

# SPSS Spring Newsletter

## Director's Report

Greetings Small Pointers! It is with great pleasure I am writing another spring newsletter! It certainly has been a LONG winter and at this stage they're no signs of it letting up! As the snow falls outside my window, my hope is that this SPSS newsletter will help us all think of warmer times!

We have an exciting summer ahead of us! Each off season is a balance between tweaking things that can be improved, while leaving alone the things that have worked well. I feel this year that we have kept a good balance between the two and that 2008 will be a banner year! Please note that our first week of Summer School is Monday JUNE 30<sup>th</sup> and ends Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

As always, it is with sadness that I start by announcing the counselors that will not be back with us.

Firstly, Will Donovan and Leigh Knopf are moving on. I would like to thank them both for the energy and creativity they put into Arts/Nature, as well as the July play, and wish them well! Mac Burton will not be returning this year. Though only a counselor for one year, Mac has been a part of SPSS forever! I am sad he is not returning in an official capacity, but hope he continues to be ever present! Thanks Macca! I have good news and bad news as far as the next counselors are concerned. The bad news is that Crary Chandler, Lizzie Mitchell, Phoebe Ijams and Nina Coates will not be returning. The good news is that they are only going down the road to the Club! Those four gals have been involved in SPSS for a long time, as campers and counselors, and will really be missed. Please join me in thanking them for all the love, nurturing and joy they gave to our children over the years! Another long time camper,



counselor and heart throb, Ben Whipple has retired. Huge thanks to Ben for the wonderful energy, skills, and humor he brought to the program. I am certain we will be seeing plenty of him as well, though probably on a surf board! Lastly, another very familiar face, Malcolm Lewis, will not return as head of sailing. Of all mentioned, Malcolm has the longest history with SPSS. My fondest memory of Malc is as a young camper, when he presented me with a signed petition to bring back the over night campout! Now that's dedication! Thank you Malc for all that you gave and we will really miss you.  
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## Adventure Bound!!

We are offering a 3 day rock climbing, white water rafting and hiking trip, July 30 – August 2 ( it will not interfere with play practice), for kids age 12 – 16. The all inclusive cost is \$300/person and we have 15 positions available. A full itinerary is available on our website, or check out their website at [www.adv-bound.com](http://www.adv-bound.com) . These spots will fill quickly. Please reserve a spot by May 15<sup>th</sup>, by contacting me at [mcoatesjr@hotmail.com](mailto:mcoatesjr@hotmail.com)

## Small Point Summer School

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## Director's Report Continued

As you can see we have many positions to fill! In Explorers it's exciting to announce that Katrina White Tober is returning as head of Explorers in August. Katrina lead Explorers as well as Co - directed SPSS from 1995 – 2001. Presently she holds an Early Childhood position at the Lincoln School. Unfortunately, Trina can only be with us in August and we are in the hunt to find a head for July. Also in Explorer's will be Katy Lasell, Rob Lasell, Sam Wright, Virginia Adams and Mathew Koski.

Sam Hyland will be taking over the reigns in Tennis. Sam needs no introduction as he has been a counselor for 4 years, but we welcome him as head instructor! Joining Sam will be Annie Dear, Harry "the rover" Hoffman, Tucker Hyland and Sumner Miller.



Sailing this year will be headed by Simon Vickery. Simon has been with the program for 5 years and is a very accomplished sailor. We are lucky to have him as head! Joining Simon will be Will Owen, Wes Lewis, Aaron Catterfield and a guest appearance by Conraad Vanderschroeff from the club who has taught sailing at the Navel Academy and is graciously volunteering his time. What a crew! This year we are also very lucky to

have Charlotte Rothschild Baynard as head of Arts/Nature. Charlotte has been with Explorer's for many years, is extremely creative and a lot of fun! Joining her will be Camilla Warren and Isabel Farrington. Thankfully, Peggy Peacock will be returning as well, to do her days of nature! Our C.I.T's this year will be Carter Williams, Missouri Alice Williams, Jack Harnett, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Chase Ijams, Stella Warner, Adam Koski and Katherine Adams. We are very lucky to have such a magnificent and talented pool of home grown counselors and please join me in welcoming them all!

Please feel free to e-mail or phone me with any questions or concerns. Otherwise, I look forward to seeing all of you, young and old in a few short months!  
-Malcolm Coates

## Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee is pleased to announce the kickoff of our "50 for the 50<sup>th</sup>" campaign. The goal of this campaign is to raise a net \$50K during the 2008 season while also celebrating the role of the Summer School in our community over the past half-century.

These funds will provide the crucial annual cash reserves that are absolutely essential in ensuring operational sustainability. As you know, annual giving and tuition income have only barely covered general operational expenses in the past few years, leaving our basic operation at risk. Increased annual giving will also ensure that we can retain experienced staff, attract new talent, and increase professional development opportunities for our counselors.

Our goal of a net \$50K is a 30% and 17% increase over the 2007 and 2006 seasons, respectively. Challenging--- but within our reach! We plan to reach this goal through several strategies:

- A 50% increase over last year in individual annual giving
- First-time corporate sponsorships from our largest vendors
- Net \$5,000 raised at summer events (a big challenge!)
- "Yellow pages"-type paid placements for businesses in the Winter Address Book
- First-time gifts from the all-new "SPSS Junior Committee" (ages 22-35)

SPSS has provided each of us with treasured memories over the past 50 years. During this milestone season, please consider doing a little extra to ensure the Summer School's future. Get involved in a way that works for you – by giving for the first time; by increasing your annual fund gift for this year; by donating an auction item; by purchasing tickets to the August event for your family; or by volunteering your time to help make our 50<sup>th</sup> year a summer to remember!

Please contact Elisabeth Motley at [elisabethmotley@gmail.com](mailto:elisabethmotley@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out with this campaign or if you have any questions.

*The Finance Committee (Kip Weese, Amy Coes, Clay Ijams, Kelly Adams, Elisabeth Motley)*

# President's Report

## SPSS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Calling all campers, counselors, directors, and more.  
All trustees, all parents, and benefactors galore!  
Please join us this summer, as we kick up our heels,  
For a fine celebration with an elegant meal.

The SPSS is hosting this fabulous event  
To honor fifty years and our founding presidents!  
So bring all family members, dancing shoes, and some socks  
We'll feast, silent auction, and dance 'till we rock!

### And now for my report...

The board has been hard at work this winter planning events, enhancing program activities, shovelin' snow (some of us anyway!), and scheduling building, and grounds improvements. We hope you will join us for a festive summer. Malcolm has again hired a great staff, we have added some required training for tennis and sailing counselors, and we are VERY excited about the Adventure Bound trip for teens. (Sign up NOW!)

Sydney Smith and Sydney Harnett are organizing the July play for the younger set, based on the book, Made-line. Debba Curtis and Stacey Coates are heading up our August Revue, which is sure to be a huge hit. We are putting the beginning steps in place to create a DVD that we hope will highlight 50 years of SPSS plays and memories. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party will be—AWESOME—and we encourage you to bring ALL family members for a family friendly evening complete with silent auction, festive dinner, and country dancing!

So, what do you need to do?

- 1) Help us find former SPSS directors to invite to our celebration;
- 2) August 1: Donate auction items (contact Lynne Mitchell ASAP);
- 3) Bring your country dancing shoes for August 9th!

We look forward to seeing you this summer!!!! Lynne Mitchell

### **SAVE the following dates:**

Summer School	June 30-August 22
July Play	July 18
Adventure Bound	July 30-August 2
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party	August 9
August Revue	August 15 & 16

## SPSS Board Changes

Sadly, the Board accepts the recent resignations from board members Elizabeth St. John and Wade Edwards. The board extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to Elizabeth and Wade for their years of service to the SPSS board, as they have each given of their time generously. We are grateful for their contributions to their roles as drama and sailing liaisons respectively. We are hopeful that they will continue to join us for SPSS events as they unfold and wish them well!

We would also like to welcome two other community members who have recently agreed to join the board. Grey M. Terry, who has recently moved to Portland with his wife, Joey, and baby daughter Boden, has agreed to take the baton from Elizabeth and help out with the drama program. In addition, Grey has offered his expertise in landscaping, as he used to own a landscaping business. (Peg-we recruited some help for buildings and grounds!) Chad Koski has agreed to

learn the ropes as our board member responsible for our sailing program. He and his wife Lisa live in Massachusetts with their 4 children, Matt, Adam, Molly, and Jonathan, all of whom are involved in various degrees with SPSS. Chad recently purchased a Small Pointer and is eager to develop his nautical skills. We think we can keep him busy! Welcome Grey and Chad.

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## Sailing Report

We thank Wade Edwards for his strong and experienced leadership as our board member who provided us with guidance for the sailing program for the last several years. Sadly, we bid Wade bon voyage from his board position and hope he gets more opportunities to cross the finish line first on Wednesdays and Saturdays on a Small Point One Design!



Fortunately, our active and responsive board has moved quickly and we are delighted to welcome Chad Koski, as our new—and highly recommended—

board member willing to take over the helm in Wade's wake. Chad—who admits that he is a new sailor—welcomes assistance from other community members so

that he may enhance his boat maintenance knowledge, develop his sailing skills, and learn all there is to know about Small Point sailing lore. All you sailors out there...Chad wants to know who you are, so please welcome him, as he learns about our fleet and helps us promote our program. We hope to "beef up" the fleet a little so that we might—either this year or next—hold a mini-regatta and/or encourage our most enthusiastic sailors to compete in other venues. We are looking forward to a great summer with fair winds, a strong staff, and eager sailors.

## Tennis Report

We're looking forward to another great season on the courts under the enthusiastic leadership of Sam Hyland and others. In late June we're inviting a Pro from Maine Pines in Brunswick to help train the counselors (and maybe adults later on), but we need your help training the kids.

Calling all skilled tennis players! We know there's a lot of talent in Small Point, and we'd love for you to share it with the Summer School campers. Let me know if you can offer even an hour of your time this summer, and when you plan to be in Small Point. I'll create a schedule later this

spring. I'm also trying to put together a notebook of drills and games for the counselors, so send me your favorite ideas. Our counselors do a great job, and I think it will be fun to make the tennis program even more of a community event! *Sarah Hoffman*

## Drama Report

### JULY PLAY

A bit of background: For the past three years my mother (Sydney Smith) and I have been straightening the costume room usually in the early Fall after the children have left for the summer. We both noticed some wonderful old-fashioned charming bits of French clothing hidden at the bottom of a closet. We suspect they were originally donated by Camilla Edge. It reminded us of L. Bemelman's book "Madeline" that I once directed while in boarding school a long time ago. We thought this would be a great play for the July kids.

We plan to present the play through a narrator (Sydney Harnett). We will establish the location (Paris) with painted scenery as the curtains open. The children will mime most of the story except for occasional interjections of a few simple French phrases.

The parts include Miss Clavel (the nun and a very large part), 6 little girls dressed in pretty yellow dresses, a rich lady with a dog, a thief, a Paris policeman, a wounded soldier, a tiger, a guard, a doctor, an ambulance driver, bus driver, woman selling flowers and a French waiter. We also hope to include some older people from Small Point here and there, which should add to everyone's amusement. Apart from the costumes we already have we will need to make the rest of the costumes. This play might last all of 20 minutes.

We are looking for a volunteer to play simple French tunes on the piano as each scene takes place. This play also provides the opportunity at the end for the children to line up hand-in-hand and sing a few simple French songs accompanied on the piano. Please contact me if you would like to help us in any way!

*Sydney Harnett and Sydney Smith*

### AUGUST PLAY

For ages 11 and up: (and that includes cameo opportunities for all sorts of characters, especially if you're Sydney Smith or Malc Coates). Join the ensemble, the TEAM, in a two week drama workshop, culminating in a stellar revue performance on Aug. 15th and 16th. Debba Curtis' and Stacey Coates' respective creative talents will contribute to a magical evening for performers and audience alike. Plan to have fun at the auditions to be held on Tuesday July 29 and Sunday Aug. 3 at 7PM in Brad's Barn. Be sure to let us know if you're interested but having scheduling challenges!

Debba: 207-774-5577;

Stacey 202-362-1302.

**Save the Date! "50 for the 50<sup>th</sup>" Summer Fundraiser!**

**Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraiser & Celebration at the Barn**

Fun for All Ages: Casual Cookout, Drinks, Country/Western Dancing, and Auction (6-9 PM). If you would like to donate an auction item or volunteer to help with this event, please email Elisabeth Motley at [elisabethmotley@gmail.com](mailto:elisabethmotley@gmail.com)

## **Building and Grounds Report**

A December to remember they called it.....and then more of the same in January, February, and March. Needless to say, we're looking forward to spring here in Small Point, and I have vowed never to complain about mowing a lawn ever again. NOT EVER...NUFF SAID! So let's move on to thoughts of spring, and our plans for improving SPSS buildings and grounds this season.

We are still on track to finally clean and brighten up the bathrooms and hall under the barn. We will clean up the mildew and remove the old shower stalls from the bathroom floors (yes, that's what those unsightly things are), and then we will finish the floors, walls, and wood stalls with a hardy

mildew resistant paint. The result should be much brighter, cleaner facilities for us all to use this summer.

We will also continue to attend to old Sprague Hall and all the needed repairs and restoration. By the start of camp this year we are scheduled to have new shingles on the gable end at the library entrance where the exterior siding has been rotten and broken for years. The board is also exploring the cost to replace exterior rotten sills all around this room while simultaneously expanding the space to accommodate our growing explorer group. This larger project is the sort that will require continued support from the community, so keep those generous contributions coming. Thanks!

Lastly, we are going to open and brighten up the arts and science building by taking down the interior wall and putting in skylights. The idea is to have more room and light for the arts and nature enthusiasts, and to accommodate a salt water aquarium that I am currently looking into setting up. It will be fun and educational for the children to have a place to house some of the creatures they find along the shore, and the young artists should appreciate the additional light that will come through the ceiling.

All this work is contracted to be finished by Memorial Day if spring arrives on schedule...fingers crossed! Can't wait to see you all soon!

*Peg Daly*

### **Calling all Small Pointers...**

We need your pictures, slides, videos and, most importantly, your memories, to celebrate 50 years of Small Point productions. We are going to be compiling a DVD with representative clips from as many Small Point productions as possible. Please root through old trunks and albums and send contributions. Send as soon as possible!!

By snail mail: Debba Curtis  
310 Spring Street  
Portland, Maine 04102

By email: [debba\\_curtis@waynflete.org](mailto:debba_curtis@waynflete.org)

Make sure your name is on everything so that it can be returned to you. If possible, identify the show, the year and who is in what picture. Questions? Contact Stacey Coates, 202-.362-1302 or Debba Curtis, 207-774-5577.

# SPSS 2007 Annual Fund Donor List

Thanks to all of your generous donations, we have raised \$28,753 for the 2007 Annual Fund. We wish to thank the following donors for their continued support of Summer School. You are instrumental to our success!

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*Thank you everyone!*

# Events and Announcements

## Small Point Summer School Fund Raiser

**Hasan B. Semerci** of Adnan & Hasan, Grand Bazaar, Istanbul, Turkey and  
**Murat Küpçü** of Double Knot, New York, NY

Are returning to Small Point for an exclusive showing and sale of hand-woven carpets and kilims from Turkey, Persia, the Caucasus and Central Asia

Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13, 2008  
Tania and John Chandler  
126 Seal Cove Road

A percentage of all sales will be donated to the Small Point Summer School  
Please e-mail [tchandler@robcol.k12.tr](mailto:tchandler@robcol.k12.tr) with questions or if you would like to receive an invitation

## Sails on the Beach Poster Still Available

If you would like to purchase a Sails on the Beach photo or poster, please visit the SPSS website to review the selections. An order form is available on the webpage - If you prefer, you can print out the form at the bottom of this email.

<http://www.smallpointsummerschool.org/sails/>

**2008 TENNIS TOURNAMENT:** AUGUST 16-17. Sign ups will start the weekend before.

## Winter Address Book News

The *SPSS Winter Address Book 2008* was mailed in November of 2007 and the *2008 Summer Listing* will be ready by Memorial Day (pick up your copy at SPSS). For a new twist in the *Services* section we will be asking businesses for a contribution in return for a business listing. Are there vendors or business that you would like to see included? Please email your suggestions for businesses, any corrections for the **2008 Summer Listing (by APRIL 30)** or the *Winter 2009* edition. Thanks, Liza Chandler, [LizaChan@maine.rr.com](mailto:LizaChan@maine.rr.com)