Another Great Lodge Banquet

By: Michael Worley

This year's Lodge Banquet was better than ever, even though it was hosted under unique circumstances. In 2005, Camp Seminole in Davie (the traditional host of the Lodge Banquet) was destroyed due to Hurricane Wilma. This year, The Silver Palm United Methodist Church was kind enough to host our event down in Homestead. Even with the venue change, O-Shot-Caw pulled off an amazing event as usual. Over 250 Arrowman, friends and family attended this awesome event and participated in games, seminars, fun and fellowship. The weekend started off Friday evening when Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter hosted a fun, yet somewhat disgusting, brotherhood bash; which involved the eating of ever-so-delicious chicken's feat and cow's heart. After everyone had eaten all they could tolerate, they went to sleep and got some rest for what would be a very busy day. Saturday morning started off with some educational and interactive training Seminars including: training on Unit Elections, Effective Chapter Administration, and Basic Native American Drum and Dance.

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"Chiefly Speaking"

O-Shot-Caw Brothers,

Over 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. The Coconut Grove Art Festival fundraiser was another success. 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 more than 30,000 tickets over a 3 day time span.

On March 2-4, 2006, the O-Shot-Caw Lodge held our annual Lodge Banquet, where Silver Palm United Methodist church was the location to such a great event. On Friday night we performed a brotherhood ceremony for over 20 candidates. Congratulations to all our new Brotherhood members who sealed their ties. The next morning Arrowmen had the opportunity to attend training seminars and participate in a work project to improve the church. Saturday afternoon of the Lodge Banquet, chapter competitions took place. The most interesting aspect of the afternoon was the chapter spirit. You could pick an Arrowman and based on his hat, shirt, hair color, or face paint, know what chapter he belonged to. The competitions consisted of the Tom Tatham Spirit Award for the youth and the Quest for the Rusted Arrow for the adults. Congratulations to the Gokhos 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 First Year Arrowmen, Leadership in Service, Meritorious Service, the Founders Award, and the Vigil Honor Recipients. 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 2007 Section Conference. If you have not pre-registered for the 2007 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 Shands and needs your help. The conference is 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 8 years in a row and hopes to win a 9th. So April 13-15, come out and support your lodge!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Chaz Pinna
O-Shot-Caw Lodge Chief
“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 earned by a person’s conscious endeavors.

Chaz Pinna—Luta Hante…… Red Cedar Tree

Chaz is a member of the Fireball district, where he holds membership in Troop 529. In his troop, he has held leadership positions spanning from Patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, and senior patrol leader. Not only was Chaz senior patrol leader, but he has held this position seven times. His experiences through the troop include trips to all district events, council events, and certain national events. All of these experiences were recognized in Chaz’s greatest achievement on the Boy Scout program, earning the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project, Chaz installed a fence separating the local church and school parking lots along with some landscaping to brighten the project.

Chaz was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2002, and sealed his ties in the brotherhood the next year. Chaz’s involvement was quickly recognized on both a lodge level and chapter level within the Pooca Tooaka chapter. As a member of Pooca Tooaka’s “one big family”, Chaz displayed leadership at numerous lodge events and joined as a member of the lodge executive committee. His first role on the LEC was unit elections chairman. After successfully serving as unit elections chairman, Chaz was elected Chapter Chief of the Pooca Tooaka chapter. He held that position for two years and defended many of Pooca Tooaka’s crowns. Chaz’s journeys in the order include 2004 and 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conferences, OA’s premier training, the National Leadership Seminars, and also OA’s northern tier high adventure program. Based on his experiences from these events, Chaz has secured plans to attend both Philmont, and OA Ocean Adventure, this upcoming summer. Chaz is also a member of the lodge’s dance team and also competes in the fancy dance division. At the 2006 NOAC, Chaz placed in the top ten in the fancy dance competition and also first place at the section conference.

No one can deny the unbelievable leadership Chaz displays throughout O-Shot-Caw lodge. In January, our lodge held elections to select a new O-Shot-Caw lodge chief to continue running the lodge until this June. Through some very stiff competition, Chaz Pinna was elected by our lodge as our Lodge Chief. As lodge chief, Chaz now serves as the only youth member on the South Florida Council Executive Board, where he holds voting rights with everyone else. Needless to say, our lodge’s future is extremely bright and will continue to remain the global powerhouse it has been under Chaz’s leadership. Chaz is in the middle of his second term as class president at American Senior High School in Miami Lakes Florida. He is a member of the swim team and also the assistant vice president of the PTSA. In light of all his involvement, Chaz is still able to maintain a 4.6 GPA and is currently enrolled in 3 AP classes as a junior in high school. Chaz has currently logged over 2000 community service hours, not including the time he spends in the Order of the Arrow. Chaz received a score of 1460 out of 1600 on his past PSAT college examination. As a result, Chaz’s future aspirations include attending college at an Ivy league institution. According to Chaz, hopefully Princeton. Considering his work ethic, this goal is now within his reach.
Chris Gundlach—Sholoope OopaaKE......Spirit Owl

Chris began his scouting career in first grade as a Tiger Cub scout and continued his journey through pack 190. In pack 190, Chris earned the Weblos rank and the Arrow of Light award. Chris crossed over into troop 190 and quickly assumed various leadership roles including, patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, and senior patrol leader. His seven year involvement in troop 190 reached its pinnacle in 2004 when Chris earned scouting’s highest honor, Eagle Scout. For his Eagle project, Chris successfully repaired benches and refurbished his brother John’s Eagle Project at the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale. Since earning Eagle Scout, Chris has earned three palms and is actively pursuing a fourth palm. At the 2004 Eagle Scout recognition banquet, Chris was chosen as the class representative to give an acceptance speech on behalf of all the eagle scouts that earned the rank of Eagle Scout within the past year. In his speech, Chris charged other eagle scouts to actively live life of cheerful service.

Chris’s two older brothers, John and Bill are both Eagle Scouts and Chris is now the fourth Vigil Honor recipient of the immediate Gundlach family.

Outside of his troop, Chris has attended Indian Summer in 2003, the Philmont scout ranch in 2004 where he served as crew chief, the national Jamboree in 2005, and is slated to attend the 2007 world jamboree. Some of Chris’s most memorable moments from Boy Scouting are rooted in his service on Camp Staff at the McGregor Smith Scout Reservation, where he served as a CIT. While at Lone Oak, Chris worked for the nature lodge.

Six years ago, Chris was elected by his troop to enter the Order of the Arrow. Chris immediately sealed his ties one year later. Within the O-Shot-Caw Lodge, Chris is a member of the award winning dance team and has served as Unit elections chairman for two years, chapter chief of the mighty Gokhos chapter for one year, O-Shot-Caw Lodge second vice chief, and is currently serving as our lodge’s first vice chief.

When Chris was the chapter chief, Gokhos earned honor chapter distinction and had large numbers, if not the largest numbers at every lodge event. In 2005, when O-Shot-Caw hosted the section conference, Chris was appointed to lead the section gatherings, which were the evening shows and presentations. As chairman, Chris was chiefly responsible for budgeting and executing both the Friday night and Saturday night gatherings, which were seen by over 1,000 Arrowmen at Camp Seminole. At last year’s banquet, Chris was presented with the Meritorious Service Award.

Chris is currently a junior at Cardinal Gibbons High School. He is the president of his school’s youth Rotary division, Interact, and also President of the Conservation Club. Beyond these leadership roles, Chris has played football for four years as a starting line backer on the football team. In addition to football, Chris is a member of the school’s lacrosse team. He is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, where he was a member of the organization’s youth group. Finally, Chris also has been actively involved in the Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing team. After graduating from high school, Chris plans to procure a degree in either biology or engineering, with the ultimate intention of securing a law degree.

Jaime Nelson—Tanka Inyan......Boulder

Jamie is an active member of troop 836 in the Lighthouse District. Within the troop, Jamie has held various leadership positions including assistant senior patrol leader, troop guide, and the OA troop team representative. In his district, Jamie has assisted in various council and district campouts including Lighthouse’s Weblos Winter weekend, where he was a staff member for three years between 2003 and 2005. His trips through his troop include various locations within Florida and North Carolina.
Jamie’s scouting career reached its pinnacle when he earned scouting’s highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout.

Jamie was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2002, and then sealed his ties in the brotherhood the following year. As a member of the mighty Elgixin Chapter, Jamie was formerly the Chapter’s vice chief under his brother Greg Nelson, before moving into the lodge level leadership roles. Jamie was the Ceremonies Chairman for three years, and is currently serving as our lodge’s secretary. As Ceremonies Chairman, Jamie portrayed the role of Kichkinet and led the lodge to win a record breaking 19 honor medals, in the Pre-Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Ceremonies: all in one NOAC. Jamie’s resume of ceremonies accomplishment was significantly increased as a member of the team chosen as best in the nation at the 2004 NOAC in the Historic First-Degree Ceremony at the 2004 NOAC. Jamie and the team’s performance was so impressive, that they were asked to perform the First-Degree Ceremony once again at the Treasure Island Scout camp for the Order of the Arrow’s 90th anniversary. It should be noted, that Treasure Island scout camp in Philadelphia is the birthplace of the Order of the Arrow. Serving as candidates for this reenact ceremony were the members of the Order of the Arrow National Committee.

When asked how he would describe Jamie’s involvement in the OA, a fellow Vigil Honor member and mentor to Jamie said, “it’s as if Jamie literally bleeds O-Shot-Caw in his daily life. His passion is that high.” Jamie’s adventures outside of the lodge include three NOAC’S, OA wilderness voyage, and five section conferences. Just recently, Jamie challenged himself by attending and successfully completing a trip to the Order of the Arrow’s Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage program. As a member of a crew to Northern Tier, Jamie repaired portage trails and endured one of the most challenging, also probably the most rewarding, experiences of his life. Based on his stellar performance at Northern Tier, he has asked and is considering plans to return in the near future.

Jamie is a senior at JP Taravella High School. Upon graduation, Jamie plans to continue his education in Orlando in the field of mechanics.

Michael Worley—Ameniechsins…..Excited Speaker

Michael Worley started his scouting life in Cub Scout pack 464 in Cooper City, Florida. He achieved his Arrow of Light and quickly joined Troop 175 in Plantation, Florida. His Troop was heavily involved in the OA and Michael became the youngest Scout in his troop at the time to be voted into the Order at the age of 11. While in Troop 175, he held such positions as Patrol Leader, Chaplain Aid, OA Rep and SPL. In 2004 he left 175 and joined Troop 460 in Cooper City, FL with his old friends from Pack 464. He served as their first SPL and became their first Eagle Scout in April 2005, at the age of 14. In the OA, Michael has had a lengthy resume of service, in the Lodge and Chapter.

Michael has been a two time Lodge officer (Treasurer in ‘04 and Secretary in ’03), and the Chairman of 4 different committees including First Year Arrowman, Elangomat, Historical and the first ever Scoutreach Committee Chairman. Michael has also been a member of 3 different Chapters. Before the removal of Miccosukee district, he was a member of the mighty Allohawk Chapter. He then was merged with Gokhos Chapter where he stayed until he moved troops in 2004. That’s when he became a member of the Paldani Chapter in Seminole District. Mike has served as the Chapter Secretary and Chief of Paldani Chapter, where under his leadership Paldani won Best All Around Chapter in 2006 for the first time in over a decade. Under his leadership, his Chapter hosted the 1st Annual Paldani Chapter Rock-A-Thon, a rocking chair marathon that raised thousands of dollars for various Lodge and Community charities. He also implemented the 1st Annual Paldani Pizza Party, which saw 75 attendees this year, and the 1st Annual Chapter Campout at Sawgrass Recreational area. Michael currently serves as the Historical Committee Chairman as well. Under his leadership, our Lodge’s historical preservation and presentation has achieved new highs. In 2006, Mike led the Lodge to win 1st Place in the Section S4S King’s Cup.
competition. At the 2006 NOAC, our Lodge History Display gained Honor status (1 of only 7 in the nation), and Mike’s Oral History Presentation won best in the entire Southern Region...all in our Lodge’s first year in this competition. Yet his involvement is not limited to administrative positions. Since 2002 Mike has been a member of the Ceremonies team, where he plays the position of Kitchkinet and Nutiket. In 2006 he won Best in the Section for his performance in the Pre-Ordeal and medaled in both ceremonies at the 2006 NOAC. He also serves an active role on the Dance Team, where he plays the part of the narrator, and helped O-Shot-Caw win 1st Place in Group Dance at the 2006 NOAC. In 2004 Mike served as a staff member of Camp Lone Oak and in 2006 staffed Camp Sawyer. Outside Scouting Mike is heavily involved in his school where he holds a 4.1 GPA and over 1500 Community Service Hours. He is an Officer of the National Honor Society, the Captain of his Debate Team, an Officer in his Philosophy Club, the President of the Human Relations Council, and a member of the National Forensics League. Mike is a Nationally Ranked debater, the only junior in South Florida to have that title. He has been a finalist at several National Tournaments including the University of Florida’s Blue Key Invitational, and placed 6th in the Nation at the 2006 Emory National Debate Tournament. His Vigil name is Ameniechsin, which is translated to “Excited Speaker”

Dan Smith- Waziyata Wicahpi......North Star

Dan began his journey in scouting as a wolf scout and after earning his Arrow of Light award, crossed over into Troop 128 in the Pine Island District. In his troop, Dan has assumed several leadership roles. However, his leadership roles all reached their highest level possible when he earned the rank of Eagle Scout 3 years ago. Dan maintains membership in his troop by serving as an assistant Scout master. One of Dan’s greatest adventures from his troop was when he attended the Gorsuch Boy Scout Camp in the state of Alaska. Dan has made this trip two times, where he and his troop took part in rock climbing and white water rafting activities.

Over six years ago, Dan was inducted into the Order of the Arrow as a member of our mighty lodge. He quickly sealed his ties in the brotherhood one year later. However, it did not take long at all after Dan’s induction for him to become active in the lodge’s ceremonies team, where he has played the role of the mighty chief, Allowat Sakima and was mentored by previous ceremonies champions such as James Trimble and Sean Mannix. He has been an active member of the ceremonies team for five years and is currently serving as our lodge’s ceremonies chairman.

Within the ceremonies team, Dan has raised the performance level to new heights. Dan’s achievements as Allowat Sakima include medals for the Pre-Ordeal and brotherhood ceremonies at the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference. Within our section, Dan has won “Best in Section” for his portrayal of Allowat Sakima several times. Dan’s involvement in the ceremonies team is complemented by the past and current participation of his older brother Matt, and Dan’s younger brother, Kevin. When Dan’s mother was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, all three brothers had the privilege of playing a role within her ceremony: adding to a momentous occasion in all their lives. As ceremonies chairman, Dan was responsible for leading O-Shot-Caw lodge’s team to the 2006 National Order of the Arrow conference, where he truly hit a grand slam in terms of the accomplishments that he obtained in such a short time. Simply stated, in just a few short months, Dan led our team to its highest medal total ever- 19 medals.

Outside of scouting, Dan is a graduate of Chaminade-Madonna High School. While in high school, Dan was a very active member of the school’s wrestling team. As a member of the wrestling team, Dan medaled at both the region and district level, and displayed extraordinary skill at the state level. Beyond wrestling, Dan was active with his high school class at all functions within the school. Currently, Dan is working towards a degree in Engineering from Broward Community College. Dan plans to secure
his associate's degree and then continue his higher education at Florida Atlantic University. Outside of school, Dan worked full time at Jaguar Marine where he helps build, wire, and fiberglass boats. With all of these work activities, Dan manages to remain active in his Church, the lodge, and maintain a 4.0 GPA in a very demanding major: engineering.

**Matt Priebis- Nata Walowan......Steady Singer**

Matt started his tenure in the Boy Scouts in 1990 as a tiger cub in pack 305. Three years later he completed Cub Scouts receiving his Arrow of Light. Matt went on to become a Boy Scout in troop 324. In troop 324 Matt held every position from Assistant Patrol Leader to JR. Assistant Scout Master. Matt also became a member of Venture Crew 4 where he received his Eagle in 2004.

Matt Priebis is a familiar face within the O-Shot-Caw Lodge. He has been to almost every Lodge, Section, and National event for the last ten years. During the majority of his time spent in the lodge, Matt has served on the LEC as O-Shot-Caw’s drum team chairman. Under Matt’s leadership, the O-Shot-Caw drum team was brought to a new level, winning Best Drum Team numerous times at the S-4-S Section Conference. Aside from leading the Drum Team to many OA victories, Matt took it upon himself to introduce the O-Shot-Caw Drum Team to the South Florida Council and South Florida community performing nearly every weekend at pack, troop and council events.

However, there is a side to Matt that most do not see. At every Lodge event, Matt Priebis is always one of the first to arrive and last to leave. While most can be found packing up and heading out at the end of an event, Matt is in the background stacking chairs, tables, and cleaning up the site leaving it ready for future use. He truly epitomizes leadership through service, always putting the needs of others before himself. Currently Matt is attending Nova University where he is studying to become a pharmacist. Matt has continued to stay active in the OA and his Crew where he serves as assistant advisor to the drum team and Associate Advisor to Crew 4.

**R.J. Smith- Witkotkoke Shimantutanka......Crazy Wolf**

R.J. Smith was inducted into the lodge in 2000 and quickly sealed his ties in the Brotherhood ten months later. He has attended nearly every OA function since then making himself a familiar face among the members of our lodge. R.J. has attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference several times. He was also a member of the Camp Lone Oak Staff for two summers as a counselor of the Outdoor Skills staff where he taught merit badges such as wilderness survival and hiking and helped the scouts build gateways and other structures.

R.J. certainly showed his craftiness at Indian Summer in 2003, when no locked door was a barrier to him. He conveniently unhinged or fixed the hinges to the dorm bathrooms so that A, the door fell off when the occupant tried to close it or B, the occupant wouldn’t be able to open it and be stuck in an un-roomy bathroom for hours. R.J. certainly brought comic relief to the tremendous trip.

Most importantly, R.J. was a winning Chapter Chief for the To-Hopki-Lagi Chapter as he built the chapter up to greatness. Under R.J.’s leadership, there was no doubt during his tenure that his chapter had the scariest chapter display at the Haunted Forest. With displays ranging from deranged Ronald McDonald to slithering creatures, his chapter certainly brought originality to the event. R.J. has also served the lodge as Drum Team Chairman where led the team to victories at Section Conferences and NOAC. R.J. is also proud to be an Eagle Scout.
Scott Landau- Ptan......Otter

Scott started his scouting career as a den leader for his son’s den. He was pack leader and grew the pack each year. When his son, Geoff, graduated to Webelos, he assumed the role of den leader and led several scouts to earn the 20 pin award coupled with the Arrow of Light.

When Boy Scouts loomed before him, he jumped at the task of outdoor volunteer. He took groups of 22 on a day long canoeing trips, weekend long camping trips and a family campout at Camp Sawyer to enjoy the largest single group to assemble at Sawyer. He was instrumental in the success of that outing. All the previous were in his first year alone. Scott Landau went to summer camp to help several boys attain the rank of Eagle. He went to Philmont with a Council contingent making it an enjoyable excursion for the entire group. He spearheaded several troop fundraisers and was successful in raising an amount capable of sustaining the troop for an entire year. He repaired over 24 radios at Camp Seminole which were otherwise “unrepairable”. These radios are still in use today over the entire Council.

His devotion to scouting is not just at the troop level. Once he became active in our lodge he dug in his heels and made a better place for our brothers, both youth and adult, to maximize the OA experience. He was instrumental in the smooth running of the recent Section Conference which O-Shot-Caw hosted. He persuaded Motorola to supply dozens of radios to ensure a healthy communication environment. But he didn’t stop there. He, again, convinced Motorola due to his devotion to the Lodge and Order, to donate over 100 hundred radios for NOAC! Along the way Scott, personally donated his time and resources to ensure a smooth experience for brothers in the OA.

He went to NOAC, many weekend lodge and section events, plus countless meetings all the while stepping to the plate to maximize the brotherhood experience for all scouts and scouts. His unending commitment will continue into the future as he continues to support the Scouting Program. Scott is a former life scout. He has been married to his wife Grace for 23 years. Scott has three daughters; Amy, Jennifer, and Alex, as well as one Chief- Geoff, our Section Chief

Bill Gilliland- Achowalogen......Devoted Worker

Bill Gilliland went through the Winter Ordeal of 1999 at Camp Everglades as a member of Allohawk Chapter. He sealed his ties in the Brotherhood one year later.

Bill began his Scouting career as a Den Leader in Pack 460 where he eventually became the Cub Master. He later joined Boy Scout Troop 492 where he went through Scout Master’s training, where he became an assistant Scout Master and was elected into the Order of the Arrow.

Along with Vigil member John Vajanyi, he began a Venture Crew that moved him into the old New River District at the same time Miccosukee District was being dissolved.

There, Bill became an active member of Gokhos Chapter. Bill was later elected as the District Chairman of Pine Island District.

In 2005, Bill moved from the volunteer side of Scouting to the professional side and became the District Executive of Lighthouse District. Just this past year he became the Council’s Field Service Director and Program Director. More important to us, he became our Lodge Staff Advisor. Bill is an Antelope from Woodbadge, a District Award of Merit Winner, as well as a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award.

He started his career with the Oneida County Sheriff’s Office in New York State, then just recently retired from the Miami-Dade County police Department after thirty-two years of service. He received the Silver Medal of Valor from the department for saving two lives.
Bill is a graduate of Florida International University with a degree in Law Enforcement. He is the father of three sons: Shawn- who is currently in the U.S. Navy- Adam, and Ryan. Both Adam and Ryan are in college and are Eagle Scouts. Bill has been married to his wife Beth for 24 years.
The Founder's Award

The Founder's Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the Lodge. The award is reserved for those Arrowmen who memorialize in their everyday life, the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Urner Goodman. The award is a handsome bronze medallion bearing the likeness of E. Urner Goodman and co-founder Carroll A Edson, with a wooden base and brass plate suitable for engraving. The award is suitable for display at home or the office. Also available is the Founder's Award ribbon, similar to the universal arrow ribbon, except that it has a gold-colored arrow suspended from a red ribbon. This year's recipients are:

**Denison Weidman:**
Denison is a long time member of O-Shot-Caw Lodge, and is a part of a large O-Shot-Caw family including his father Dennis and his uncle Ken. Denison has served as the 1st Vice-Chief of O-Shot-Caw and has been the Dance Team Chairman for the past three years. During his time with the Dance Team, O-Shot-Caw has won Best Group Dance in both 2005 and 2006 Section Conferences. He also led the Team to a very impressive showing at the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference.

**Geoff Landua:**
Geoff is a man who needs no introduction: 2 time Best All Around Winning Chapter Chief, Best All Around Winning Lodge Chief, National Service Award Winning Lodge Chief, New Section S4S Chief... the list goes on. His contributions to his Chapter, Lodge and Council have been tremendous. He is active in the Dance Team and played an active role in the 2006 NOAC Competition. He also played a major part in helping O-Shot-Caw adapt to the loss of both Camp Lone Oak and Camp Seminole by organizing the Haunted Forest at Vista View Park.
"The Meritorious Service Award"

This award was created by the O-Shot-Caw Lodge to honor those Arrowman who have performed an exceptional amount of service on the Lodge level. The award goes beyond Cheerful Service to the point that the Arrowman is playing a crucial part in the executive Lodge work. This award is presented to both youth and adult members each year at the Lodge Banquet. The award is a framed certificate which has been professionally printed with both Order of the Arrow and O-Shot-Caw trademarks upon it. 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".

2007 Recipients

Kris Geyer Roberts
Andrew Durden
Glenn Gomez
David Siljee
Steve Pinna
Lenny Schrager
Jim Smith
Dean Kubler
Eric Smith-Norman
Carlos Vallejo
Alex Holinko
Jack McLeod
Geoff Landau

Top to Bottom: Glenn Gomez Congratulates his Chairman Lenny Schrager, Recipients as listed to the right- starting form the right (Kris Geyer Roberts) to the left.
This is the second year that our Lodge has participated at the Coconut Grove Arts Festival, and it seems as if it is becoming a tradition. In order to raise money for the Hal Hollis NOAC Fund, O-Shot-Caw Lodge gathered President’s Day weekend at the Coconut Grove Arts Festival. The Coconut Grove Arts Festival is one of the largest and most prestigious outdoor community art exhibitions in the US, now in its 44th year. This amazing event was held for three days in which our brothers collected tickets, stamped hands for returns and punched 3-Day Passes. Our Brother’s were also responsible for helping out with various odd jobs around the event and helping security keep the event safe. The gives Arrowmen an opportunity to raise up to $150 towards the cost of them going to the next NOAC. Each day that an Arrowman worked they earned $50. Every member that went also received, a free T-Shirt and Breakfast. The event was originally a Venturing fundraiser (and still is), yet O-Shot-Caw has now had the privilege to assist in it and turn it into a yearly tradition. Thanks to all who came and see you next year!!!

Top to Bottom to Left: Ripping tickets as the visitors enter the park, Stamping hands for re-entry into the event later in the day, Hnu-Ra-Con brothers geared up for the cold morning, The traditional Coconut Grove Art Festival Banner above Bayside Drive.
This year our lodge also had a brand new seminar: The O-Shot-Caw Lodge History Presentation. This 45 Minute Presentation was similar to the one that won Best in the Southern Region at the 2006 NOAC. After the Seminars the games started right away. The youth participated in such new events as "the Frozen T-Shirt," and "Tower 265," and also in traditional events like the Tug-of-War and Volleyball. At the end of the day, it was Gokhos Chapter that came out ahead and won the coveted Tom Tatham Spirit Award. As the games ended, the Banquet started. Hundreds of people traveled down to Homestead to watch their friends, their family and their respective Chapters win awards and be bestowed with varying Honors. Hnu-Ra-Con Chapter won the Quest for the Rusted Arrow as well as the Golden Pumpkin. Several First Year Arrowman Received the Distinguished First Year Arrowman Award. Several Scoutreach Mentors were awarded their National Patch for their efforts as well. Still other brothers were awarded the Meritorious Service Award, an award our lodge bestows upon a member for dedicated service to the Lodge. Two Brothers, Geoff Landua and Denison Weidman, received the Founder’s Award; the only National Award a Lodge can present a member. At the climax of the evening, the Vigil Honor Tap Out Ceremony occurred. 9 Brothers in all were chosen as nominees for the Vigil Honor. The night ended, and along with it went another amazing Banquet. Even with the venue change and new Adult Leadership, the Banquet still succeeded valiantly.

(From top to bottom) Brandon Kinsey participates in the Spirit Award Games, Michael Worley teaches the Lodge History, Lenny Sehrager Participates in the “How to Run an Effective Chapter” Seminar.

On the front page going clockwise starting in the top left: Fernie Valle shares a chuckle with Ryan Perez. Mike Vreeland holding up the Rusted Arrow. Members of the Paldani chapter watch the competitions. Members of the Tomoka Chapter compete in the 7-Legged Race.
“Scoutmaster’s Camporee”

In February, O-Shot-Caw Lodge had a chance to share its rich history and customs with scouts from all over South Florida at the 2007 Scoutmaster’s Camporee. This event was a great time for O-Shot-Caw to shine. We had several different responsibilities that weekend including hosting our Historical Display, Camp Promotions Display, the Heron Grill, the Dance and Drum Harbor and the Sunday Scout’s own. This type of exposure was excellent for the Lodge and thank you to all those that helped out.

From top left clockwise: Troop members view scrapbooks, Drum Team talks to Cubmasters, More Scouts view Lodge History, Drum Team members at Dance Arbor.
Dear Brothers,

I hope that you all enjoy this very special edition issue of The Patchwork. I’m sure as many of you know, that so far, this year has been a very influential one in our lodge history, and the number of Vigil Honor Recipients truly reflects that. And, it is because of these very honorable individuals that the Publications Committee has decided to add four pages to this issue. 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 someone who 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 to start receiving The Patchwork.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Lenny Schrager

“History Corner”

By Michael Worley

See this neckerchief? Believe it or not but this piece of memorabilia is worth over $2000! Why might you ask? Because of how rare is it is. This neckerchief is one of 22 similar hand made pieces of history given to the first 22 O-Shot-Caw Lodge members in 1955 at Camp Snapper Creek. This, like many early O-Shot-Caw collectables has tremendous worth. Many pieces like this one have been unfortunately lost over the years adding to their monetary and sentimental values. Another interesting piece of memorabilia is the Chief’s Belt. This leather belt was handed down from chief to chief in the early years of our Lodge. Every Lodge chief would sign the back of the belt with their signature, and their signature would actually be stitched into the leather. Although these pieces of memorabilia may seem old now, they are truly priceless in our Lodge’s history. Our historical committee actively is seeking out such old pieces of memorabilia. If you or someone you know has a piece of O-Shot-Caw Memorabilia from the 1950’s, or (and more importantly) from the Ala-Paw-Tah era in 1944-1949, please contact us at kingscup@o-shot-caw.org.

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LODGE CALENDER

Section Conference
April 13-15, 2007
at Camp Shands in Hawthorne FL

Summer Ordeal
June 1-3, 2007
TBA

Although you can’t see it, the color is purple.
Way to show off your Gokhos pride Brad!!

Alex Gomez- past Section Chief, current
Region Chief- presents Geoff Landau with the
Section S-4S War-Bonnet