

# Squawks

## Se-Kaw-Ke



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## Lodge Officer Articles

### Chief's Report

Fellow Arrowmen

There has been a lot going on in the Amangi Nacha Lodge since I last talked to you. Ordeal season is starting up and we are looking great so far and are looking forward to welcoming our new brothers into our order. We are also looking forward to Fall Fellowship that is coming up on August 26-28 and we look forward to seeing all of you there as well as our new brothers to share in the time of fun and fellowship. Also, for those of you that have not signed up for Conclave yet, you really should get started on that since it will be September 16-18. It is going to be awesome this year and we plan on packing the place, so get signed up and get ready for a great time.

I also want to remind you about working towards Honor Chapter. We had only one chapter last year

attain this recognition. I know that you are all very capable, so be ever mindful of your duty to your chapter and let's work on getting Honor Chapter for every one as well as quality lodge. We did it last year and it is just as easily achieved this year with a little bit of work by you guys. We need to get our attendance up at the lodge COC, as it has been a little low lately. Vice Chiefs, it is essential for you to be at these meetings to offer a better program for your chapters. Everything has been looking great and I urge you all to keep up the good work.

YIB,  
Josh Green  
Lodge Chief

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### Upcoming Events

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# Lodge Leadership Article's

## VC Indian Lore

Hello Fellow Arrowmen

I was very pleased to see members from a few chapters were present at the U.C. Davis pow-wow recently. For those not able to attend, you missed a very enjoyable day. There were some extremely good dancers and very impressive outfits to admire. Hopefully you will be able to attend a pow-wow soon and see for yourself the fun we have.

On another note, I am not pleased that none of the chapter VC's of Indian Lore are showing up for the COC. I can not express how important it is for all Vice Chief's to attend the COC. The information relayed to the chapters in that meeting is paramount to having the members know what is going on in your lodge. I strongly encourage all Vice Chiefs to attend or send a representative. To strengthen the lodge, we need all your help to succeed.

There are lots of activities coming in the near future for our lodge. The Ordeals are now in progress, our Fall Fellowship is coming and then the Conclave. Lots of things to do this year don't miss any of them.

If you have any questions about powwows, please email me at: [theduck\\_78@yahoo.com](mailto:theduck_78@yahoo.com) or Teddy Green at [tbgreen@charter.net](mailto:tbgreen@charter.net)

YIB,  
Donald McCausland  
VC Indian Lore

## VC Camping

Fellow Arrowmen

The Order of the Arrow is a gateway to many opportunities that are not usually open to regular scouts. Imagine being able to go to Philmont at a reduced fee and not have to sign up on a waiting list.

Philmont Trail crew is a program in which arrowmen spend two weeks at Philmont. The first week is spent repairing and building trails for the camp. Arrowmen learn trail building techniques and skills during this first week. The second week is spent on a hiking trek chosen by the crew, arrowmen get the chance the experience the beauty and grace that is Philmont. This program is an opportunity for arrowmen who may have never had the chance to attend Philmont with their troop. There are also other OA opportunities similar to Philmont Trail Crew, at Northern tier and the Florida Sea Base

WWW,  
Chris Haley  
VC Camping



## Lodge Adviser

Fellow Arrowmen,

We have gotten off to a wonderful start with the Lassen Ordeal completed and better yet the new Arrowmen that have joined our brotherhood. Speaking of brotherhood, I would like to personally invite every Ordeal member with ten months in our Lodge to complete the membership challenge and do their Brotherhood, sealing their membership in our organization.

We have an opportunity to again achieve Honor Lodge, but we need all of those that have been Ordeal members for ten months to go through their brotherhood conversion. No matter what else we do, without your going through your Brotherhood conversion we will not be a quality Lodge...so come, enjoy, convert, and strengthen our membership.

We have a great Fall Fellowship later this year and an exciting Conclave in September in Santa Rosa, CA. Lets unite and regain the "Bald Eagle Award" and return it again to our Lodge, showing that we are indeed the number one Lodge in Section W3B.

I would like to close with a great big "Thank You" for all of the Arrowmen who assisted in elections this year through your efforts and the follow-up we need to with our candidates we will have many new Arrowmen this year...again  
THANK YOU!!!!

Gilbert Canady  
Advisor Amangi Nacha Lodge 47  
Golden Empire Council  
Boy Scouts of America

# What is a PowWow?

Just what is a powwow? The word "powwow," which we associate with the powwow celebrations, or with powwow dances, actually began as a name. The term came from the Algonkian-speaking (Algonquin) Narragansett Indians of the Northeastern part of the country we call today the United States. Merriam-Webster defines a powwow as an American Indian medicine man or an American Indian ceremony or social gathering usually including competitive dancing. A Powwow, Wacipi in the Dakota Language, was originally a spring event to celebrate the seasonal renewal of new life. People would congregate to sing, dance, renew old friendships and form new ones. Powwows had religious significance as opportunities to hold a naming, now usually conducted in the privacy of a family gathering, and honoring ceremonies.

Each summer, thousands of Native American peoples across the country celebrate their connections to tradition and spirituality, to the Earth and to one another, in a social, personal and spiritual meeting: the PowWow. For many, these gatherings are an integral component of the Native American existence. More than homage to a great ancestry, the Powwow is an event of contemporary significance for the individuals and communities making up the hundreds of Native American nations.

This is a time to renew friendships and meet new friends. You can join in dancing, singing, visiting, renewing old friendships and create new ones. The circle, an important symbol to Native American people, is in use in powwows. The dancers are in the middle while the drums and audience are

the ones that circle around them. The powwow brings the circle of people closer.



PowWow held at 2002 W3B

The singers around the drum are very important to the powwow. Without them there would be no dancing. There are Southern and Northern singers and most powwows will have a drum from each style. Songs used today are mostly sung using vocables instead of native words. This is so many people can use the song and still hold special meaning to everyone that knows the song. None the less, many songs are still sung using native words.

Dancers are an important part of the powwow as well as life of the American Indian. Most dancers at powwows are social dancers and are there for both competition and dancing with friends. The outfits are constantly changing and are important to the dancers of each dance style.

The powwow begins with a Grand Entry that leads everyone into the circle or dance arena. In olden days this was a parade through town before the powwow began. Everyone should stand as the flags are brought into the arena. The flags carried generally include the US flag, tribal flags, POW flag, and eagle staffs of various tribes present. Next in line are the men

dancers. The men are followed by the women dancers. Once everyone is in the arena, the song ends and a song is sung to honor the flag and the veterans. After a prayer, the dancing resumes, usually with a few Round Dances. After the Round Dances, intertribal dancing songs are sung and everyone dances to the beat of the drum. The powwow usually last at least one day and sometimes two.

If you like this article please let me know and I will continue with various articles in future newsletters about American Indian Activities that concern powwows, dance, etiquette as well as others.

Thanks,  
Teddy Green  
Advisor to the Vice Chief, Indian Lore

## Upcoming PowWow Information

Below is a list of dates and locations for upcoming Powwows. All lodge members are encouraged to attend a Powwow sometime during the year.

- ◆ May 27, Red Road Powwow, Hollister, CA
- ◆ May 27 - 29, Snow Mountain Powwow, Las Vegas, NV
- ◆ Jun18 - 19, Sober Nations Powwow, Chico, CA
- ◆ Jul 1 - 3, Three Rivers Powwow, Manteca, CA
- ◆ Jul 1 - 3, Fairplex Powwow, Pomona, CA
- ◆ Jul 15 - 17, Nevada Indian Days, Fallon, NV
- ◆ Sep 9 - 11, Stillwater Powwow, Redding, CA
- ◆ Sep 17 - 18, Merced Fall Powwow, Merced, CA

# The Chapter Corner

See what your chapter and neighboring chapters have been up to and how you can get involved.



## **Amangi V / Buena Vista**

The Amangi V Chapter of the OA finished its round of seventeen elections for Scout Troops and Varsity Teams during February, March, and April. The Iron Horse District will be sending 32 candidates to the 2005 Ordeals, while the Sierra Gateway District will send another 28, for a total of 60 new candidates from Amangi V. In addition, the Chapter organized its first Brotherhood ceremony team in many years and will conduct ceremonies at the Camp-O-Rees for both Districts. These will be held on the last two weekends of April.

The Chapter will also support the Iron Horse District Camp-O-Ree by helping to set up, tear down, and staff the events. Of course, members will also staff the OA snack bar, which is one of its annual fundraisers.

The Chapter's Arrow of Light team presented ceremonies at three Cub Scout Pack bridge-over programs. It also has plans to support the combined Iron Horse-Sierra Gateway Scout-O-Rama by putting up its tipi and displaying OA native American outfits, drumming, and dance style. While we don't have a full-fledged dance team yet, those interested will have an opportunity to practice while recruiting more youth for Scouting.

Finally, the Chapter Chief, Cameron Pywell has elected to step down from his OA position citing other responsibilities that take precedence. Alex Clark, Chapter Chief for Program, will assume the Chief's duties for the remainder of the 2005 term.

### **Meeting Information**

Date: Fourth Tuesday

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Place: Rocklin Community Center

5484 5th Street, Rocklin  
(Building closest to street)

## **Cha-Pa-Di / El Dorado**

See your troop representatives and chapter officers for exciting up to date information

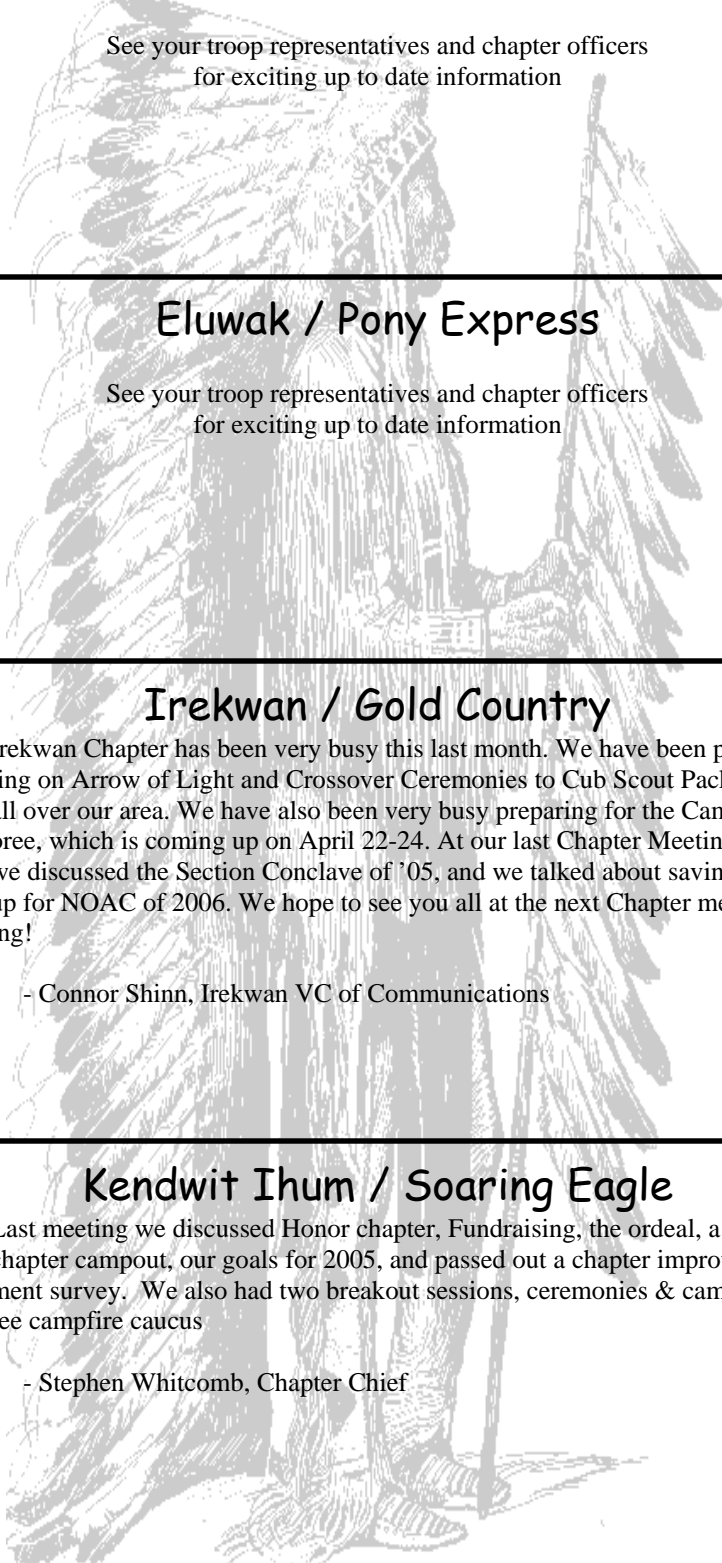
### **Meeting Information**

Date: Second Thursday

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Place: Pacific Bell Office

281 Industrial Dr., Placerville  
(Missouri Flat Rd. Exit off US 50.  
Go South to Industrial Dr.. Across  
from "Stove and Stuff" )

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Curahee / Trailblazer</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">See your troop representatives and chapter officers for exciting up to date information</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Meeting Information</u></b></p> <p>Date: Third Thursday Time: 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. Place: LDS Church 311 Alamo Dr., Vacaville</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Eluwak / Pony Express</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">See your troop representatives and chapter officers for exciting up to date information</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Meeting Information</u></b></p> <p>Date: First Thursday (Except June and July) Time: 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. Place: LDS Center Garfield and Locust</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Irekwan / Gold Country</b></p> <p>Irekwan Chapter has been very busy this last month. We have been putting on Arrow of Light and Crossover Ceremonies to Cub Scout Packs all over our area. We have also been very busy preparing for the Camporee, which is coming up on April 22-24. At our last Chapter Meeting, we discussed the Section Conclave of '05, and we talked about saving up for NOAC of 2006. We hope to see you all at the next Chapter meeting!</p> <p>- Connor Shinn, Irekwan VC of Communications</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Meeting Information</u></b></p> <p>Date: First Thursday Time: 7:00 P.M. Place: LDS Center 1255 Bell Road, Auburn</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kendwit Ihum / Soaring Eagle</b></p> <p>Last meeting we discussed Honor chapter, Fundraising, the ordeal, a chapter campout, our goals for 2005, and passed out a chapter improvement survey. We also had two breakout sessions, ceremonies &amp; camporee campfire caucus</p> <p>- Stephen Whitcomb, Chapter Chief</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Meeting Information</u></b></p> <p>Date: Second Thursday Time: 7:00 P.M. Place: LDS Chapel Corner of Seasons Drive and Laguna Park Drive</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kowaunkamish / Buttes Area</b></p> <p>Elections for 2005 are over. Ten new candidates were elected and seven adults nominated. We look forward to working with them. We will be running the 2005 Buttes Area District Spring Camporee April 15-17 in Wheatland. I'd like thank the Irekwan Chapter for lending their head dress. The Scout-A-Rama is just around the corner on May 7<sup>th</sup>. We will assist the district in serving a breakfast. We're also planning the Chapter BBQ for current members and family and especially for the new candidates and their families.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Garret Tharp, Chapter Chief</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Meeting Information</u></b></p> <p>Date: Second Saturday  Time: 9:00 A.M. to Noon  Place: Live Oak Scout Hall</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maidu / Rancho West</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">See your troop representatives and chapter officers  for exciting up to date information</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Meeting Information</u></b></p> <p>Date: Second Wednesday  Time: 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.  Place: Scout Office  561 East Linda, Chico</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Miwok / Pioneer-Prospector</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">See your troop representatives and chapter officers  for exciting up to date information</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Meeting Information</u></b></p> <p>Date: First Thursday  Time: 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.  Place: Camp Pollock  467 Del Paso Blvd.,  Sacramento</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Patwin / Rio Del Oro</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">See your troop representatives and chapter officers  for exciting up to date information</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Meeting Information</u></b></p> <p>Date: Second Thursday  Time: 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.  Place: LDS Center  2400 Cordova Lane</p>

## Peen Sew / River City

See your troop representatives and chapter officers for exciting up to date information

### Meeting Information

Date: Third Thursday

Time: 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Place: LDS Church

11th Ave & Franklin Blvd.

## Ta Tanka Ska / Amador

See your troop representatives and chapter officers for exciting up to date information

### Meeting Information

Date: First Monday

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

Place: Jackson Scout Hut

Located in the front of the library  
off Hwy. 49

## Tito Wa / Yolo

Our chapter meetings for this year are coming to a close. In light of this occasion our regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June second at Nelsons Grove in Woodland. We will hold a brotherhood ceremony and Chapter elections. For those who qualify for brotherhood membership you must write a letter to the Lodge Vice Chief of Inductions about what the obligation means to you and how you plan to continue your service in the Order of the Arrow. I invite anyone who is interested in a chapter position to run for office.

- Chris Haley, Chapter Chief

### Meeting Information

Date: First Thursday

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Place: Davis Community Church

412 C Street, Davis

## Wintun / Northern Rivers

At Wintun's last chapter meeting we discussed the upcoming month's activities. We formed election teams for two troops. The ceremony teams for Camporee, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and a crossover are practicing. We talked about the COC, Camporee planning, and other important items. We have been doing many elections and gaining new candidates for our ordeal.

- Bryan Randall, Wintun VC of Communications

### Meeting Information

Date: Third Monday  
(Except July and December)

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Anderson Scout Hall at  
Anderson River Park

Dead end of Rupert Rd.





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