

Alumni



Chatter

September 2013

THE BUZZ FROM THIS OLD WASP...

Tom Krier, Executive Director

When the calendar turns to September, I always feel it's the start of a new year. No doubt this comes from the ebb and flow of the "school year", both as a student and then as a parent. I think many alumni would agree that the years at NBGC adds to that autumn "new year's" feel. Many will remember coming to the clubhouse to get their shiny helmet and team jersey, just after the weigh-in to see if they were "light" or "heavy". Who wasn't nervous going into Dick Valentin's office to recite the members' oath?!

Football, soccer and after-school activities continue to be the beginning of our "program year". Goal posts are soon to be erected...the three fields going north and south. (OK, I'm trying to jog the memories of those who played when there were two field going east and west, one being 50 yards and one 75 and one north to south field which was 100 yards...or close enough!) This year's August football and soccer camps were once again a huge success, as members learned and advanced their skills in all aspects of the games. League games start at the end of September and, as has been the tradition for over 80 years, all eyes are on the big day, the Thanksgiving Day Classics.

I hope as you read this, and every chatter, you have your appointment book, scheduler or electronic device of choice in hand to make note of all the opportunities to participate in club activities. But don't just mark the dates, plan on being at the Bears Bash (September 22nd), Hall of Fame Reception (November 7th) and the Thanksgiving Day Classics (November 28th). More than that, call up your teammates, just like you did back in the day, and tell them... "we've got a game at the club".



I am sure most have already heard that this past June we lost one of our dearest and supportive alumni, **Paul Goerner Sr.** Paul's list of NBGC involvement is second to none, including as a member (40's), Board of Directors, Nominating Committee, Dad's Club, Scholarships, Family Fest, RibFest, Bears Bash, Haunted Houses, and a 2012 inductee into NBGC's Hall of Fame. With Jean by his side he saw his children Paul, Scott and Debbie enjoy the club and then his grandchildren. While in the hospital, Paul mentioned how fulfilling it was to be visited by the many whose lives he touched at the NBGC. We are all better men and women because of Paul.

The best way to honor Paul and his love of NBGC...come to the clubhouse and see all there is to be a part of...on a committee or as a volunteer. Enjoy all the events planned to bring alumni together. Be a part of the club now, as much as when you were a member.



Leaders Cave and Climb in Devil's Lake

(By Tim Mondl, Program Director)

In August, a number of NBGC Leaders experienced an opportunity of a lifetime. Sergio Arroyo, Danny Baci, Edward Bikoma, Gabe Bikoma, Liam Hudson, Alex Moore and Chris Vass participated in a 3-day outdoor adventure trip alive with rock climbing and caving in the Devil's Lake region of Wisconsin! Following a brief 3-hour drive to Baraboo, WI, the Leaders unpacked their gear, set up camp and prepared for hours of rock climbing on the western bluff of Devil's Lake. With paths of varying degrees of difficulty, the Leaders were able to overcome their fear of heights. In the evening, they prepared a sensational meal, after which they flaunted their guitar playing skills beside a cozy fire. Achluophobia and claustrophobia were on the next day's list of phobias to conquer. In extreme darkness and equipped with only headlamps, helmets and elbow and knee pads, the Leaders crawled their way around slick rocks and stalagmites as well as through tiny diametric holes. Once out of the cave, the boys soaked up the natural light and headed off for a cold but refreshing dip at the bottom of a 75-foot gorge. Later on gourmet burritos were devoured by all, then off for a late night walk to the lake for a lesson in constellations. Whether belaying, climbing, caving, starting a fire or making dinner for a group of big appetites, the guys exemplified the qualities of a Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club Leader.

Young Women Conquer BCM

(By Shakila Reynolds, Coonley After School Director)

On August 11, 2013 Riley Weber, Dalia Arroyo, Sami Fultz, Danielle Hill and Maria Ortiz from NBGC prepared themselves for a seven day adventure that would change their lives forever. Being a part of Big City Mountaineers has helped teens and staff gain a contrasting point of view about the world they live in. This seven day expedition took place in Minnesota, at the base camp in Wilderness Wild and some of the many lakes that create the Boundary Waters. The campers had to adapt to new scenery and terrain, while learning to survive in a different environment. During the expedition the leaders were able to work together and build upon their self-esteem, integrity, responsibility, decision-making abilities and communication.

The expedition was filled with many challenges. The thought of not being able to succeed in the various tasks was eliminated by the end of the trip. It was stunning to see how well everyone worked together developing stronger relationships. The teens met and conquered all of the hurdles set before them. It was a wonderful adventure and we encourage all the young women of NBGC to participate in this life changing experience.



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44th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

45 Golfers enjoyed the beautiful weather conditions at the annual golf outing that was held at **White Pines Golf Club** on Sunday August 18, 2013. Last year we had heavy rains throughout the day. The NBGC promised any golfers that played last year in the heavy rain and came back to play this year would be entered into a special raffle. We had 26 returning golfers. **Tom Abplanalp** was the returning golfer lucky winner of a Patrick Kane Chicago Blackhawks Sweater. The banquet afterward was pizza, made on site in a wood burning oven, with salad and gelato from the **Pizza Via Company**. Each golfer was able to go home with at least one of 52 raffle prizes that were donated for the event. Special raffles were held with **Frank Hasimoto** winning the golf foursome at Lake Barrington Shore Golf Club and **John Moriarty** winning a Jonathan Toews Chicago Blackhawks Sweater. A 50/50 raffle was held with **Larry McCarthy** winning the first place cash prize and **Rich Werstein** winning the second place cash prize which he donated back to the NBGC.

A special thanks to sponsors **TBS Development Services Group, Bongo Ink Bill Bongartz, Associated Bank, NA, Chicago Brauhaus, Jack Lydon, Fares Zanayed and Tom Wenzholz Family-In Memory of John Barrett**. A special thanks to the golf committee chairman **Arp Horvath** for putting this event together (and the gorgeous weather he predicted) and the give-away items he donated for every golfer, **Tom Krier** for his help leading up to the event and during the day of the outing, **Frank Hashimoto** and his daughter **Nancy** for putting the golf flyer together again this year, **Julie Stone** for her behind the scenes work with tabulating all the golfers and raffle prizes and **Bonnie Werstein** for her wonderful work on the golf outing program.

We asked for the golfers to give us some feedback for next year's outing, please email **Bill Abplanalp** at bill@nbgc.org.



Alum Jim Kartheiser (left) with the TBS Development Services Group



Sponsor signs were posted around the course!!!



Table prizes have become a favorite tradition at the post golf party.

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ANNUAL COCKTAIL PARTY AND 2013 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

We will celebrate the NBGC's 82nd Anniversary and 2013 Hall of Fame Induction on Thursday, November 7th from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. The event will take place at the Des Plaines Elks Club at 495 Lee St. in Des Plaines. The cost is \$15.00 per person, which includes appetizers and cash bar. The highlight of the evening will be the induction of the new members to the NBGC Hall of Fame

2011 Inaugural Inductees

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Please RSVP to Bill Abplanalp at bill@nbgc.org

NBGC 30th ANNUAL BEARS BASH

Sunday, September 22, 2013

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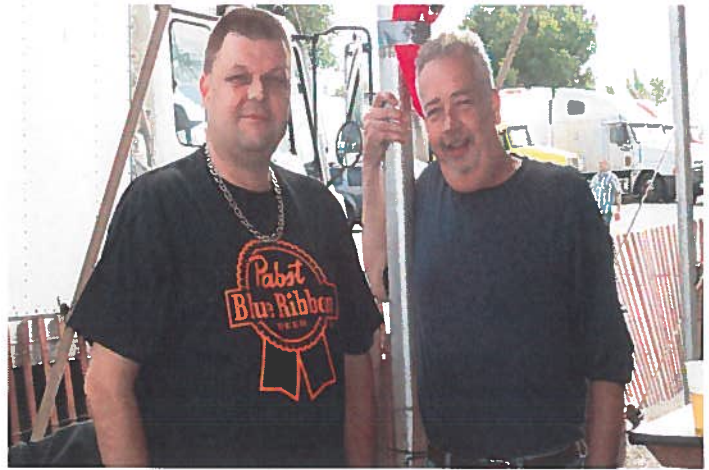


ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT NBGC PROGRAMS

ALUMNI NIGHT AT FAMILY FEST

Seventy two alumni attended the 10th annual Jack Pittges "All Alumni Reunion" on the opening night of the Family Fest, June 26, 2013. Jack started this idea back in 2004 when he recruited 14 of his friends from the 1940's. They reminisced for hours about their days at the NBC. The following year we invited all NBC/NBGC alumni to help open the Fest. Many come back every year to this traditional "meet and greet". Each alum in attendance received a welcome packet that included a free beverage, hot dog, popcorn and a free play at the Ham & Bacon and Krazy Ball games. At 9:00 PM we listened to the music of Artie Fitz and his Frank Sinatra tribute. Looking forward to seeing more alums at next years' opening night.

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO MADE THE ANNUAL FAMILY FEST A HUGE SUCCESS!!!



Tony Staniszewski and Bob Seablom are ready to serve beer!



Tom Boettjer and Steve Johnson man the gate.



Arp Horvath is at his Ham & Bacon post.



Andy Lawrence serving up some fest specials.



Kathy Jensen, Denise Hearn and Sam Jensen at the Tattoo booth.

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A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

Summer came and went here at NBGC, but not before a lot of new memories and bonds were made. Every morning at 8:00 am the clubhouse welcomed our young children, who were always ready to play an intense game of ping pong in the gameroom, participate in a battle of dodgeball in the gym, play an old girls vs. boys game of capture the flag out on the fields, and most importantly, ready to spend the day with their friends. Although summer appeared to be zipping by, it did not stop the kids, leaders and staff from soaking



in every theme day and field trip. We fought off the heat while visiting The Grove as the children participated in hands on activities which taught them about welding and corn churning. They took a trip back in time to the 1850s where they experienced a one room classroom atmosphere, played with authentic recess toys, and they rounded out their trip by going on a nature walk and seeing the various wildlife Illinois has to offer. Our older NBGC camp members faced their “fears” head on as they dug for “bugs” in multiple bowls



of “worms, slush and dirt”, ate whipped cream covered “ants” and even challenged each other as they turned these games into a girl vs. boys relay on our Fear Factor themed day. Our most adventurous and fun filled memories took place at Mystic Waters and Rainbow Falls Water Parks. Whether it was a rainy day, an amazing sun filled day or an unusually cold day, the kids took to the lazy rivers, tube slides, diving boards and different depth pools in amazing Michael Phelps style, no fear.

leaders to see who was the fastest swimmer, or seeing who could make it down the slides the quickest, or who could splash each other the most, they never let the weather take away from their fun. Above all, the best part of summer was witnessing the relationships between our campers, leaders and staff grow stronger. From our first grade boys catchy chant, “What time is it?! Game time!!”, which was led by Dear Baci, by the end of summer the entire camp always knew what time it was. Our older girls teaching our younger girls how to make cubed or round plastic bracelets was always nice to see as our younger girls leaned in extra close to make sure they didn’t miss a step. Seeing the laughs, hugs and high fives exchanged between our kids and leaders showed how close they grew throughout the summer. It was an amazing summer and all I can think about is how we can top it next summer.

NBGC Alumni Business Success Continues!!!

Tim Gibbons 2013 Snow Business CEO of the Year

(Excerpts from article in July/August 2013 issue of Snow Business-www.GoPlow)

When Tim Gibbons started his snow business in 1983, a handshake and a one-page contract got the job done; but as the industry changed, Tim realized he, too, would have to evolve. By embracing a professional approach, investing in new technology and building a trusting, loyal workforce, Gibbons—the 2013 CEO of the Year—has transformed Tim's Snowplowing Inc. (TSI) into a snow-only, multimillion-dollar company.

After 30 years in the industry, Gibbons says he has finally reached a level of comfort with the management team (led by his son, Joe, who is operations manager) where he can step back into a more supporting role. In addition to running TSI, Gibbons has spent more than 30 years as a Chicago firefighter. Balancing two careers has been a challenge, but he says having qualified team members has allowed him the privilege to excel in both roles.

Growing up on the northwest side of Chicago, Tim Gibbons forged a strong bond in his community that remains unbroken. Despite running a multimillion-dollar professional snow & ice management company and working as a firefighter in the Chicago Fire Department, Gibbons still makes giving back a priority.

He is active on his local school council, even though his children have been out of college for more than 10 years. Tim actively participates in fundraisers for several charities. He is a past board member of the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club, where he was a member as a child and grew up to become a coach and mentor.

Fares Zanayed To Open Pi-Hi Café

Roscoe Village's newest eatery is getting ready to open soon. Pi-Hi Cafe, owned by **Fares Zanayed** (NBGC Alum and current Board President), will feature brick-oven pizzas. The menu will also include Panini sandwiches, a juice bar and other healthy eats. Fares and his business partners have been working around the clock and are hoping to have the grand opening in mid to late September. Pi-Hi Café is located at 3535 N. Western Ave in the strip mall right across the street from Lane Tech College Prep High School.

Send us your news...

We encourage all those in our NBGC community to send us news about successes in all walks of life. We will share all we can about the wonderful accomplishments of our extended club family.

Like us on Facebook 

While having a bit more to learn, NBGC is becoming a savvy user of social media, particularly in the development of our Facebook page - "Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club". From posting Monkeyshines and pictures of activities to creating "events" for the Family Fest, Golf Outing and Bears Bash, we are trying to make our page interesting and worth following. As of this writing,



we have 325 "likes", double what we had just a few months ago. (By comparison, the Chicago Bears' page has 2,729,079 "likes"!!!) Facebook is also a tremendous resource for NBGC to stay in touch with alumni who post to their own "timeline". We recently saw a this picture posted with the comment-NBGers for life. Pictured are **Tom Radovanovich**, **Scottie Boever**, **Larry Fett**, **Wally Brendel** and **Tim Ryan** . (The photographer was **Hans Kief**.)

A big Thanks goes out to **Rich Paschall** for coaching us in the basics and to **Bonnie Werstein** the club's system expert for keeping the momentum going.

NBGC Volunteers at Retro on Roscoe Fest

Retro on Roscoe is a neighborhood family oriented 2 day fest with 3 stages of music, food, drink and games. Retro on Roscoe's mission is to assist local not-for-profits with our fundraising efforts. The NBGC volunteered to work the 2 day fest August 10th and 11th, and in return will receive a \$1,500 donation. Thanks to the leadership of NBGC board member Sandy Rosenthal, the NBGC filled 44 volunteer shifts over the 2 days at 2 entrance gates. This was our 3rd year volunteering at this great neighborhood event.

Regarding Death Notices...

As many of you know, the club endeavors to send out email notices whenever someone in our expanded "community" passes away. We often receive a call asking for help in sharing information about arrangements. It is a privilege to be considered part of the family at these life changing times. When we learn of a passing indirectly we do our best to get the details out to a vast number of people on our list(s). Unfortunately, we are not always made aware. We encourage you to let us know when an NBGC family member has passed, enabling us to make an appropriate announcement and honor their part of our rich history.



The Robert Buehler Legacy Society

Preserve Your Values Along With Your Assets

Consider the NBGC in Your Estate Planning

The Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club's mission is to enhance the well-being and develop the potential of its members, their families and community. This is accomplished through multi-faceted programs where "Everybody Plays."

The *Robert Buehler Legacy Society* recognizes individuals who desire to invest in the future of the NBGC. A gift of any size can make a difference. NBGC can assist you in finding the giving strategy that works best for you:

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Whatever strategy you select, there may be considerable advantages including reduced exposure to state and federal estate taxes and control or greater income from assets designated for charity.

The *Robert Buehler Legacy Society* will designate all gifts to its financial reserve fund, providing critical and valuable resources so that:

- The NBGC can maintain reasonable and affordable program fees by providing investment underwriting.
- All children/youth can participate in NBGC programming—regardless of the family's economic circumstances.
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Bill Abplanalp

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