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### WINTER SETTLES IN at DEERWOOD

It was a slow start to the season this year, but winter is finally here. Cold temperatures kept what snow we did get around on the ground, and allowed the lake to freeze over in mid-January. We are now all quite excited as we prepare for what looks to be an old fashioned New England snowstorm on its way. While the woods are quiet and the cabins shuttered, it won't be long until water is running through the pipes, the Wiffle balls are flying, the docks are in and the campers are chanting in Toots Shor. Camp was filled in early December this year, and many families are still hoping for spots off the waiting list. A terrific crew of counselors from last summer and previous years will be returning in June to lead the way. The summer of 2007 promises to be fantastic, and we sure hope that those of you who won't be involved can at least make it up for a visit.



### SHERATON CAMPER TAKES THE LEAD

This fall was an exciting time for Sheraton '06 camper, Owen Barclay. Owen lives in Sunderland, Vermont and auditioned at the Dorset Playhouse for its production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Over 120 people auditioned for the performance with The Dorset Players, and our very own Owen was chosen to play the lead, the unassuming Charlie Bucket.



The Dorset playhouse has been in existence for 79 years as a popular venue in southern Vermont for summer and year-round theater productions. Owen (9) did a fantastic job, sang a solo and memorized some incredibly long lines – including all of the small print on the back of the golden ticket. In addition to many members of his family, some fellow Deerwood campers and staff traveled to Dorset to watch Owen in one of six performances in early December. We will certainly expect to see him on the Stone Building's stage for our musical this August

# ALUMNI NEWS

**1940s** **Liam O'Brien** and his wife, "B.B.", visited with Len and Heather Thomsen in Florida last spring. When not in Florida, The O'Briens still reside in Mississauga, Ontario.

**1950s** **Ted Forstmann** bought the sports & entertainment conglomerate, IMG, in 2004. They represent many athletic stars including Tiger Woods, Roger Federer, Venus Williams and LaDainian Tomlinson.

**1960s** **Clark Ruff** sailed the Adriatic and Mediterranean Seas last summer. **Bill Zimmerman** plans to retire from PEC energy next year.

**1970s** After having been away from camp for 25 years, **Andrew Bartlett** returned to Deerwood as a senior counselor. He teaches at The Loomis Chaffee School and we plan to see him back again this summer. **David Groff** coordinates sales and marketing for a "mixed use development project" involving the land surrounding the Phoenix NHL and NFL stadiums.

**1980s** In August, **Bob Damon** became the proud father of a baby girl, Sofia. **Jim Freeman** is finishing up a fellowship in Cardiology at Stanford Medical School. **Derek Martin** is teaching high school English at Berkshire Country Day School. **Ed Strapp** is planning his wedding which will take place on Church Island (Squam) in June. **Ted Lord** married Abigail Davis last June...also on Church Island. After five years teaching in Valencia, Spain, **Dan Thomsen** has moved to Portland, Maine where he teaches Spanish at The Waynflete School. **Peter Vaill** married Emily Powers in October. **Sam Vaill** recently proposed to his fiancée, Rebecca Bruce, on top of Rattlesnake Mountain, across the lake from Deerwood. **Colston Young** has settled in San Francisco and works in the investment banking world for Credit Suisse.

**1990s** Several Deerwood alums were in attendance at the wedding of **Taylor Davis** (and wife Nadine) last summer in Victoria, B.C. **Reid Chambers, Todd Dorsey, Conor Fetting-Smith, Spike Herrick, Kevin Morin** and **Alex Sirkin** all helped him celebrate. **Alex Dennis** is a sophomore at McDaniel College majoring in Biology. **Peter Dennis** is a second year law student at Catholic University in D.C. **Egan Frantz** is in his second year at Hampshire College where he studies Photography and Philosophy. **Robin Frantz** is an electronic music composer and performer known as "Kid Ginseng." **Charlie Hewson** recently appeared on Law & Order. **Bruce Thomas** works in consulting and market research while brother, **Eric**, will graduate from Clemson this spring. **Ben Wilson** is director of warranty operations for Ciena Corp. We have heard from a large number of alumni from the 90s who have connections to the

University of Virginia. **Bill Keithler** recently graduated, **Michael Manning** and **Wiley Grandy** are upperclassmen, **Richard** and **Charles Gamper**, **Peter Hawkins** and **Blake Thomas** are all freshmen this year, and **Bray Malphrus** plans to attend UVA next year...and there may be more!

**2000s** **Henry Andrews** received his SCUBA certification last summer. **Patrick Shanley** is enjoying his senior year at Deerfield Academy. **Ross Perrot's** University of Arizona Water Polo team came in 4<sup>th</sup> place at the nationals this year. He is finishing up a major in Spanish and Portuguese and plans to work as a counselor again this summer.

## BIGGER MOUNTAINS

*In search of taller peaks, Deerwood staff members Sam Poland and Cosby Hall took a summer away from camp last year. While they may not see this much snow in Tuckerman's Ravine in June (or ice in Mahoosuc Notch in July), the wilderness and leadership experience and skills they acquired during their Alaska NOLS course will sure come in handy back at camp this summer.*



## ...and MOUNTAINS CLOSER TO HOME

*Brothers Ben and Sam Grant were spotted this fall on Red Hill's Eagle Cliff, overlooking Squam. Ben attends Williams College where he plays tennis, and Sam will take a summer away from Deerwood to pursue a NOLS wilderness course.*

