowmen keep reading! The night was then concluded with the Vigil Honor Call Out Ceremony. Congratulations!

As a lodge, we are looking forward to the 2006 Section Conference. Hosting the conference last year was a great experience, but it will also be enjoyable to attend this conference where Tipisa Lodge is the host. They have put a lot of time and hard work into planning the conference and it looks to be another great event.

If you have not pre-registered for the 2006 Section Conference yet, mail the attached form to the council office. O-Shot-Caw is looking to take a huge contingent this year to Camp La-no-che and needs your help. The conference if full of competitions for youth and adults, American Indian activities, training sessions, patch trading, Section Officer elections, and the Best All Around Lodge Competition. O-Shot-Caw Lodge has won 7 years in a row and hopes to win an 8th. So April 21-23, come out and support your lodge!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Geoff Landau
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
"Section Conference is soon to come"

This year's Section Conference will be held at Camp La-No-Che, where the Tipisa Lodge will be the host. The conference will be on April 21-23, 2006, so make plans to go now. You do not want to miss the Section's biggest event of the year. There's a lot of patch trading, activities, and opportunities to meet other Arrowmen from around the state of Florida. Come to see the different competitions, dances, pow wow, and learn something new about the Order of the Arrow.

As usual, it will be a wonderful fellowship with delicious meals, spectacular evening shows, and section officer elections. Of course, who can forget... the Best All Around Lodge Competition, which the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge plans on winning for the eighth consecutive time. So don't just come out for the training or the competitions, or the fun, also come to support your Lodge!

To find out more about the 2006 Section Conference log on to: www.sections4s.org/conf

"Native American Corner"

Here's some Pow-Wow etiquette you may want to take note of when you go to the Festival of Feathers (FOF) Saturday night of the section Conference.

Arena benches are reserved for dancers. Dancers wishing to reserve a space on the bench should place a blanket in that space before the dance begins.

Please do not sit on someone else's blanket unless invited. Uncovered benches are considered unreserved.

Listen to the Master of Ceremonies. He will announce who is to dance, and when.

Be aware that someone standing behind you may not be able to see over you. Make room, step aside, sit, or kneel if someone is behind you.

Stand during special songs honoring veterans or a commemorative event

Never walk through the arbor always walk in a clockwise motion around it.

Powwows are usually non-profit. It depends upon donations, raffles, blanket dances, etc. for support. Donations are encouraged as a way to honor someone. Any participant can drop money onto the blanket to aid in the powwow expenses.

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The Paldani chapter took first place in the scavenger hunt. And, O-Shot-Co-Chee chapter with only two chapter members in attendance took first place in the egg toss. Way to go guys! The mighty Pooca-Tooaka chapter won the Tug-of-War. Whether friend or foe, the Pooca-Tooaka chapter cheered for your chapter in the various competitions. In turn the Pooca-Tooak chapter ended up winning the Tom Tatham Spirit award.

At the Lodge Banquet, Michael Worley and the Kings cup committee set-up the entire King's Cup display to show brothers what the final copy would look like at the Section Conference. This year's theme is Surfing: "The Heron Surf Shack"

Finally, the banquet started. The Pooca-Tooaka chapter chose an Italian theme for dinner. Many awards were given out such as the First Year Arrowman award, the Meritorious Service award, and the Founders award. The banquet ended with the awarding of the vigil honor.
The 48th annual Scoutmaster’s camporee was held February 26, 2006 at Markam Park, where hundreds of scouts from all over South Florida Council gathered for a weekend of competition and fun.

Friday night was filled with the assembling of gateways and the setting up of camp.

Saturday morning everyone woke up bright and early to embark on the day’s activities. Some activities consisted of a canoe race, volleyball competition, obstacle course, rock climbing, Brownsea Island activities, log sawing, riding a bucking bronco, a chili cook-off, and of course Indian village activities put on by the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge.

At the Indian Village, scouts from all over the council, including Cub Scouts were invited to watch Native American dancing put on by our wonderful dance team. They were also invited to listen to the drum team perform a few songs. Along with the dance team and drum team performance, fancy dancers-- Chaz Pinna, Will Bunnell, and Alex Coker-- also danced to demonstrate a different type of dance besides just the group dance.

At Scoutmaster’s Camporee, the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge’s Kings Cup chairman, Mike Worley, decided to put on a Kings Cup display to show South Florida Council scouts what the Order of the Arrow is all about.

Around mid-day, members of the Paldani Chapter walked around to all the troops in Seminole district and gave lectures to scoutmasters to promote the Order of the Arrow, and how they could join or get involved. Paldani members were in luck because a few troops signed up for elections.

To kick off the beginning of the evening show, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge fancy dancers put on yet another outstanding performance, along with the drum team, who was there to provide a beat to dance to. The evening ended with a tradition of the Camporee – with fireworks.
“Ocean Adventure”
Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure, Florida Sea Base, Islamorada, FL

The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure is a unique opportunity to experience the programs at the Florida Sea Base, while providing a new type of service to the Atlantic Ocean. In a two-week period, participants will complete PADI SCUBA certification, as well as interact with underwater wildlife like no other Scouts do.

For one week, participants will undergo intensive SCUBA certification in preparation. Arrowmen will also provide meaningful service to the staff of the Florida Sea Base, and enjoy fun in the Florida sun while brushing up on their volleyball skills.

The second week of OAOA is spent using the SCUBA certification to its fullest extent. Participants will spend their time taking wildlife samples in the Florida Keys, performing island restoration and other meaningful projects to the surrounding area. The JAACF may be able to help you pay your way to Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure at Sea Base.

Scenes from Florida Sea Base: Where OA Ocean Adventure is held.

“Paldani Pizza Fellowship and Car Wash”

It was a clear night with a cool breeze when the Paldani Chapter held its Pizza Fellowship. On February 27, 2006 the arrowmen of the Paldani Chapter, some with family members in tow, descended on Bellantes “all-you-can-eat” restaurant for an evening of fun and camaraderie. The group consisted of 46 arrowmen and family members. Some notable attendees were Geoff Landau, Lodge Chief, Denison Wiedman, First Vice Chief, and Chris Miller, Lodge Associate Advisor.

Alex Blandina, the chapter chief, encouraged all of the brothers there to pay their dues and register for the Lodge Banquet. Then Michael Worley, Chapter Secretary, also announced the paldani car wash, to raise money for the Joseph Aaron Abbot Campership Fund, on March 11th.

Finally, Alex Blandina reported that

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“Paldani Pizza Fellowship and Car Wash” continued

Glenn Gomez was the new Chapter Advisor, and Jim Blanchard was going to step down and become the associate advisor.

All of the brothers had a good time, and filled up on pasta and pizza. The car wash that followed the fellowship on March 11\textsuperscript{th} went terrific with over $200 to give to the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund. Guys at the car wash not only worked to raise money but also had a good time.

“The Coconut Grove Arts Festival”
By: Mike Worley

The Coconut Grove Arts Festival is a weekend long art show held annually in South Miami each year. It exhibits the best of the best in art, photography, sculptures and much, much more. On February 18-20, O-Shot-Caw Lodge had the opportunity to raise money for Scouts going to NOAC by working at the event.

Scouts ripped and punched tickets, stamped hands and sold soda. After 70,000 people, 4 tubes of 50 SPF Sunscreen and 7 buck gyros, O-Shot-Caw ended up succeeding and allowing more scouts to pay their own way for NOAC. And a special thanks goes out to Tad Templeton, and Chris Miller for allowing us to raise $5000 toward NOAC scholarships.

“Founder’s Award Recipients”

Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder’s Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowmen who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

**Brian Sweeney**

Brian is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Member, and has successfully completed his training at the Order of the Arrow’s premier training conference, the National Leadership Seminars. Moreover, he has had the honor of attending several National Order of the Arrow Conferences, the 2001 National Boy Scouts Jamboree, and the Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage Program, and has made plans to attend the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure program, better known as “OA-OA.” Within our lodge, you may know him best as our membership chairman, internet chairman, and a member of both the Dance Team and Ceremonies team. His work for the Internet has resulted in O-Shot-Caw receiving highest honors at NOAC, and several Section Conference awards. At the 2004 Vigil Honor breakfast, fellow Vigil Honor member of O-Shot-Caw and OA National Committee member, Jack Butler, stated that the O-Shot-Caw lodge website was arguably better looking than the National Order of the Arrow website thanks to his hard work.

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"Meritorious Service Award winners"

The Meritorious Service Award was created by the O-Shot-Caw Lodge to honor those Arrowman who have performed an exceptional amount of service to our lodge and brothers. It is our lodge's highest service award. The Meritorious Service Award is presented to a select few Arrowmen, who have gone far beyond their call of duty for the 2005-2006 Lodge year. On every certificate presented, the following quote is present, "He alone is worthy to wear the Arrow who will continue to faithfully serve his fellow man".

Denison Wiedman

Denison is currently our Lodge’s First Vice chief. Denison also currently serves as our Lodge’s dance team chairman. At the national Jamboree Denison worked at the Native American Village along with his fellow arrowmen of O-Shot-Caw Lodge. At the 2005 section Conference, Denison served as the American Indian Activities Chairman, and he continuously serves tirelessly for our lodge even though he is bombarded with school assignments from Miami Dade College.

Chaz Pinna

Chaz currently is serving our lodge as the Pooca-Tooka chapter chief. In the past Chaz served as the unit elections chairman for O-Shot-Caw, where he was in charge of making sure that troops across the council had an election to elect new brothers into the OA, and to make sure that the election was conducted properly. At the 2005 Section Conference Chaz served as the parking and security chairman. Despite the challenges, Chaz was still eager to volunteer, to help his fellow brothers.

Chris Gundlach

Chris currently serves our lodge as the Second Vice Chief; but, in the past Chris-like Chaz-served as the Unit Elections chairman. Also, in the past, Chris has served as the Chapter Chief of the Gokhos chapter. At the 2005 section Conference, Chris served as the gathering chairman.

Matt Murrell

Matt was a past chapter chief for the O-Shot-Co-Chee chapter. At the 2005 Section Conference Matt was the host chairman where he had to manage 20 people and teach them how to check people in, how to use the laptops, and anything that covered hospitality. In the past Matt was also in charge of the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund Bowling tournament fundraiser.

Paul Bunnell

Paul Bunnell is currently the membership committee advisor where he helps Joe Capuzzo, the membership committee chairman, print membership cards. Along with helping print membership cards, Paul also helps distribute them at every ordeal. In addition to this Paul helps update the membership records when new ordeal members come in, or when an ordeal member converts to brotherhood, or brotherhood to vigil. At the 2005 Section Conference Paul served as the Director of Financial Services.

Thom McLeod

Thom currently serves as the Scout Reach advisor for O-Shot-Caw. Not only is Thom the Scout Reach Advisor, he also attends all the O-Shot-Caw Lodge events including ordeals, LEC meetings, Haunted Forests, Fellowships, Lodge Banquets, and Lodge workdays. When arrowmen seek spiritual advice, Thom is always there as the 'local O-Shot-Caw' Reverend.

Jim Durden

Jim was a past Lodge Chief of the Mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge. He became active once again after the induction of his son Andrew. Jim helped greatly to make sure that the 2005 Section Conference was a success, and ensured that everything went smooth. In fact, he was in charge of the online registration for the Section Conference. Currently, he continues to help his son Andrew carry out his duties as secretary.

Scott Landau

Scott is an extremely active member of our lodge always in attendance at LEC meetings, ordeals, and Fellowships. He is always there to support his son Geoff, Lodge Chief, to help him get things done. There has never been a time when Scott has not wanted to volunteer to help others. Scott is a very reliable person and will get anything done that you need him to do.
“Vigil Honor Recipients”

Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation. The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

Mike Vreeland

Mike has shown a life-long commitment to Boy Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. As a youth, he attained the rank of Life Scout. However, his time in scouting as a youth was just the beginning.

As soon as his sons were old enough, he immediately enrolled them in the Cub Scouting program. In the late 1990s, he was cub master of pack 806 and held this position until the spring of 2000. During that time, he organized events such as camping trips, fundraisers, and other outings. And thanks to his leadership, the Pack grew to close to 100 members.

After Cub Scouting, Mike joined Troop 806, where he devoted much time to the organization of long-term camping trips and fundraising activities for the troop. He was awarded both the Sparky award and the District Award of Merit. He served the district in many capacities including organizing trails and popcorn fundraisers and was a trainer at the Outdoor Weblos Leader training.

Mike has attended many National Order of the Arrow events including the 2002 and 2004 NOACs. For the past two years, he has served as the chapter advisor to the Hnu-Ra-Con chapter. Under his guidance, the chapter has grown significantly. And it is certainly to his guidance that his chapter has won the Golden Pumpkin for the past two years.

Outside of scouting, Mike is the president of the Cuda Orchestra Boosters, the parent booster club for the orchestra at Coral Reef senior high. He organizes fundraisers and other events for the orchestra. Again, Mike is the father of two eagle scouts and has coached both baseball and soccer. Even though he is on a slow recovery from a torn Achilles' tendon and several associated surgeries, he still finds time to help out at scouting and non scouting events in some way.

Ryan Mannix

Ryan is certainly no stranger to scouting or the Order of the Arrow as he is a frequent attendee and resilient supporter of O-Shot-Caw lodge functions and events. He has also attended several Section Conferences and National Order of the Arrow Conferences, where he was a key player in the lodge’s success.

Ryan has served on the Lodge Executive Committee and has held the position of Brotherhood Chairman for numerous years. He is currently and cheerfully serving the lodge as Quartermaster Chairman. Ryan undoubtedly represents a backbone in O-Shot-Caw’s numerous achievements.

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Even more outstanding, Ryan spent several of his summers working on Camp Staff at Camp Lone Oak on the McGregor Smith Scout Reservation. There, he served as a horse wrangler for the camp and did a fine job making the wrangling portion of the camp a number one attraction. Being a wrangler is no easy task and Ryan often spent several nights with little or no sleep to ensure the program’s success.
In addition to being a staff member, Ryan was a centerpiece for the camp staff. A servant leader, Ryan was the first one to volunteer no matter how tiresome or irksome the task. More importantly, he always did it with a smile on his face. Ryan was one of those scouts who brought the camp staff together and made it a better place for everyone.

**Kyle Vreeland**

Kyle is surely the epitome of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service. As soon as he was of age, he gladly joined pack 806 where he earned his Arrow of Light award. Next, Kyle joined Troop 806, where he has held such positions as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, and troop guide. He is also an Eagle Scout with several palms.

In the OA, Kyle is an active member of the Hnu-ra-con chapter and the drum team. He has attended several section conferences and the 2004 NOAC. Currently, he is serving his third term as Hnu-ra-con chapter chief. Under his strong leadership, chapter membership has grown faster than any other chapter in the lodge. Due to Kyle’s strong resolution, the Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter has been named the winner of the golden pumpkin award for the Haunted Forest for the last two years it was awarded.

Kyle also worked the 2004 summer camp staff at Lone Oak. When it came time for the O-Shot-Caw Lodge to host the 2005 Section Conference, he played a major role in organizing all the games and activities for the entire weekend. Kyle is currently a junior at Coral Reef Senior High School, a member of the Orchestra where he plays bass, and an active member in both the Math and National Honor Society.

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**“Founders Award Recipients Continued”**

**William Gundlach**

This recipient’s dedication to the O-Shot-Caw Lodge has truly embodied the notion of leadership in service. In his extremely busy schedule, he still makes time to serve the lodge, council, and his Boy Scout troop. His list of accomplishments is equally as impressive, including receiving: the Vigil honor, the Silver Beaver, the Arrowman Service Award, Wood-Badge, and successfully completing the Order of the Arrow’s National Leadership Seminars. However, if you ask him, he would state that his greatest accomplishment of all in the Boy Scouts would be, being the father of three Eagle Scouts: William, John, and Chris.

In the O-Shot-Caw Lodge, he has been an *Earnest Sheppard* to the Gokhos Chapter, serving as their Chapter Adviser for many years now. While adviser, he has seen the Gokhos chapter reach the heights of the Best All Around Chapter, and breed several leaders whom have moved onto to become icons on the lodge level. His travels have included dozens of Sectional events, NOACs, National Jamborees, and scouting’s mecca, the Philmont Scout Ranch. Eagle Scouts, and Chapter Chiefs from his troop have publicly stated on several occasions that Mr. Gundlach has been their role model, coach, and most importantly, their friend.
Dear Brothers,

As the year ends, I will never dwell in the past; I always strive to look forward to what happens in the future. I'm sure everyone is very excited this year because NOAC is coming up. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the assemblage of this newsletter. 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 an e-mail at ischrage@bellsouth.net to start receiving The Patchwork. If you would like to write articles for The Patchwork then you can e-mail me at ischrage@bellsouth.net.

Lenny Schrager

**"O-Shot-Caw Patches"**

A patch from the Lodge Banquet

The 1994 NOAC flap patch.

The 1996 Section Conference Host patch—the last time O-Shot-Caw hosted Section Conference

The 1996 NOAC flap patch.

**Articles to look for in the next edition of The Patchwork:**
NOAC update, Section Conference, and Much More...
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LODGE CALENDER

Section Conference
April 21-23 2006
Camp La-no-che

Conch Craziness
May 5-7, 2006
Camp Sawyer

Summer Ordeal
June 2-4, 2006

NOAC
July 29-Aug. 6, 2006
Michigan State University

Quotes to Guide the Way

"If you're walking down the right path and you are willing to keep walking then eventually you will make progress."
-Barak Obama

"The whole secret of a successful life is to find out what it is one's destiny to do then do it."
-Henry Ford

"Quality is never an accident it is always the result of intelligent effort."
-John Ruskin

"There's an old saying that victory has 100 fathers and defeat is an orphan."
-John F. Kennedy

Chaz talks it over with Poncho.