



*Powahay's Feather logo is that from a Native American Medicine Man or Shaman. The feather is strong medicine for curing and for strength of mind, body and character.*

# Powahay News

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### District Pinewood Derby Champions

Left: 2nd Place Connor Markey Pack 70, tied with Peter Nash Pack 7; First Place Evan Smith Pack 161; and 3rd Place Sean Hardison Pack 68. Over 55 racers.



### Cub Scout Cubmobile Fun

Scouts of Pack 68 Norwalk gather around their Cubmobile for fun racing at LDS Church in New Canaan. More pictures on page 5.

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**Editor John Hanks  
District Commissioner**

### Connecticut Yankee Council 2012-13 Program Kickoff Wednesday, May 16, 2012

Webster Bank Arena at Harbor Yard  
600 Main Street, Bridgeport  
6:00 to 7:00 PM · Dinner and Exhibitions  
7:00 to 9:00 PM · Program

Who should attend: At least two representatives from every Cub Pack, Boy and Venturing Crew. Hundreds of volunteers attend each year. Don't miss out!!

Why??: Program planning for your unit should take place over the summer. The Program Kick-off has been planned so that information specific to your units operations can be quickly gathered and questions can be answered. 2012-2013 CT Yankee Program Guide and calendar will be available and we'll have a Powahay District table with previews of district events for the new program year. Please RSVP to [jopleve@bsamail.org](mailto:jopleve@bsamail.org) by May 9 so we can prepare enough food and supplies.

### Powahay District Recognition Dinner Wednesday, May 23

Please join us on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 as we salute the Scouting volunteers of Powahay District, Connecticut Yankee Council . a Centennial Quality District.

You won't want to miss this event as we recognize Scouters at the unit and district levels with the District Award of Merit, Key Three Award, My Honor Award and more.

**Wednesday, May 23, 2012**  
**The Royal Green  
at Sterling Farm**  
**1349 Newfield Ave, Stamford**  
**Welcome and Reception begins  
at 6:30 PM**  
**Opening Ceremony at 7 PM**  
**Cost is \$45 Registrations due  
by May 15**  
<http://www.ctyankee.org/districts/powahay/dinner>



### **Capt. Steve Coe To Be Honored with the District Award of Merit**

Please join us as we honor Steve Coe for the highest district honor, the District Award of Merit. A former Cubmaster, Scoutmaster and now Health and Safety Chairman, Steve will be honored with more than 80 adult recognitions at this year's District Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, May 23.

We promise a fast paced and on track program.

If you have not done so already, please make your reservations for the District Dinner. It should be a fun event at Sterling Farms event tent! Please do not delay because the facility needs a good head count so that everyone has enough food. Make your reservations soon and look forward to seeing you on May 23rd.

### **No Roundtable in May**

Due to the Council Program Kick-off and Powahay District Recognition Dinner there is no Roundtable schedule for May. We will have an end of the program year Roundtable on Wednesday, June 13.

## **2012 Powahay District Dinner Honorees**

### **District Award of Merit**

Steve Coe

### **Key 3 Award**

Adrian Ruck, Troop 19 Norwalk

Rich Pucci, Troop 53 Darien

Evan Atkins, Troop 9 Stamford

### **Unit Leader Award of Merit**

Kia Horan, Ship 6 Norwalk

Fred Harley, Pack 22 Wilton

Peter Riordan, Pack 155 Darien

Pablo Aymerich, Pk 66 Norwalk

Rob Cohen, Troop 35 Darien

### **Special Awards**

St. John's Episcopal Church, Stamford for 100 Years of continued charter of Troop 5

### **Veteran Awards**

Charles Scribner 45 Years

Adrian Bethray 35 Years

Fred Cunningham 30 Years

Kevin Smith 15 Years

### **Pioneer Award**

Hugh Sebastian

### **Distinguished Commissioner**

#### **Award**

Andy Karwoski

Rich Rilling

Jeff Helfand

Greg Brannan

Domenic Rauccio

### **On My Honor Service to Youth Award**

#### **Darien**

John Barker, Pack 55

Steven Gorey, Pack 55

John Nawrocki, Pack 55

Colleen Felske, Pack 56

Tom Wilson, Pack 161

Maura Gallagher Wilson, Pack 161

Krista Guarini, Pack 155

Kalie Riordan, Pack 155

Susie Flaherty, Pack 155

Robert Hill, Troop 35

Christopher Hagen, Troop 35

Lorraine Golino, Troop 35

Jane Consolini, Troop 35

Linda Yim, Troop 53

Mary Alptekin, Troop 53

Ginger Morgan, Troop 53

Chris Schneider, Troop 53

### **New Canaan**

Cecilia McCall, Pack 7

Mary Lou Adalja-King, Pack 7

Holly Ruoff, Pack 70

Neil Boyd, Pack 70

Jim Hurlock, Troop 31

Greg Brannan, Troop 70

### **Norwalk**

Sam Fitzgerald, Pack 58

Chris Kelly, Pack 61

Agazio DiMasi, Pack 66

Greg Walters Jr., Troop 19

Richard Rilling, Troop 19

Mike Graff, Troop 19

Tony Broncati, Troop 19

Tony Mobilia, Ship 6

### **Stamford**

Kevin Provost, Troop 5

Troy Pivarnik, Troop 5

Craig Orr, Pack 11

Daryl Smith, Pack 11

Jim Miller, Pack 15

Lee Figueroa, Pack 28

Steve Garst, Pack 48

Bob Tancs, Pack 48

Mike Kraus, Troop 9

Mark Huntoon, Troop 9

Adrian Bethray, Troop 9

Fred Cunningham, Troop 9

Diane Kraus, Crew 9

Brian Benson, Troop 11

Dana Hunt, Troop 11

### **Wilton**

Steve Batter, Pack 17

Joseph Pettit, Pack 17

Mark Kaduboski, Pack 22

Pam Carlson, Pack 22

Sandra Adams, Pack 22

Regina MacKay, Troop 20

Jeff Spiewak, Troop 20

John Coppola, Troop 20

Devereaux Clifford, Troop 20

Francis Rizzo, Troop 20

Traci Lilly, Troop 125

Lisa Caswell, Troop 125

Jonathan Hasse, Troop 125

Margaret Hasse, Troop 125

### **LDS Church**

Deb Slazyk, Pack 286

Darin Clay, Troop 286

Christopher Wasden, Tr 286

Brooks Lindberg Troop 286

Chris Ward, Troop 86

Jonathan Curtis, Troop 186

Shawn Nelson, Troop 186

Aaron Jacobson, Troop 186

**Award Nominations are closed.**



# Powahay District News

## Domenic Rauccio District Commissioner



*Photo: Domenic Rauccio, new District Commissioner pictured with son and Eagle Scout, Ryan Rauccio.*

At the April 4th Powahay District Committee Meeting, District Chairman Michael Kraus announced that our search for a new District Commissioner for the Powahay District has

been finalized. After the ConnJam 2012 in May, Domenic Rauccio will assume the position of District Commissioner from John Hanks. John will remain on the District Committee and will continue to produce the monthly electronic newsletter. The Powahay News! I John will also be working with the Powahay Cub Scout Leaders putting on our District Cub Activities.

Dom, from Wilton, is a long time scouter, former Cubmaster of Pack 17 and has served as a Unit Commissioner and Assistant District Commissioner for Wilton and has served on the District Committee as well. He was on the Staff of a Wood Badge Course NE-II-188 and was a leader at the 2010 National Jamboree. Dom has also been selected to serve as a leader with the 2013 Jamboree at The Summit, Bechtel Reserve, WV.

We welcome Domenic to his new role with Powahay District and wish him all the best in his new position!

David Rennie, Sr. District Executive

## Commissioner Minute

Dear Scouters,

Thanks so much for allowing me the privileged of serving as Powahay District Commissioner. It's been a very rewarding 5 plus years,

Powahay is so fortunate to have outstanding units and leadership at every level. Our Scouts are doing great things and we can proud of the dedication of our unit leaders.

It's also been an extreme honor for me to lead what has become known as the best commissioner staff in our council. Over 25 experienced Scouters making a difference.

As with any position you enjoy doing, it's not always easy to give it up. However, District Commissioner is one of those key volunteer positions that should turn over every few years to bring in new energies and directions. I am confident that Domenic Rauccio will continue to bring commissioner service to new heights.

I'm not retiring and have accepted the position of Assistant Council Commissioner and looking forward to continued service to Powahay working with Cub Leaders on Cub Activities. Thanks again for all of your support.

John Hanks

## Powahay BALOO Training — Conducted by Troop 2 Rowayton Thank You Staff — Gwen Lupinek, Paul Voges and Scott Humphrey



Congratulations to follow Cub Leaders for completing BALOO Training (not the order of the picture): Pack 6 Kevin Smith, Meg Backes; Pack 17 Eric Cameron, William Klancko, and Bob Lynn; Pack 55 John Barker; Pack 58 Sam Fitzgerald; Pack 61 Dan Massey; Pack 66 Karen Caiati; Pack 48 Bob Tancs, Mitch Nathanson; Pack 70 Marc Harrison; Pack 75 David Iacononis and Pack 97 Jim Prior, James Howe, Kevin Artale.

# District Advancement & FOS Update



## Congratulations to T125's newest Eagle Scout: Yuvi Singh

On April 19, 2012, an Eagle Board of Review recognized Yuvi Singh for Eagle Scout. Yuvi is the fourth Scout of the Class of 2012 to earn Eagle Scout rank in Troop 125. **He is the 100th Eagle Scout in the forty-four year history of Troop 125.** Congratulations to Yuvi, as well as to his proud parents Neenah and Raj Singh on earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout.



## Eagle Scout Centennial

To celebrate the centennial of Scouting's top honor, all recipients of the Eagle Scout Award in the year 2012 will be eligible to wear a special version of the red, white, and blue badge, seen here. 2012 will mark 100 years since BSA's first Eagle.

## Powahay Advancement

All Eagle Scout service projects constitute official Scouting activity and thus are subject to Boy Scouts of America policies and Procedures. That is the first line from the risk management section found on the last page of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook. The statement goes on to state that projects are considered part of a unit's program and are treated as such with regard to policies, procedures, and requirements regarding Youth Protection, two-deep leadership, etc. The health and safety of those working on Eagle projects must be integrated with project execution. So as a reminder, there must be at least two adults present. One must be registered, and one must be at least 21 years old. Neither has to be uniformed, and the Sweet 16 of BSA Safety calls for supervision to have some level of training related to the specific activity. It does not say the training must be formal, and it does not say the leaders must have taken Scout leader training. It is, of course, the responsibility of the troop's adult leadership to see that youth protection policies, and the other safety-oriented procedures as outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting, Sweet 16, etc., are followed. This has been confirmed by the National Advancement Team. In addition, attached to this newsletter is information that pertains to service project planning and an Age Guideline for Tools use.



Chet Wickett.

Council & District Advancement Chairman

*"The object of the patrol method is not so much saving the Scoutmaster trouble as to give responsibility to the boy."*

*Lord Baden Powell*

## Powahay - Friends of Scouting Up Date David W. Rennie, Senior District Executive

An update as to where we stand with the FOS Campaign for the Powahay District thru the end of April.

Currently we are at \$62,909 or 50.3% of our goal and we have completed presentations with 19 units! These 19 units are already ahead of where they ended last year by around \$10,000! We still have 17 units still to have/schedule their presentations/campaigns! We are well placed to achieve our Goal for 2012 if we get participation from every unit!

Congratulations to the following 7 units that have achieved their Goal already!

- ◆ Pack 7 – New Canaan
- ◆ Pack 17 - Wilton
- ◆ Pack 55 - Darien
- ◆ Pack 66 – Norwalk
- ◆ Troop 5 – Stamford
- ◆ Troop 9 – Stamford
- ◆ Pack 155 - Darien

We also have 6 units that are at 80% of their goal and we expect that they will achieve their goal thru follow up with their families; Pack 22, Troop 11, Troop 35, Troop 125, Pack &

Troop 286.

Presentations scheduled now thru the end of May include; Troop 31, Pack & Troop 186, Pack 56 . Thursday . May 10, 2012 . needs a presenter and Pack 11 . Friday . May 18, 2012 . needs a presenter June presentations include; Pack 28, Troop 15, & Troop 70

The following units still need to finalize the date for their presentation; Pack 6, Pack 68, Pack & Troop 86, Pack 97, Troop 1, Troop 2, Troop 19, Troop 20,

If you can cover an open presentation or help finalize a date for any of these units please let us know.

Also we are looking for individuals to help with the Community Friends of Scouting appeal. Volunteers agree to ask 5 (only five!) local businesses/community leaders in their communities. This appeal is starting to recruit people in May to kick off in June! This community effort will help us get to our goal. If you can help out please let us know ASAP!





# Cub Scout News



Stamford Pack 15 enjoying a beautiful day at the Council Fishing Derby at Deer Lake. In the picture is Cubmaster Jim Miller.

## Thomas H. Williams of Pack 7 New Canaan Scout of the Month

Thomas was the first of Pack 7 Scouts to earn the "God and Me" religious recognition and emblem. Several other families are working on their programs also. There were a lot of wide eyes and riveted attention at the Pack meeting presentation, as several boys remarked that they wanted to do it too! The program can be done at your own pace, and we enjoyed involving other members of the family with some of the exercises and games.



Details can be found at P.R.A.Y. web site (<http://www.praypub.org>)

### Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Scout Day Camp returns in 2012 with an incredible program to test the limits of your son's imagination and earn him beltloops and achievements toward his next rank. Cub Scouts can participate in many types of pursuits including archery, field sports, nature, arts and crafts, Scout skills, and a variety of other activities, depending on the location and theme. Each week also has a Family Day complete with awards and a campfire or ceremony in the afternoon. More information at: <http://www.ctyankee.org/camping/cubdaycamp>

### Cub Scout and Webelos Resident Camps are Out of This World!

All programs will be held at Deer Lake in Killingworth, Connecticut.

There are five camp sessions for Cub Scouts (boys entering grades 2-5) to choose from: Three 4-day sessions and two 3-day sessions. These sessions feature the Space Adventures theme. There is also one 3-day session and one four-day session for Webelos only (boys going into 4th & 5th grade). Each session's program is designed for you and your partner to experience quality time doing things like shooting archery and BB-guns, swimming, camping, boating, fishing, doing crafts and sports and being outdoors. More information at: <http://www.ctyankee.org/camping/residentcamp/cubscout>



### Great Day at the Races

Many thanks to Mitch Nathenson, Bob Tancs, and Yohan DeLos P48 for the Pinewood Derby Hosting with Kurt Schlegel P68 as MC, and Leslie Wasden P286 for location and Mike Lovell and P97 for the Cubmobile.







# Powahay Boy Scout News



## Fishing Derby Fishing Pole Winners

Cole and Gus of Troop 5 Stamford walk away happy winners at the Council's April 14 Annual Fishing Derby.

## Boy Scout 2012-13 District Programs

Host Troops are needed for the following:

- Oct 12-14, 2012 Fall Camporee at Hoyt
- Feb 8-10, 2013 Klondike at Seton
- May 17-19, 2013 Spring Camporee

To volunteer please contact Kevin Smith, District Boy Scout Activity Chairman at [k5m1th@optonline.net](mailto:k5m1th@optonline.net).

## Get Your Incoming Webelos Registered

Don't delay in registering your incoming new Webelos. Until they are properly registered they are still under Cub Scout rules and any advancement earn will not be recorded. It's a \$1.00 transferee fee with the application.



Boy Scout Blastcar: Kevin Smith shows Cub Scouts at the District Pinewood Derby & Cubmobile the new Boy Scout Blast Cars with a demonstration. See the demonstration at ConnJam.

## The Andrew Shaw Memorial Scout Cabin & Trust — 140 West Ave, Darien



Originally built in 1926, the Andrew Shaw Memorial Scout was rebuilt in 1998 providing a home to Cub and Boy Scouts in Darien. It is not owned by the Boy Scout and administered by a private non-profit Trust. The Trust has been generous in allowing for District activities, trainings, and meetings.

## Cabin is Getting a Technology Upgrade



### That's a Big Brick

You may have wondered about the rather large engraved brick currently in front of the cabin.

The brick belongs to The Darien Foundation for

Technology and Community. We are displaying the brick as proud recipients of recent a grant from the foundation intended to update the leadership training infrastructure and general technology at the cabin. In particular, the Foundation is helping the cabin replace the overhead projector and sound system in the large meeting hall, update the cabin-wide PA system, add smartboard technology to the conference room, provide an upgraded PC workstation and roving TV/DVD for small group activities and install an AED.

The equipment will go a long way towards helping scouts and other organizations that use the cabin conduct effective meetings. On top of that, we bet that the cabin probably has one of the highest percentage of

occupants in town that actually know how to use an AED, and give CPR, thanks to the first aid training that scouts receive! The Darien Foundation provides private funding for technology the citizens of Darien.

[www.darienscouts.org/](http://www.darienscouts.org/)

## Darien Boy Scout Tag Sale — May 6 8:30 a.m.

The annual Darien Boy Scout's Tag Sale starts at 8:30 am on Sunday May 6th, 2012 and will run all day till 4:00 pm. This one day event is held at Andrew Shaw Memorial Scout Cabin at 140 West Ave, Darien, Connecticut. You will find furniture, outdoor furniture, computers, toys, bikes, lamps, linens, house wares just to mention a few.



## ConnJam — May 11-13 — Orange Fairgrounds

<http://www.ctyankee.org/program/connjam>

ConnJam 2012 registration is now at the price of \$20 per person for the entire weekend. Day visitor passes on sale at a price of \$10 per person or \$40 for an immediate family.



◆ Leader's Guide Now Available Detailed information about registration, check-in, check-out, equipment, camp sites, available amenities, what's not allowed, schedules, and much more is now available in the leader's guide. Download the guide today and find out everything you need to know about ConnJam!

- ◆ Unit Displays At ConnJam 2012 will be open on Saturday May 12th from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm for a unit to have an activity or booth.
- ◆ There are special waivers needed for SCUBA & Slacklining. See web link above.
- ◆ Questions contact: Adrian Ruck, [Ruckad@ME.com](mailto:Ruckad@ME.com), Unit Commissioner and Powahay ConnJam Coordinator



Pack 61 Norwalk at the Cubmobile.

## Blast from the Past.... Fairfield County Council Camp Closings



Do you ever wonder why many of our Troops in our District go out of council for summer camp? It's mostly due to a controversial decision of the former Fairfield County Council 30 years ago to sell Camp Aquila (formerly called Camp Mauwehu) and not offer a Council Summer Camp program.

From the January 15, 1982 Scouter:

Based on the steady decline of camp attendance of 2650 boy-weeks in 1972, to only 714 in 1982, and a corresponding drop in the boy population, the Executive Board (carrying out a long range plan) has voted to sell several properties. Camp Toquam in Goshen, and Camp Aquila both have tentative buyers with closings scheduled. Camp

Pomperaug in Union, and Hoyt in Redding, will be retained and upgraded with money derived from interest on the principal from the sale of the camps. The Long Range Plan directed that, all funds realized by sale of these properties should be placed in the Council's trust fund, with the capital being made available only for future camp acquisition and development. The new owners of Aquila will sign an agreement allowing the council continued year-round use of most of the 330 acres.

Since a large number of our Aquila troops will be going to Camp Sequassen in the future, much of the equipment at Camp Aquila has been loaned to Sequassen, so that our Scouts can continue using it.+

The selling of our camps, espe-

cially Camp Aquila, located on Candlewood Lake in Sherman, CT., was quite controversial along with our council no longer providing a summer camp program. Arrangements were made for our Scouts to attend Camp Sequassen, then part of the Quinipiac Council. Talks of a new summer camp were promised but never delivered. During this time there were a tremendous amount of consolidations of councils going on and declining membership resulting in new council formed with more camps than they could maintain and support.

The agreement with the new owner to continue to use Camp Aquila lasted for a about a year before they pulled the plug and sent us packing.

With the closing of Camp Aquila many of our troops did not follow with the recommendation of going to Camp Sequassen, but forged new relationships with other camps and have been attending there ever since.

### Rediscovering Camp Sequassen

Many of our troops have now rediscovered our own Camp Sequassen and enjoying exciting summer programs. 2012 marks the 85th year delivering strong Scout programs to troops. Give Sequassen a try. Information at: <http://www.ctyankee.org/camping/residentcamp/boyscout>.

# Powahay Calendar & News

## May

- 2: District Committee Meeting  
 5- 6: Boy Scout Leader Training P2- Hoyt  
 9: **NO Roundtable** (due to District Dinner)  
 11-13: Council ConnJam  
 16: **Council Program Kick-off —Bridgeport Arena**  
 23: **Powahay Recognition Dinner** Royal Green at Sterling Farm Golf Course 1349 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.

## June

- 6: District Committee Meeting  
 13: **Roundtable**- Planning Your Program  
 16: Scout Day at Bluefish

## August

- 29: Powahay Program Kick-off Roundtable

## Summer 2012

- Cub Scout Day Camp July 2 . August 17, 2012
- Cub Scout Family Weekend July 20-22, 2012
- BB Gun Derby July 21, 2012
- Cub Scout/Webelos Resident Camp July 26 . August 19 . five sessions
- Webelos Resident Camp August 6-8 or 16-19, 2012

## New Tour and Activity Plan to Be Unveiled

The new online tour and activity plan has been developed and will soon be ready for use.

When compared to the former tour permit process, the new plan will no longer require signatures or approvals. Rather, as the plan is completed online, the required prerequisites for that type of trip or activity will be displayed.

For any prerequisites that have not been met (for example, not having someone on a trip who has Hazardous Weather training where this training is required), and before being allowed to submit the form, the person completing the form will have to certify that all prerequisites will be met prior to conducting the trip or activity. Once submitted, an email notification will be sent to your council, chartered organization, committee chair, unit leader, and emergency contact to let them know that a plan has been submitted. Receivers of this notification can log in to MyScouting and review the plan.

## Spring Recruitment

It's not too late for Spring Recruitment for both Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout troops. Spring is a traditional time for Packs to bring in new Tigers to replace graduating Webelos and for Troops bringing in new Webelos to recruit other 5th and 6th grade boys. Helpful hints and sign up forms can be downloaded from our District web page <http://www.ctyankee.org/districts/powahay/news>.

## Changing Unit Leadership

Please contact Dave Rennie of any unit leadership changes so that the new leader will receive important communications. New applications are also needed.

## Memorial Day Celebrations



Cub and Boy Scouts honor our fallen heroes each year on Memorial Day with marking flags of veterans and marching in local Memorial Day Parades.

## More Cub Scout News...

### Scout Day at Bluefish—June 16

Celebrate summer with a great game of baseball, an evening of fun for the whole family, and a campout at the annual Scout Night at the Bridgeport Bluefish on Saturday, June 16! Join more than 1,500 of your fellow Scouts and families for this event featuring an opening parade around the field, a great game, a movie on the jumbo-tron and an incredible patch. Tickets are \$16 per seat (youth or adult). Boys joining Tiger Cubs from January 1 to June 16, 2012 are eligible for a free ticket. More info:

<http://www.ctyankee.org/fs/news/001889/2012bridgeportbluefishflyer.pdf>.

### Cub Scout Fall Coming Attractions

**CUBOPOLY**- join us on Saturday, October 20, 2012 as we transform Hoyt Scout Reservation into a giant outdoor Monopoly Game Board with 10 exciting activities and family camping.

**Webelos Activity Badge College** . We have a full year of exciting Webelos activities including an expanded Webelos Activity Badge College for Saturday, Nov. 3.

A more formal Cub Scout Activity Committee is being formed and we're looking for representatives from our packs to serve. Contact John Hanks at [johnwhanks@hotmail.com](mailto:johnwhanks@hotmail.com).

For more information, visit the Powahay Table at the Council Kick-off.



Leslie Wasden P286 with helpers man the Snack Stand at the Pinewood Derby.