



News from *THE OTTER SIDE*

News to Know...

- **Unit Elections** will soon begin (see article in this issue). If you are interested in serving on an election team or if your unit needs to conduct an election, contact your Village Chief.
- **Mini-Clave 2004** is fast approaching. See details in the article in this issue for more information about this must-not-miss event!
- The annual **Section W3A Conclave** will be held the weekend of April 23 – 25th at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville. Over 350 Arrowmen from across the Bay Area and beyond are expected to attend. Cost will be \$35 if you register by April 1st – check out <http://www.w3a.org/> for more information.
- The **2004 National Order of the Arrow Conference** will be held July 31st – August 5th at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. This conference occurs every two years and is second only to a national jamboree in size. Over 7,000 arrowmen from around the country are expected to attend. If you are interested in joining the Ohlone Lodge contingent, please contact the lodge chief for more information!
- **Philmont Order of the Arrow Trail Crew and Northern Tier Canoe Base** applications are now available on the national OA website: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/>. Both programs allow arrowmen ages 16 – 21 to enjoy our national high adventure bases for two weeks. The first week is spent in service, building hiking or portage trails. The second week allows participants to enjoy the full range of activities provided by Philmont or the Northern Tier wilderness.



Don't Miss Mini-Clave 2004!

Ohlone's first-annual Mini-Clave will be held the weekend of February 20 – 22nd at Cutter Scout Reservation and should prove to be one of the highlights of the year.

This will be a first for Ohlone Lodge to be hosting an event of this type, but what is a Mini-Clave? Many of you reading have not had the opportunity to see what the OA has to offer all arrowmen and the same amount of you have never heard of a "Conclave" before.

A "Conclave" is where the "Section" (The Eight Lodges in the Bay Area, i.e. Pacific Skyline, S.F. Bay Area, Alameda Council) get together for a weekend of fun, fellowship and competition. Through out the conclave weekend are shows, sporting events, and fun where at the end of the weekend not only do all the OA members walk away with stories about a weekend load of fun, but also the mystery is solved about who are the best Lodge in the Section.

So far Ohlone Lodge has a best Village of the year award called "Most Indian Village" after the Most Indian Lodge award the

Section gives out. The last Most Indian Village Award went to Puyson but then next one will be awarded at Mini-Clave. We are also unveiling the Mini-Clave Award. It's an award that will recognize the best Village at the Mini-Clave based on performance at the events, attendance, training and spirit. Mini-Clave is much more than just a weekend for awards though.

Training: Saturday morning there will be 12 different classes offered about subjects that you can use to improve and help you troop program. Like how to promote a camping event, to how to be a better patrol leader.

Competitions: Each Village will create teams and compete against each other in different events like Indian Handball (a lacrosse line game with a soccer ball) ceremonies competitions. And a Decathlon.

Shows: Saturday night will have one of the funniest shows Ohlone has ever

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Chief's Corner

Matthew Rudnick

The time has just flown by with half the year gone already and I personally have only half a term left as Lodge Chief (so sad). So far though great things have been accomplished some of which are the planning for the 2004 Mini-Clave to be held in February, Ordeal in April and Conclave also in April.

But there is one thing that can always be improved. Getting the idea out that the OA is more than the Ordeal weekend (shocking idea huh)? The OA is bigger, and more fun than just a group of Scouts that twice a year have 30-70 scouts help improve camp (even though Council camp service is a part of what the Order of the Arrow is about). The OA is about creating a fun atmosphere for the Scouts that were chosen by their fellow troop members to grow and learn and to help improve the Boy Scout program; through training on leadership, through improvement of council summer camps, and most of all through the time we have at the events sharing ideas knowledge and just having fun at competitions, games, and patch trading.

I could talk for hours about the opportunities like NOAC at Iowa State University this summer. Or a trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico FREE. But none of these opportunities exists for you till you get involved.

Call me (650) 504-2293 or E-mail me at LodgeChief@ohlone63.org and we can chat about the OA, what you liked about your Ordeal, what you didn't like, but most important how can you take full advantage of the fun and amazing opportunities the OA has to offer.

In Brotherhood,

Matt Rudnick
Ohlone Lodge Chief



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Seen.

But the most fun part will be that you're the arrowmen will have a fun event to relax and enjoy what the OA has to offer away from the service at the Ordeal.

By the way I promise there will be A LOT of food.

Village Reports

Muwekma – *Serving the Redwood District*
Village Meetings: First Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at (read below)

Chief:
Lance Bailey

Adviser:
David You



I hope everyone had a great holiday season. As most of you know Peninsula and Sequoia Districts merged to form the Redwood District. As the two districts merged so did the two villages. At the November village meeting it was decided to call the new village Muwekma. The name means "the people." Muwekma is an actual Ohlone village name and is still an active village in the Ohlone Nation.

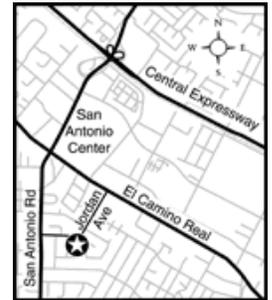
Our new village has 32 troops. AS your advisor, I need your help. In order to keep this village going I need you to start attending the village meetings. There are several leadership positions that need to be filled. There are a lot of exciting events that are coming up in the new year from mini-conclave, to conclave, to helping out at the district camporee. OA elections are around the corner and we need your help.

The meeting place has also been changed. The village will meet at the same location and time as the Redwood District. (for directions-check the pacskey.org web site)

Puyson – *Serving the Stanford District*
Village Meetings: First Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at the LDS Chapel, Jordan Avenue, Mountain View

Chief:
Geoff Wildunger

Adviser:
Robert Larson



On October 17-19th, Boulder Creek Scout Reservation held its 15th Mountain Man Rendezvous. Fifteen troops from around the Pacific Skyline Council came down and participated in an 1830's style rendezvous. There was black powder shooting, knife and hawk throwing, candle, ball and rope making and many other events to keep the Scouts busy all day. Due to the warm weather, Puyson village quenched many thirsts with their kiosk that sold sodas and bottled water. Saturday night the youth of Puyson village ran the camp fire with Andrew starting the fire and not getting burned this time! The village wants to thank all those who came and a special thanks to the Eddy Ranch who let us use their land to park the many vehicles that came down to the rendezvous.

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Unit Election News

It's that time of year again. We need to begin planning and carrying out our annual elections. I am asking all Troop Representatives, Village Chiefs, and Advisors to talk to the Troops in their Village and encourage them to arrange for an OA election. The Scoutmasters from every Troop in the Council have already received an elections packet with all of the necessary materials. I would like all elections to be completed before the end of February, 2003, so begin contacting Troops as soon as possible. If you have any questions, or if you would like to arrange and confirm your election dates, please contact me at vci@ohlone63.org.

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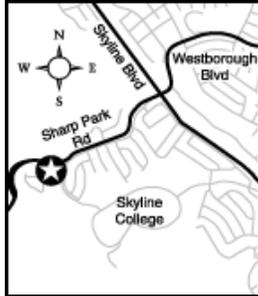
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Sipliskin – *Serving the Discovery District*
 Village Meetings: First Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the LDS Chapel, Sharp Park Road in Pacifica

Chief:
John Ballas

Advisers:
Bob Alberts

Dave Rosenkrantz



A lot has happened for the Arrowmen of Sipliskin village since our fall report. We were the cooks and helped out with the ceremonies at the last ordeal. Pow Wow was great fun for all, despite the weather at Cutter. Tomahawks were thrown but no blood was drawn. We have planned our village hat and have discussed our goals for the future. Plans are being made for mini clave and for our part in the district camporee. We have also assisted one of our brothers with his eagle project. To our lost brothers we call out for you to join us in the fun and service of our village. Bring your ideas, needs, and self's to our next village meeting. Come for the fun and help get things done.

Fall Ordeal

The Fall Ordeal was held the weekend of the 10th –12th of October at Boulder Creek.

Congratulations to the new Ordeal and Brotherhood members inducted this past October:

New Ordeal Members-

Baumgartner, Jeremy	Hengehold, Ray
Baumgartner, William	Juri, Kevin
Bladh, Evan	Kaufman, John
Brown, Nick	Klear, Michael
Christophersohn, Jeff	La Pier, Eben
Cochran, Nick	Longyear, CJ
Cogan, Michael	Richard, Ben
Cunningham, Cody	Slater, Joel
Day, Jeremy	Stelter, Paul
Eastburn III, John	Urruty, Vincent
	Zuroski, Ray



From the Lodge Adviser

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Happy Holidays to all. As we end this year I would like to thank all those that have helped out, welcome all the new members, and remind all of us what a great lodge we have. There are some exciting things that will be happening in the next year.

We plan on using our website to distribute information more efficiently and timely, some of the changes coming early 2004 will be on-line registration, upcoming event information, photos of events, new member listing. Any suggestions are always welcome.

We are in the process of ordering our new lodge flaps. The lodge executive

committee has chosen to establish a new border color for village advisors and village chiefs, the new border color of silver mylar has been chosen to encourage members to support their villages and become a village chief or advisor.

Our villages are working hard to get ready for their district camporees. All the villages are looking of arrowmen (both youth and adult) to help out or to attend village meetings, remember that this is your lodge and your comments and thoughts are what make us great.

Again Happy Holidays and travel safely when visiting family and friends!



Pow Wow Dazzles

On the weekend of November 14 – 16th, Arrowman from several lodges gathered at Cutter Scout Reservation for the annual Section W3A Pow Wow. This event is hosted by three lodges: Ohlone, Miwok (Santa Clara County Council) and Esselen (Monterey Bay Area Council). It is a great opportunity to showcase the OA's Native American customs and traditions.

The weekend started with demonstrations and singing on Friday night. Participants were able to experience a range of crafts and training sessions on Saturday morning and afternoon. The weekend culminated with the Pow Wow on Saturday evening.

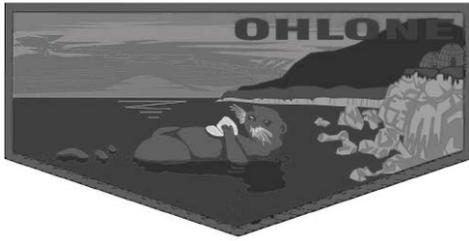
The next opportunity to see authentic Native American Dancing will be at the Section Conclave in April, otherwise, you'll have to wait until the next Pow Wow scheduled for the fall of 2004

Did you Know? Interesting Facts About Brotherhood Membership

When the Order was founded in 1915, the concept of Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil did not exist. Instead, there were two 'degrees'. The First Degree is what we would now know as the Ordeal honor. The Second Degree is what we now call the Vigil honor.

Brotherhood membership was later created as a method to signify the completion of the induction process. Since its inception, Brotherhood membership has existed primarily as a method of confirming the Obligation.

Brotherhood members were initially distinguished from Ordeal members by wearing their sash on the opposite shoulder. Ordeal members wore the sash over the right shoulder and Brotherhood members wore the sash over the left shoulder. It wasn't until 1950 when a separate Brotherhood sash (with the bars on either end of the arrow as we are familiar with today) was created.



New Lodge Flap

At the November Lodge Executive Committee Meeting, the lodge decided to produce a new flap based on the design shown above. This new flap will replace the current flap as Ohlone's official issue and represents the first significant design change since the lodge was founded in 1997.

A special gold mylar border flap will be allocated to members of the lodge

executive committee and a silver mylar border flap will be issued to Village officers and Advisors – a clear indication of the importance of the Village system and the lodge's desire to continue to improve Village Operations.

These flaps will be available at lodge events early next year.

Upcoming Events

Jan	15	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm
Feb	12 20 - 22	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm Winter Weekend Fellowship – Cutter Scout Reservation
Mar	11 26 – 28	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm District Camporees – Call Out Ceremonies
Apr	2-4 23 – 25	Spring Ordeal – Cutter Scout Reservation Section W3A Conclave – Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds
May	13	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm
June	10 12	Lodge Executive Committee – San Mateo Service Center 7:30pm Ohlone LLDC/Annual Banquet – Location TBD
July	31	National Order of the Arrow Conference – Iowa State University,
August	5	Ames, Iowa.

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Western Region Order of the Arrow
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