Yes, you guessed it! O-Shot-Caw Lodge has won the Best-All-Around Lodge for the 9th consecutive time. This year the S-4S Section Conference was held at Camp Shands from April 13-15, 2007. Friday night the opening show highlighted how the Order of the Arrow first started and how it is now a great success. As usual, our lodge handed out the t-shirts and hats for Saturday’s events. This year the O-Shot-Caw theme was “a tradition of excellence”. On the back of the t-shirt there were many long lists of all of O-Shot-Caw’s winnings.

Which brings us to Saturday, the day when all the magic happens. O-shot-caw competed in almost every competition and of course, won something in almost every competition. Continued on page 10
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"Chiefly Speaking"

O-Shot-Caw Brothers,

It is an absolute honor and privilege to serve you this coming year as the 42nd Lodge Chief of O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265. First and foremost, I’d like to take time to personally thank the 2006 – 2007 Lodge Officers: Geoff Landau & Chaz Pinna: Chiefs during 2006, 2007 respectively, Chris Gundlach: 1st Vice Chief Andrew Durden, 2nd Vice Chief Jamie Nelson, Secretary, and Carlos Vallejo: Treasurer. Now I’d like to take a moment and officially recognize the 2007 – 2008 Lodge Officers: Incoming: 2007 – 2008 Lodge Officers: Michael D. Worley: Chief, Fernando Valle: 1st Vice Chief, Carlos Vallejo: 2nd Vice Chief, Ramon Moreno: Secretary, and Chris Johnson: Treasurer. These new officers were elected at the Summer Ordeal at Vista View Park this past June.

At the Summer Ordeal, besides the elections, O-Shot-Caw planted over 150 new trees in a matter of hours, completely changing the future of the park as a more beautiful place to come and enjoy nature with your family.

An exciting event happening this summer is the National Conservation and Leadership Summit in Bloomington, Indiana. I would explain the event in my own words, but I just so happened to have found a fine website that did the work for me: “The National Conservation and Leadership Summit (NCLS) will be the first summit-type event held since the National Leadership Summit of 1999 at Colorado State University. Over 2,000 Arrowmen from every lodge in the nation will join together at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana to participate in either the Leadership or Conservation track of the summit.

This 4-day summit will provide a framework for the future and will be a forum for idea sharing to improve its programming and service opportunities in the future. It is our hope that this will complement the Council’s success for years to come and will build a stronger bond between the Council and Lodge.”

I also would like to update you on some concerns regarding our lodge website. A major goal that I have set for the Lodge this year is to revamp our website like never before. I would first like to thank both Brian and Jack Sweeney, our past webmasters, who worked long hours on the site before they moved to North Carolina. Under they’re leadership our website was chosen as a National Honor Site in 2004 & 2006. With these hard working brothers gone, it has been hard to maintain an O-Shot-Caw quality website that is consistently updated and improved. I am proud to announce that we are finally entering into the first stage of this new website project and things are looking very bright on the horizon.

I am incredibly excited about this coming year, and you should be too. O-Shot-Caw is by far the greatest Lodge in this nation, but we are only as strong as the arrowmen who volunteer their time to serve in this Brotherhood. Please take time and consider how you can expand your role and become more involved in the Lodge on a Committee, Chapter or LEC level. Talk to your Chapter Chief or Advisor and let them point you in the right direction that best fits you. “For, said he, who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest!”

Once again, it is an honor and privilege to serve you this year.

WWW,

Michael D. Worley

O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
"Another Section Chief From O-Shot-Caw: Geoff Landau Re-elected"

This year as most of you already know, Alex Gomez stepped down as Section chief to be the new Southern Region chief. So, a new Section Chief had to be elected to finish Alex’s term as Section Chief. So, the Council of Chiefs elected Geoff to be the Section Chief until Section Conference.

Well, this past Section Conference, Geoff was re-elected by the entire Section as the S-4S Section Chief. Geoff is now one of few who have been the Section Chief from our Lodge. These arrowmen include: Tom Watts, Bill Cowls, Barry Ekle, Phil Engelmann, Jason Wolz, Devang Desai, and Alex Gomez.

Congratulations Geoff!
This year, the summer ordeal was held at Vista View Park from June 1-3, 2007. Friday night was pretty rough since there was a tropical storm that blew in just to get a few candidates wet. However, all in all, everyone survived the storm, and woke up early next morning eager to start the work project.

The work project was one large project in which the entire lodge participated. The Broward County Parks Association had asked us to plant 150 trees at Vista View Park. Of course, this was no difficult task for the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge. After, about 75 trees were planted the lodge took a break for lunch and to hear the speeches given by the Arrowmen running for a Lodge officer position. Lunch consisted of your choice of a hamburger or hotdog with your choice of chips. (A special thanks to the Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter for cooking at the ordeal). After Lunch and the speeches, Arrowmen got back to work planting more trees, until all 150 were planted. Once all 150 were planted, arrowmen received their snack before the ceremony and then waited till the ceremonies team was ready to perform. When all the ceremonies were over, the lodge welcomed and congratulated both new brothers and new brotherhood members. Then finally, all arrowmen headed over to the Saturday night feast.

Sunday morning started off great (especially since the rain had finally completely cleared out). First on the agenda was the lodge meeting in which the usual processions occurred: new arrowmen received their order of the arrow handbook with patches, chapters gave reports, and committees gave reports. Next on the agenda were the lodge elections, where the lodge members vote for who they want to fill lodge officer positions. Mike Worley was elected as Lodge Chief, Fernando Valle as First Vice, Carlos Vallejo as Second Vice, Ramon Moreno as Secretary, and Chris Johnson as Treasurer. (To read more about your new lodge officers, see page 5)
“Meet Your New Officers”

Lodge Chief- Mike Worley

Mike Worley is an Eagle Scout from troop 492. Mike is from the Paldani Chapter, Seminole district, and is a Vigil Honor member of our lodge. On a Lodge Level Mike has been the Lodge Secretary, Treasurer, Historical Committee Chairman, First Year Arrowman Chairman, and Scoutreach Chairman. On a Chapter level, Mike has been the Paldani Chapter Publications Committee Chairman, First Vice Chief, and Chapter Chief, in which he led the chapter in winning Best All Around Chapter. This year at the summer ordeal he was elected as Lodge Chief.

First Vice Chief- Fernando Valle

Fernando Valle is an Eagle Scout from troop 811. Fernie is from the Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter and the Hurricane District. On a Lodge level, Fernie has been the Camp Promotions Committee Chairman. With the council, Fernie has served as an instructor at National Youth Leadership Training (Eagle Claw) on numerous occasions, on one occasion he served as the Senior Patrol Leader of the Eagle Claw troop. This year, Fernie was chosen to be the master of ceremonies at the council awards banquet. At the summer ordeal, he was elected Lodge First Vice Chief.

Second Vice Chief- Carlos Vallejo

Carlos Vallejo is a life scout from troop 529. Carlos belongs to the Pooca-Tooka Chapter and the Fireball district. On a Lodge level, Carlos is an active member of the dance team. Along with being on the dance team, Carlos was also lodge treasurer. In his troop, Carlos has been Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Scribe, Patrol Leader, and Quartermaster. This year at the summer ordeal he was elected Lodge Second Vice Chief.

Secretary- Ramon Moreno

Ramon Moreno is a first class scout from troop 529. Ramon is from the Pooca-Tooka Chapter and the Fireball district. On a Troop level, Ramon has served as his troops Den Chief, and Chaplain’s Aide. This year he was elected Lodge Secretary.

Treasurer- Chris Johnson

Chris Johnson is an Eagle Scout from troop 69. Chris is from the To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter and the Thunderbird District. On the Lodge level, Chris has been the First Year Arrowman Chairman. On a Troop level Chris serves as his units Order of the Arrow troop representative. On the council level, Chris was an instructor at the National Youth Leadership Training (Eagle Claw). Chris is also part of a venture crew where he has served as his crew’s treasurer. Chris was recently elected Lodge Treasurer.

“The National Service Award”
This year at the National Boy Scout meeting, which was held in Atlanta, Georgia, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge proudly accepted the national Service award for the 7th consecutive time. This basically means that the mighty O-Shot-Caw Lodge has won the National Service Award ever since the award was started. This year, our past first Vice Chief, Chris Gundlach, and our current Lodge Advisor attended the meeting to accept the award. However, at the summer ordeal, Alex Gomez, the Southern Region Chief, came out to ceremonially present the Award to the whole Lodge.

Left: Alex presents the National Service Award to past Lodge Chief Chaz Pinna in front of the whole lodge at this year's summer ordeal.

“New Chapter Chiefs of O-Shot-Caw”

Paldani Chapter:
Lenny Schrager

Gokhos Chapter:
Justin Baker-Robinson

Hnu-Ra-Con:
Joe Sanchez

O-Shot-Co-Chee:
Garret Siljee
"New Advise in O-Shot-Caw"

Dan Smith
New Ceremonies Advisor
Dan was given the honored privilege of being the new ceremonies advisor because the past ceremonies advisor, Moose Pederson, stepped down so that he could become the new Elgixin Chapter advisor. When asked how he felt about being the new advisor to the ceremonies team Smith said, “I am very proud to be given the opportunity to continue the tradition of excellence in our lodges ceremonies”.

Moose Pederson
New Elgixin Chapter Advisor
Moose was given the honored privilege of being the new Elgixin Chapter advisor because the past advisor, Brett Fernon, had decided to step down. When asked how he felt to be the new Elgixin Chapter advisor, Moose responded, “I am proud to be given the opportunity to continue to work with other honored arrowmen from our lodge”.

"Best-All-Around Chapter 2007"
Paldani Chapter

This year, for the second year in a row, the Paldani Chapter won the Best All Around Chapter competition at this years’ summer ordeal.

At the ordeal, three other chapters competed, Elgixin, Pooca-Tooka, and Gohkos. It’s great to see effort put forth by all the chapters this year.

Left: the new officers of the Paldani chapter
Right: Mike Worley giving the presentation for Paldani at the Best All Around Competition
Since the founding of the Order of the Arrow over ninety years ago Arrowmen have been busy incorporating the principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service into their daily lives. In 2007 from July 28-August 1, Arrowmen will have the opportunity to live all three of these principles at the National Conservation and Leadership Summit at Indiana University. The summit will be an opportunity for leadership from lodges across the nation to come together to learn, educate, and have fellowship with one another. Training and preparation for ArrowCorp5 will take place along with the presentation and implementation of the 2008-2012 National Strategic Plan: Living the Legacy. During the course of this event lodge leaders will have the opportunity to participate in workshops that will coach lodges in implementing the strategic plan. The strategic plan has been designed to assist lodges in creating a more powerful link between the local council and lodge. Much of the ideology revolving the new strategic plan will build on the predecessor plan, 2003-2007: A Legacy of Servant Leadership. For more info: http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/ncls07/resource/

The Order of the Arrow needs you for a once-in-a-lifetime experience! During the summer of 2008, the Order of the Arrow will deliver one of the largest conservation efforts in Scouting's history. ArrowCorps is unlike any program the Boy Scouts of America has ever offered. More than 5,000 Arrowmen will converge on five national forests over five different weeks to make a difference that will literally last a lifetime. Whether building new trails or helping preserve nearly extinct species, you will be working shoulder-to-shoulder with Arrowmen from across the country to improve our forests, our lands, and our world. Open to both youth and adult Arrowmen, ArrowCorps will teach you valuable leadership and conservation skills you can take home to your lodge to bring the Outdoor Code to life in your community.
"Camp Sawyer"

O-SHOT-CAW CHAPTERS CAN CAMP AT CAMP SAWYER FOR FREE!
By: Fernando Valle

At the May Lodge Executive Committee meeting, Matt Vercher, the District Director for Buccaneer District, challenged members of the LEC to organize beautification projects for Camp Sawyer. His incentive: a free camping trip to Camp Sawyer for any OA chapter willing to carry out a camp beautification project. A tropical aquatic wonderland where swimming, snorkeling, fishing and boating are many of the favorite adventures, Camp Sawyer is a ten acre site located deep in the Florida Keys with the Atlantic Ocean on the east shore and the Gulf of Mexico directly to the west. Any chapters wishing to organize a beautification project and free campout to the keys should contact Matt Vercher at mvercher@sfcbsa.org.

“2nd Annual Faske Family Walk for PKD”

This event was in memory of Gary C. Faske, a past Lodge First Vice Chief and a Dance Team Chairman. At his event, the Paldani Chapter helped in several different aspects including the set up and removal of important signage, handing out water to the walkers, directing traffic, picking up trash, and other odd jobs needed for the event to take place successfully. Over 35 scouts came out to help. And in total completed 210 hours of cheerful service. This marks the second year that Paldani Chapter has been able to take an active role in this great community service project and help out a worthy cause.

Paldani Chapter members at the Walk for PKD.
"On Cloud Nine Continued"

O-Shot-Caw conquered this year at the Section Conference like never before. For the ninth year in a row, our lodge won the coveted title of being Best All Around Lodge in Section S-4S. Let’s start with our teams:

Denison Weidman helped lead our Group Dance Team to another victory this year. Our Lodges Drum Team headed up by Julian Murphy, also won 1st place. The O-Shot-Caw Ceremonies Team, lead by Dan Smith, had two teams compete in each ceremony this year. Both A and B teams honored in both the Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies, and in each ceremony, they were awarded the title of Best Overall Team in the Section. In both the Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood competitions, Dan Smith was awarded best Allowat Sakima in the Section, and Lenny Schrager was awarded the same honors for the role of Kichkinet. And in the brotherhood ceremony, Jon Marino was awarded best Meteu.

Now for the other competitions: In the King’s Cup competition, Mike Worley, our lodges Historical Committee Chairman, won first place with his O-Shot-Caw surf shop theme. Our Lodge won first place in the Publications Competition thanks to Lenny Schrager and the Publications Committee. In the web site competition, our Lodge placed 3rd. In the tug-of-war competition O-Shot-Caw won 1st place again thanks to the hard work put in by Chris Gundlach. In the inductions competition we placed 2nd. And in the Golf Tournament, our lodge placed 2nd.

But, the fun wasn’t over yet. Geoff Landau, past O-Shot-Caw Lodge chief was re-elected as Section Chief. Along with Geoff, our past Secretary, Jamie Nelson was elected Section Secretary.

Winning was and will always be an amazing feat, but now our lodge must face the hardest task any person or team can be burdened with: maintaining excellence and achievement, for a full decade. We must strive to keep up the hard work because 10 is already less than one year away!
Dear Brothers,

This is the last edition of “The Patchwork” for which I will serve as Editor-in-Chief. The past two years as editor have been challenging but enjoyable. I have had the opportunity to experience many areas of our lodge that I would not have been exposed to otherwise. Since becoming a member of the Order of the Arrow, I have participated in many aspects of our great lodge. I have found that no matter what your hobbies are, there is something for everyone. Whether it be serving as a lodge officer, committee chairman, or chapter chief, or simply being an involved member of either the ceremonies, dance or drum teams, it is important for you to get the opportunity to experience the plethora of opportunities that lie before you. It is with confidence and pride that I pass on the duties of Editor-in-Chief to the Vice Chairman of the Publications committee- Adam McCord. I know that he will continue the tradition of excellence that this newsletter represents.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Lenny Schrager

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Fall Ordeal
September 28-30, 2007
Treetops Park

Haunted Forest
October 19-21, 2007
TBA

The new standard Lodge Flap

New Section Officers

New Lodge officers