



# To the Point

THE SMALL POINT SUMMER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2010



## CONTENTS

- President's Letter .....
- A Note from the Directors .....
- Drama .....
- 2010 Season Preview .....
- Tennis .....
- Sailing .....
- Development and Fundraising .....
- A Garden Grows at SPSS .....
- Community Calendar .....
- Community Directory .....
- Transforming Tadpole .....
- Newsletter News .....
- Newsletter Notes .....

## President's Letter

**H**ELLO SMALL POINTERS and SPSS campers! As anyone knows who's been out to the Point (or logged on to the smallpoint.org webcam, or looked at recent pictures of the beach or Club Road) it's been a wild, wild winter. Snow and ice, wind and rain, waves and historically high tides have all had their way with our little corner of the coast, and the Summer School grounds were not spared. Merritt and Buell Heminway, Grey Terry and John Herrigel recently pitched in to right the *Tadpole* after she blew off her stands!

Our intrepid new directors, Ben Lewis and John Herrigel, have stepped fearlessly into Malcolm's big shoes. They've been hard at work recruiting counselors, figuring out budgets, developing exciting new programs and tweaking and improving old favorites. We think campers young and old and their families will be delighted with this summer's full roster of activities. Highlights include an expansion of last year's very popular advanced sailing and regatta program, new community movie nights at Brad's Barn, and a new afternoon program especially for teens, including activities and community service projects. Be sure to check out Ben and John's report, below, to learn more!

And even as we've been caught in winter's icy grip, we've been busy looking ahead. As you read this, a beautiful Memorial Garden is under construction at the Summer School. We are working to solve drainage and electricity problems before we open in June, and we are developing exciting plans to renovate and improve the Arts and Nature

## NEWSLETTER NOTES

This issue of *To the Point* is being distributed exclusively in digital form. This is more efficient, less expensive, and far more environmentally friendly than printing and mailing. However, we realize that some people will not be able to receive the newsletter digitally. If you or someone you know would like a printed version, please let us know. Just send us an email (<tevere@mainstreetdesign.com>) with the recipient's name and address and we'll gladly pop a copy in the mail.

Continued on page 2 ►

# Greetings from Maine!

The winter rain continues to pour down on us here, but at least it's rain, and we might even be starting to see signs of spring. We can only hope...

Your two new SPSS co-directors are eagerly (and a little bit anxiously) anticipating the start of our first summer at Sprague Hall. Needless to say, Malcolm's going to be a hard act to follow, but we've got lots of exciting ideas and even a few tricks up our sleeves, and we're looking forward to getting started and really digging in.

One of the biggest changes for the 2010 season is the creation of Navigators, a new program for older children aged 12-15 that will be a loosely structured mix of recreational activities (including tennis, water sports, sailing, and a variety of fun and games) with community service in Small Point and beyond. Navigators will run Monday, Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 1:00PM to 4:30PM in both July and August. So for all of you hipsters who secretly wished you hadn't aged out of SPSS, you're in luck! You get a PG year!

Other new ventures we hope to incorporate this year include expansion of the organic garden, an all-Small Point dog show, weekly bingo or movie nights in the Barn, and the return of the beach campout! Last year's advanced sailing and racing program will be expanded

and extended this summer. Headed by Byron, assisted by other race-savvy instructors, we'll have 420's in the mix as well as a regatta or two. The Tadpole will go out every race (maybe Santa Maria, Second Wind, and the Escape too!) And of course, all of your favorite activities and programs from years past will be back and better than ever.

We are truly overjoyed and so very thankful that virtually every counselor from last year will be returning, along with a few new additions and a handful of veterans whom we've lured out of retirement to join the fun and help with our ever growing community. Please log onto our website at [www.smallpointsummerschool.org](http://www.smallpointsummerschool.org) to see the complete roster of over 25 strong!

Feel free to reach out with questions to either of us at our email address, [smallpointsummerschool@gmail.com](mailto:smallpointsummerschool@gmail.com) <<mailto:smallpointsummerschool@gmail.com>>, and check the website for schedule updates and other important information.

All the best, and summer is just around the corner!

—Ben Lewis and John Herrigel

## Drama

As spring arrives at last, drama is—as drama should be—a bit unsettled. Sydney Harnett has offered to once again shepherd our youngest thespians through the incremental steps that will yield, we're sure, a thoroughly delightful and unpredictable July play. August is even more unpredictable, as we cast about for a candidate willing and able to take on responsibility for the August play. Volunteers? Nominees? But all will be resolved in good time, we promise – watch the SPSS website for details!

Also, please note the revised date for the July play. In an effort to maximize participation, we have scheduled the performance for Saturday July 31st, with rehearsals beginning on July 26th.



▼ Continued from page 1

building (thanks to Hans Warner for his generosity and creativity!)

Over the winter we purchased two new (used) vehicles to improve our transportation logistics. (Thanks to the folks who've kindly donated garage space for the vans until we can move them outside for the summer!) Merritt Heminway is heading up a drive to raise funds to put the *Tadpole* back in shape

and make her a worthy opponent for the Wednesday and Saturday races. If you can help, please let us know. We're making plans for our August fundraiser, which will include a picnic dinner with family games and activities. Stay tuned!

Finally, despite the continuing weak economy we had a very successful fundraising year in 2009. It is deeply moving and a testament to the place that

SPSS occupies in Small Pointers' hearts that so many people have contributed so generously in the face of daunting financial circumstances and competing obligations. Thank you ALL for your generous support.

Hope to see everyone at SPSS this summer...

—Lynne Mitchell

# 2010 Season Preview

## Important Dates

Memorial Day Clean-Up .....	Saturday May 29 from 9:00am to Noon (please bring tools!)
Community Meeting .....	Sunday May 30 (10:00am in Sprague Hall)
SPSS First Day .....	Monday June 28
July Play .....	Saturday July 31 (please note date change)
August Fundraiser .....	Saturday August 14
August Play .....	Friday and Saturday August 21 & 22
SPA/SPOC Annual Meeting .....	Saturday August 21 (9:00am in Sprague Hall)
SPSS Last Day .....	Friday August 20

## SPSS Weekly Schedule

### *Beginner's Tennis*

Ages 4 - 8  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
8:15AM - 9:00AM

### *Tennis*

Ages 9 - 12  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
9:00AM - 12:00PM

### *Explorers*

Ages 4 - 8  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
9:00AM - 12:00PM

### *Beginners' Sailing*

Ages 5 - 8  
Tuesdays and Fridays  
9:00AM - 12:00PM

### *Arts & Nature*

Ages 9 - 12  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
9:00AM - 12:00PM

### *Sailing*

Ages 9 - 12  
Mondays and Fridays  
1:00PM - 4:30PM

### *Racing Sailing*

Ages 12 - 15  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
1:00PM - 4:00PM  
(later on Wednesdays, after the SPYC race)

### *Navigators*

Ages 12 - 15  
Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays  
1:00PM - 4:00PM

### *Thursday Trips*

Ages dependant on week and type of trip  
Thursdays 10:00AM - 4:00PM

## Thursday Trips Schedule (Tentative)

July 1st- Basin, Watersports, Picnic  
July 8th- Maine Island Trail Association  
(MITA) Island Clean-Up  
July 15th- Seguin  
July 22nd- Beach Day  
July 29th- Portland Schooner Picnic Cruise  
August 5th- Beach Campout  
August 12th- Dog Show  
August 19th- Beach Day

## Tennis

The snow is finally melting on our outdoor tennis courts here in Western Mass, and nets are being unfurled and mounted... which leads us to thinking joyfully of tennis this summer at SPSS. I'm pleased to report that Sam Hyland will be back for another year of stellar leadership on the courts, with many able assistants to be named soon. The staff "coaches" will again have the benefit of a half-day workshop with Maine Pines pro Kevin Vincent. And in response to our rapidly growing program (hurray!), we're developing a slightly different schedule this summer. We promise to get it all worked out, with the courts rolled, the lines swept, and the nets stretched tight before the first serve in July!

And one correction: the winner of the girls *Good Sport* award last August was Mary Hyland. Belated congratulations!

## Sailing

We are stepping up the sailing program this summer to include another regatta or two for the experienced sailors interested in learning to race. Last summer Yann Pfitzer won the sportsmanship award at the Red Jacket Youth Regatta in Rockland for capsizing with a minute to go before the start, righting his boat, and still managed to win the start! We are looking to purchase a (used) Vanguard 420 and welcome any leads. Head sailing instructors are being asked to be life guard certified before the summer begins and we hope to offer younger counselors the opportunity to participate in First Aid training. We welcome the community's help and guidance out on the water as we build skills and keep it fun and safe.

# Development and Fundraising

## Annual Fund

Thanks to your generous support, we received \$29,375.07 in donations for the 2009 Annual Fund. Your contributions are vital to the Summer School and help to enrich the camp experience for all of the children of Small Point. Our thanks to everyone who participated!

John and Peggy Adams  
Sam and Kelly Adams  
Matt and Samantha Ballard  
Will Billow  
Jon and Ruth Bole  
Ben and Sandra Bole  
Richard and Mary Bole  
Brian and Linda Bowman  
Angus and Dana Burton  
Ty and Lolly Burton  
Stephen and Abigail Butler



David and Kathy Chandler  
Jack and Sarah Chandler  
John and Tania Chandler  
Nancy Chandler  
Peter and Liza Chandler  
Reynolds and Sarah Chandler  
Robert and Anne Charles  
Peter and Crissy Cherry  
Cynthia Coates  
Malcolm and Deborah Coates  
Ted and Martha Coates  
Ben and Shannon Coes  
Putnam and Amy Coes  
Rufus and Linda Coes

Bradley and Meg Cooney  
E.P. and Claire Curtis  
Rodger and Rebecca Cuthbert  
Tris Cuthbert  
Owen and Peggy Daly  
Anne Dealy  
Katie Dealy  
Andy and Briggit Deeds  
James and Carter Donovan  
Harry and Carol Doughty  
Gary Duford  
Geraldine Eastler  
Francis and Diane Eberle  
Jeff and Molly Eberle  
Jean Eberle  
Sally Graves  
Helen Greene  
Simon Greene  
Ted Hampton and Lisa Kassenaar  
Tom Hampton  
Reid and Bondie Hankin  
Montagu and Marcia Hankin  
Bill and Melinda Harnett  
Margaret Hedeman  
Buell and Anne Heminway  
Merritt Heminway  
Samuel Herrick  
Rodger and Jillian Herrigel  
Daniel and Katherine Hinckley  
Bill and Nancy Hoffman  
E. Shane Hoffman  
Louise Hoffman  
Nick and Corina Hoffman  
Ruth Hoffman



Sarah Hoffman  
John and Susan Hunt  
Andy and Anne Hyland  
Nancy Ijams  
Henry and Clay Ijams  
Jack and Sally Ijams  
Seton Ijams  
Richard and Anne Jackson  
Sewall and Martie Janeway



Kenon and Sabra Jayne  
Joseph Jayne  
Paul Kalb and Susan Ascher  
Kennebec Builders  
Adrian and Carolyn King  
Chris and Debbie Kniffin  
Chad and Lisa Koski  
Michael Lasell and Cercie Miller  
Anne Lee  
Elizabeth Lee  
Richard and Cheryl Lee  
Bevis and Clara Longstreth  
Alaster and Sue MacDonald  
Tevere MacFadyen and Lisa May  
Bill and Alex Mackey  
Donald and Brigitte Manekin  
Elijah and Virginia Marentette  
Crozer Martin  
Miguel and Alison Martin  
Arden Mason  
Hugh and Paul McLaughlin  
Abigail Mellen  
Henry S. and Claudia Mellen  
Henry and Polly Mellen  
Cleveland and Margot Miller

Donald and Pam Miller  
 Donald and Lyn Miller  
 Kennon Miller and Jennifer Newkirk  
 Stephen and Rebecca Milliken  
 Diane Mincey  
 Lynne Mitchell and Richard Lewis  
 Shirlee Mitchell  
 Timothy and Elizabeth Mitchell  
 Whit Mitchell and Judy Coates  
 Whitter and Mariah Mitchell  
 Elisabeth Motley  
 Tom Motley and Dorothy Cameron  
 Sean and Sarah Murphy  
 Clint and Jackye Ostrander



Doug Owen and Anne Siotka  
 Leslie Owen  
 Marty and Candy Owen  
 Dan and Joan Peacock  
 Chris and Sheilah Pesek  
 Anne Pfitzer and Emil Parker  
 Charles L. Read Foundation  
 Tony and Patsy Rogers  
 Suzanne Rothschild and John Baynard  
 Virginia Rothschild  
 David and Abigail Rowley  
 Robert Shultz Builders  
 Abbie Sewall and Paul Mentag  
 Sarah Sewall and Thomas Conroy  
 Camilla Sewall Wood  
 Small Point Club  
 Small Point Operating Company  
 Andrew St. John and Katie Blair Lee  
 Anne-Seymour St. John and Albert Ellis  
 Nathaniel St. John  
 Susan St. John and Bob Rheault  
 Linda Sturgis  
 Rodney and Roberta Tenney  
 Bunny and Lane Terry  
 Grey and Joey Terry  
 Marshall and Kristin Terry  
 Susan Thomas

Seymour Toll  
 John and Karen Totman  
 Houghton and Patricia Trott  
 Elena Vandervoort  
 Robert and Katherine Vaughan  
 Chris and Lois Whipple  
 Pinkie Whipple  
 John and Kathryn White  
 Gordon Wiegand and Susie Belz  
 Ann Williams  
 Astrid Williams  
 Arthur and Hanne Williams  
 Chris Williams and Sarah Cecil  
 Craig and Jane Williams  
 John and Lorraine Williams  
 Jim and Terry Windhorst  
 Anne Winter  
 Jeffrey and Serena Winters

### Sydney Smith Memorial Fund

We are also very grateful for the contributions that we have received in memory of Sydney Smith. To date, we have received 23 donations in the amount of \$5,225. We would like to thank the following people for their generosity:

Ian and Helen Ballard  
 The Nancy Chandler Family (Nancy, John, David, Peter and Brookie)  
 Stacey Coates  
 Putnam and Amy Coes  
 David Dearborn  
 Rodger and Jillian Herrigel  
 Louise Hoffman  
 Lucy Ijams  
 Bill and Alex Mackey  
 Bill and Andrea Mackey  
 John and Sarah McColloch  
 Shirley McCombe  
 Claudia Mellen  
 Henry S. Mellen  
 Dan and Joan Peacock  
 Chris and Sarah Pope  
 Sarah Smith  
 Roberta Tenney  
 Bunny and Lane Terry  
 Chris Uhl  
 Peter and Barbara Vickery  
 Bumper White and Ann Marie Bartoo  
 Katie Winter and James Shulman

### Summer FUNraising!

Save the date! Our annual fund raiser will take place Saturday, August 14th, this year, with a full schedule of events. Another *Fun Run* is planned for the morning, so get your running shoes ready and your body in shape! In the evening we'll host a community dinner starting at 6:00PM, followed by a Casino Night with activities, games and prizes for all ages, including black jack, poker, and craps for adults, and bingo for kids.

Tickets for wine, beer and soda will be available. Fabulous prizes for winners! Famous (and infamous) dealers on hand for instruction! We'll provide the main course at dinner but we will ask the community to bring pot luck contributions for side dishes, with assignments by "alpha split:" last names beginning with A - G, please bring dessert for 12; H - M, salad (any variety!) for 12; and N - Z cornbread for 12.

Further details to follow - watch for them on the SPSS web site and via "All Small Point" emails. Don't miss this one!



