



THE TWILIGHT OWL

Annie Memhard Braunstein, Editor

2008 Season: Issue 6

Another summer come and gone. It was Charlie's first whole summer in Twilight, and my first in many years. What bliss! It was wonderful to see the camp up and running again in its smaller format, to see the pools so full of kids, and to share all the impromptu barbecues, dance parties, campouts, and ladies' nights with Twilight friends new and old. On our first night back in New York last Sunday, Charlie remarked, "It's very noisy in N'York City. It's much quieter in Twilight." How right he is.

Well, unless I am dethroned by some upstart young journalist (which might not be such a bad thing), I'll be back in the Editor's chair again next summer. See you then!

Annie Braunstein, Editor

2008 Tarnowski Cup Men's Doubles Tournament Saturday and Sunday, August 30 – 31 Twilight Tennis Courts

Come cheer on our Twilight tennis greats!

Don't miss the awards presentation and BBQ on Sunday after the finals. All are welcome.

Twilight Park & Catskill Mountain Foundation Meeting Saturday, August 30 at 11:30 am Twilight Clubhouse Deck

We have scheduled a brief meeting at 11:30 on August 30th at the Twilight Clubhouse for an update on the status of the Catskill Mountain Foundation, particularly the construction of the Orpheum Theater, now underway, and also to talk about plans for the future.

Skip Pratt is our host and will handle the introduction, but the meeting will be led by Peter Finn. Peter is seeking input and will answer any questions. Background information for this meeting was put in everyone's Twilight mailbox, and is also available on the Web at www.twilightpark.com.

Together we can bring new vibrancy to our Mountaintop community in the years ahead. We hope to see you there.

Memorial Service for Jean Smith Behlke Saturday, September 13 at 11:00 am All Angels Church

The Behlke Family – John, Dara and Brendan – invite you to a service of celebration of the life of Jean Behlke (1915 – 2008), including 58 years as a Twilight resident.

A reception will be held following the service in the Behlke cottage, Far View.

Sports Saturday Special Edition: Results of the 2008 Twelka Cup Finals With John "Gordo" Gordon

This particular August Sunday afternoon started peacefully on the Mountaintop, the bright sun highlighting the rustic footprint of the Twilight Park clubhouse, with languorous cumulus clouds floating toward the historic Kaaterskill Clove to the East as they cast shadows on the adjacent clay tennis courts. Within the hallowed log structure, a dozen volunteer laborers quietly toiled at their curious chosen tasks....setting up two world-class Ping Pong tables, as well as myriad spectator chairs, in preparation for the third annual Ping Pong Tournament in pursuit of the vaunted Twelka Cup!



The idyllic montage was suddenly and rudely interrupted, as a cacophony emanating from the Twilight gate house area pierced the tranquil mountain setting. Twelka Cup participants, early team supporters, and the volunteer laborers poured from the clubhouse to the expansive lawn, frightened but curious to determine what could be generating such an horrific clamor. They were met by a tall woman who I swear was the spitting image of Elka Park's First lady. She was smiling coyly, and broadcasting for all to hear, "They're coming, they're coming! Don't miss this!"

There proceeded over the hill leading from the gate house a humongous armored battle wagon, reminiscent of those Panzer Division transport vehicles employed by the German army during World War II. It was filled with the entire Elka Twelka team in full (continued on page 6)

The Jimmie Divine Quartet in NYC

Friday, September 19 at 8:00 pm

Seaport! Performance Space

210 Front Street, New York City
(SW corner of Beekman & Front)

The Jimmie Divine Quartet (Takeshi Asai, Lou Pappas, Jon Berger & Jim Martocci) will be giving a performance to benefit Montauk Theatre Productions and the South Street Seaport's Shooting Star Theatre.

The program shall include jazz standards (in homage to Nat King Cole, Chet Baker and other jazz greats) as well as JD4's takes on contemporary artists such as Paul Simon and James Taylor.

The performance is free, with donations gratefully welcomed! Wine and hors d'œuvres shall be served.

Montauk Theatre Productions is an award-winning not-for-profit professional theatre company that supports the cultural enhancement of the downtown Manhattan community.

For information & reservations, please call MTP at (646) 825-1864.

Classic VW Bug For Sale

1967 vintage VW Bug in mint condition.

All original, great shape, no rust, runs great.

New brakes and carburetor. \$6,500. A fabulous Twilight summer car!

Call Joan (our friendly framer at The Frameworks) for more information (518) 943-9159.

Hunter Mountain Skyride

Weekends now through the fall foliage season

Kids and adults alike will enjoy a ride on the chair lift at Hunter Mountain. The 5500 foot long Skyride takes you to the summit of the Colonel's Chair, 3200 feet above sea level. From this commanding vista you can see the Green Mountains in Vermont and the beautiful Catskill Mountains as you've never seen them.

Adults \$8, Juniors 7-12 \$6, Kids 6 and under free.

Call (800) HunterMtn for more information.

The Owl is available online, in PDF format, on the Twilight Park Website. See the photos in color, print out extra copies, revisit previous issues, or just catch up on the news while you're away. Go to www.twilightpark.com.

At the Mountain Cinema in Hunter

For more information call 263-2002

Tropic Thunder

Wednesday, August 27 – Friday, August 29 | 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Saturday, August 30 – Sunday, August 31 | 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Monday, September 1 | 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Starring: Ben Stiller, Robert Downey Jr., Jack Black

Directed By: Ben Stiller **Rated:** R

Running Time: 107 min.

Through a series of freak occurrences, a group of actors shooting a big-budget war movie are forced to become the soldiers they are portraying. Winner of the 2008 Golden Trailer Award for Best Comedy.

Mountain Top Historical Society Hikes

Saturday, September 13 – Giant Ledge

Depart 9:00 am, return 2:00 pm

- Meeting place: Big Indian (Intersection of State Route 28 and Ulster County Route 47)
- Vertical Rise: 1000 ft. Distance: 3 miles
- Difficulty: Moderate
- Panoramic views of the Devil's Path to the North and the Hudson Valley in the Distance.
- Depending on the day, and the interest of the hikers, we may continue on to Panther Mountain. Those who choose to continue will cover a total of 7 miles with a climb of 1600 ft and return around 5:00 for a more difficult hike.

The Mountain Top Historical Society does not require membership for hike participation. We do, however, request that you register for each hike. For more information and to register, call Bob Gildersleeve at (518) 734-9701 or Larry Tompkins at (518) 734-4264.

An up-to-date list of hikes and other programs can be found at: <http://www.mths.org>



John Decker's Wedding to Kari Dohn

Saturday, July 19th, 2008
Sea Ranch, California

Ann Collins and I had a wonderful adventure as guests at John and Kari's wedding. After weeks of happy anticipation, we met at the AirTran gate heading for San Francisco. Our car sojourn of 4½ hours from San Fran over the Golden Gate Bridge included picturesque winding mountainous roads to the Sonoma Valley, and led us to the most breathtaking coastline, the road being close to the cliffs with the magnificent ocean below. Fortunately Ann and I had been well trained by our ride up the mountain on 23A, but think of 30 miles of it, with free-range cattle wandering about – if you hit one, you bought it!!!

I stayed at Sea Ranch Lodge right on the coast. Ann joined the Decker clan in cottages, villa style, a few minutes down the road. Friday night **Ron and Vivienne Decker** hosted a catered BBQ picnic in a redwood forest clearing. Guests gathered from near and far, all so happy for the bride and groom.

Saturday morning Kari led a 4-mile hike on the edge of high cliffs, overlooking ocean waves crashing below. Kari was totally relaxed and unhurried leaving at noontime for her next event, the 5:00 wedding, where we were greeting with a string trio in white fedoras playing classical music. Kari was a beautiful bride in a white, V-neck, sleeveless, satin, slim but flowing gown. John and the wedding party (all family) awaited at a flower-covered arch with rows of grapes right behind as she came down the aisle. **Fred Burnham** performed the ceremony with warmth and perfectly chosen words, as is his special gift.

There was an incredible offering of wine, exotic food and native flower arrangements, and the personable band was surefire fun! Fun was had by all. We gathered for a final brunch Sunday, realizing how many new friends we had made. A most memorable time.

Joanne Hersey

All Angels Altar Flowers for 2009

June	28	Hulse
July	5	Dayton
July	12	Gooder
July	19	A. smith
July	26	Swanson
August	2	Hersey
August	9	Cummings
August	16	A. Collins/ J. Hersey
August	23	MacGahan/ Spitko
August	30	Christen
September	6	Ainsworth

Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dunn



Here's a picture of **Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dunn** as of August 16, 2008.

The picture was taken by **Penny Tadler** during the wedding in Livermore, CA at the Wente Vineyard. Also in attendance were **Diana Tadler, Fred and Regan Burnham, and all the Duns.**

Other big news will be the wedding of **Sarah Rossiter** and **Dorsey E. Dunn** in October. Hope all is well in TP - all these weddings plus playing Nanny for two weeks with granddaughter Aubrey in Chicago are making it difficult to get up there.

Best, Dorsey

The 2008 Silver Trowel Award

The 2008 Silver Trowel party was held on Saturday, August 16 at the Tressler cottage.

Terry Emmerich and Jim Young won this year's Silver Trowel Award for their cliffside garden on Ledge End Road. If you would like to visit this attractive garden, you should ask for guidance from Jim or Terry, since it has steep stairs.

A flower photograph by Susan Ferris was raffled off and won by Bill Clare and Joan McLauchlin. The winning raffle number was announced by seven-year-old A.J. Marcus. Susan's work resembles a painting but is actually a photograph enhanced in Photoshop.

Young gardeners recognized at the event were **Lucas Fagan** – 11 (Michele Lowrie's son), **Josephine Lemann** - 4, and **Caroline and Katey Sadé** -12 and 10.

Bonnie MacKenzie described the woodland footpath restoration efforts of volunteers during August. **Bob Sheridan** received applause for initiating the work, and **Nathan's crew** was recognized for their initial contribution -- reconstruction of the stairs leading to the Wingate path.

Bonnie MacKenzie

Scott Parker Prints Available to Purchase Twilight Pool and All Angels Church

At this year's Art Show, noted printmaker Scott W. Parker from New York City, "Award of Excellence" winner in the 2007 Twilight Park Art Show for his print *North Woods* (right), gave a demonstration of his printmaking techniques.



While in Twilight, Scott did a series of 20 prints of the Twilight pool and 20 of All Angel's Church. These are black and white linoleum block prints, all signed and numbered, and several are still available for purchase. Pool prints are \$150, Church prints are \$130, all unframed.

Parker has consistently mounted solo exhibits in Seattle, Chicago, Denver and New Jersey and has participated in group exhibits in Chicago, Denver, Bozeman, MT and Marblehead, MA. His work can be found in collections ranging from the Anschutz Collection in Denver, Booz, Allen and Hamilton in Chicago, the Hofstra University Museum and the Forbes Collection in New York. The judges for last year's "Award of Excellence Prize" for Parker's lino print noted "excellent use of positive and negative space, successful use of black and white, marking, and masterful use of the medium."

If you would like to purchase any of these lovely prints, contact Sandy Gooder at 589-5869.

Cane Seats – The Epilogue

Thanks to the generous Twilighters who shared their favorite resources for chair caning last summer, we found someone who "saved our saggy seats."

Walt of Walt's Shoe Repair & Chair Caning in Oak Hill did a wonderful job. We would recommend him to anyone in the Park looking for someone to recane chairs or replace rattan and rush weaving. He occasionally tackles wicker. The price was reasonable, the job superb (you see for yourself by visiting our porch - he also has a portfolio), and Walt himself is a really terrific gentleman and a pleasure to work with. His contact information is:

Walt's Shoe Repair & Chair Caning
Saybrook Hill Road, Box 104
Oak Hill, NY 12460
Tel. (518) 239-6569.

No website, no internet. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Dianne Butt

End-of-the-Season Pool Update

Another successful season is coming to a close. Just a few reminders:

- Nathan has brought it to our attention that the small rocks around the pool are harmful to the filter. So please no rocks for counting your laps or for children's games.
- Please don't park in the parking area behind the pool house. This area is reserved for the handicapped, lifeguards and pool officials.
- If there is no lifeguard at the pool, there is absolutely NO swimming. If there is no lifeguard during regularly scheduled hours, please contact Sandy Truesdell, Dawn McCarrick or Kathy Hersey.
- Snacks are provided for sale. Please keep a few things in mind:
 - Payment is expected promptly. Please do not leave the Park without paying your tab.
 - Clean-up is not the lifeguard's responsibility. Parents must make sure that all garbage is disposed of properly.
 - Eating is not allowed by the pools or in the game room. Designated areas are the patio and picnic table.
- In order to keep the game room clean and functioning, children must be supervised by parents.

Have a great winter!

Kathy, Dawn and Sandy

Andrew Swanson's Play

Andrew's play is one of two new and recommended plays on the *Chicago Reader's* list of current productions.

"THE LAST EXODUS OF AMERICAN MEN: Like most efforts from young companies, Jackalope Theater's ambitious debut has its share of hesitant performances, bargain-basement set pieces, and clumsy scene changes. But it also includes four nuanced, engrossing lead performances that make those problems seem trivial. This quasi-fantastical piece by first-time playwright Andrew Burden Swanson focuses on four troubled teens on the lam from juvenile detention just as the United States faces nuclear annihilation. Swanson may be only 20, but he turns such potentially melodramatic material into a morally and theatrically complex journey into the darker recesses of the American psyche. Directors Kaiser Zaki Ahmed and Gus Menary ground the intermittently hallucinogenic action in real emotion. Jackalope is a company to watch. --Justin Hayford"

Catskill Cottage Life (part 3 of 3)

The Ideal Way in Which to Spend a Summer's Outing.

The New York Times, June 4, 1893

(when last we left our friends in Onteora...)

Mr. Thurber, the President of the association, is building a very handsome cottage, which is to be occupied this Summer by Mr. Kilpatrick of St. Louis. Among the early visitors at the park this year besides Mr. Thurber, who has been there superintending things in general, are Mrs. John Prentiss and Mr. and Mrs. John Borne of Brooklyn, and Mrs. Sarah Newbold of New-York. John Noland of Philadelphia, who is Superintendent of the park, is now busily engaged in getting everything ready for "his colony," as he calls it. The stables at the park are very large, and at the height of the season there are often fifty horses there. Money has been raised for a chapel to be built in the park, and the foundation is already laid. It is expected that services will be held in it before the close of Summer. The cottages, with their names, which will be occupied this Summer by people mostly from New-York, Brooklyn, and Philadelphia, are as follows:

Anoatak – Dr. Henry P. Loomis.
 Balsam – William H. Force.
 Caraway – Mrs. Early Dodge.
 Chipmunk – L. O. Howard.
 Clematis – W. K. Otis.
 Clovercroft – D. D. Williamson.
 Clover Hill – Frank R. Lawrence.
 Columbine – Miss Catharine Turnbull.
 Crowfoot – Mrs. George Griswold.
 Fernseed – Frank S. Benson.
 Golden Rod – Gen. J. W. Plume.
 Harebell – Horace Maxwell.
 Kinderhook – Dr. Nathaniel Matson.
 Larkspur – Mr. Dwight S. Richardson.
 Lotus Land – F. B. Thurber.
 Mayflower – Walter R. Benjamin.
 Outlook – Charles H. Russell.
 Pennyroyal – Mrs. Candace Wheeler.
 Pigeon Hole – Mrs. J. N. A. Griswold.
 Pine Knot – T. G. Bergen.
 Quaker Lady – William G. Smythe.
 Sky Hight – George H. Bend.
 Star Rock – Washington E. Connor.
 Stone Crop – R. F. Wilkinson.
 Sugar Camp – Dr. William B. Wood.
 Sumac – Mrs. L. G. Runkle.
 Swallow's Nest – Claude Kilpatrick.
 Tamarack – Arthur M. Cox.
 Tamarack Branch – Mrs. Richard Van Wyck.
 The Cabin – Miss. M. K. Smith.
 The Ledge – J. Carroll Beckwith.
 Underbrush – Joseph Haslehurst.
 Upenuf – John B. Leavitt.
 Wakerobin – William P. Hardenburgh.
 Wing and Wing – Stewart L. Woodford.
 Witchwood – Charles Wood, Jr.
 Wood Duck – Oliver Sumner Teall.
 Yarrow – Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge.

Several cottages have not yet been rented.

Decoration Day was a happy time at the clubhouse in Elka Park, which is directly across the Schoharie Valley from Onteora Park. On that day the clubhouse was formally opened for the season and a number of New-York people dined there.

These were Paul Goepel, President of the association, and Mrs. Goepel, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rolffes and daughters, F. W. Fink and his daughter, Miss Carrie Fink, Hugo Kafka, Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Steinecke and daughter, Miss Pauline Steinecke, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ehrmann, Mr. and Mrs. Otto A. Lehman and daughter, and Adolphe Hinze.

Elka Park was started four years ago by Paul Goepel, Francis Ehrmann, R. Steinecke, and Augustus Hinze, who are influential members of the Liederkrantz Society in New-York. A better situation for such a resort could not be found in the Catskills, and it is doubtful if the eye ever looked over a more romantic and delightful stretch of country than is seen from the wide veranda of the Elka Park clubhouse. The broad, fertile valley of the Schoharie River, hemmed in at the east by Round Top and High Peak, the Black Hill and Mount Rage at the north, and on all other sides majestic peaks, forms a panorama, the beauties of which the pen can never do justice to. Foreigners who visit Elka Park, and scores of them are entertained there each year, say they have never seen anything to equal the view.

The name of the park, Elka, was given it as the word spells the two letters L K, which is the abbreviation for Liederkrantz.

Besides the clubhouse and a new syndicate cottage, which has been built this Spring near the clubhouse, there are ten cottages in the park. The owners of these are Paul Goepel, Frederick W. Fink, Francis Ehrmann, R. Steinecke, J. F. Rolffes, William Keuffel, John Poggenburg, Edward Tamsen, and Augustus Hinze. Other members of the association are Joseph Keppler, Hugo Kafka, B. E.



Elka Park Clubhouse

Drakenfeld, Mr. Hasslacher, John Gerber, Mr. Hyde, Albert Santer, Augustus Knoth, Otto Lehman, Herman Esser, Otto H. Krause, and Adolph Pester.

There are many cheerful rooms in the large clubhouse, which is very comfortably furnished. In front is an esplanade surrounded with a low rustic fence, where, during the long Summer twilight, the Germans sit and enjoy the cool mountain breezes. In the distance Onteora Park, which is six miles away, can be seen nestling between the hills across the valley. Some of the cottages are new this year and a number are being planned. The Elka Park Clubhouse is managed by Albert Muller. As in the other parks, there are many beautiful walks in Elka Park, one of the favorites being to the Elka Park Falls.

In another month all these parks about Tannersville will be populated by hundreds of people who are now in town longing for the time to come when they will pack their belongings and shake the dust of the city streets from their feet.



Twelka Cup *(continued from front page)*

battle regalia, as well as a number of hangers-on and PR types. A haunting, militaristic Wagnerian aria blared at 130 decibels from the vehicle's loudspeaker system, drowning out, for the most part, the deprecations and raspberries of the raucous crowd. Elka flags and banners were waved from within the vehicle, and trash talking (some of it expletive-deleted) emanated from the battle wagon and from Twilight denizens on the clubhouse lawn. Elka's Twelka Captain, Rob Constable, at the wheel of the offending Lastkraftwagen, audaciously decided to further foment the deteriorating situation by driving the vehicle for a lap around the Twilight Park roads. Word has it that he got as far as the swimming pool, where he was greeted, deep in enemy territory, by a jeering mob of Twilights in bathing suits and flippers who were incensed by this intrusion into their laps regimen. The frightened Elkan contingent hightailed it back to the clubhouse, quickly exited their offending vehicle, and cautiously entered the Ping Pong venue en masse, to a mixture of cheers and boos.

In the meantime, the somewhat shaken Twilight competitors and their entourage gathered in the clubhouse Board Room for their grand entrance which, compared to Elka's dramatic arrival, now might not be so "grand." The team had been asked to wear a similar "uniform," consisting of a striped shirt, khaki pants and sneakers, but that instruction was apparently lost on some of the Twilight contestants. The traditional burnt cork was applied under the eyes of the team as an intimidation factor, but there was little reaction from the group, whose mood seemed somber, even pensive. Co-Captain Gordon appeared especially upset, as he had for the last week forced himself to consume an inordinate amount of wine to provide the numerous corks required for the eye shading, and felt unappreciated for his sacrifice. The grand procession started as "We Are the Champions" blasted from the boom box on the clubhouse stage. Alex Sadé (who remains secretly married to Twilight Co-Captain Ellen Lasch) was the source of this appropriate theme song, stored on his iPod just for this occasion. While the song was justified due to Twilight's towering Twelka triumph in 2007, there remained the question of the moment... "what about 2008?" That question would soon be answered. The procession was led by Twilight flag bearers Katie and Caroline Sadé, followed by the nine Twilight contestants, who snaked their way through a mostly supportive crowd of well wishers until the music faded. The heralded Twelka Cup in all its shining glory graced the clubhouse stage in the background, tenderly wrapped in a silken blanket on a four foot high pedestal. Two brand new, world class Ping Pong tables were strategically placed back-to-back so that the spectator viewing was maximized, and the sun glare minimized. The glare from the gleaming Twelka Cup, however, could not be avoided, but no one seemed to mind.



Twilight Co-Captains Ellen Lasch and yours truly, John Gordon, along with Elka Captain Rob Constable, each made some opening remarks, which were for the most part friendly, in the traditional Twelka spirit of camaraderie. The rules were reviewed, and a newly introduced gong was rung to signal the start; it would be rung throughout the day by percussionist Caroline Sadé after each match was decided, and rung once during the midpoint of two matches, to make sure participants were paying attention. Some were, some weren't.

Note from the lineup that genetics appear to be a dominant force among the 2008 contestants; no fewer than four families have two representatives in this year's finals: Bennett, Clare, Gibbons and Tangney!

The Twelka Cup Finals started with two exciting Kids' matches: First-time Twilight competitor **Will Bennett** versus seasoned Elkan veteran **Blaise Tangney** in the 16-12 age bracket, and young Twilight dynamo **Ryan Clare** versus his worthy Elkan opponent, **Aiden Gibbons**. Both matches were extremely well played, with Blaise and Ryan eventually prevailing.

TWILIGHT 1 ELKA 1

Next up were the Women's third seeds, and the Men's fourth seeds. Twilight first-timer **Robin Mechlowitz Kaukonen** met Elkan newcomer **Peggy Burke** (sister of Catherine Tangney), and Twilight's secret weapon from 2007, **Tom Braunstein**, met Elka's grizzled veteran, **Pat Gibbons**, a three-time Twelka Cupper. The "P's" prevailed, as Peggy and Pat bested their worthy opponents.

TWILIGHT 1 ELKA 3

2008 TWELKA CUP LINEUP

CATEGORY	SEED	TWILIGHT	ELKA
KIDS (12-16)	1	WILL BENNETT	BLAISE TANGNEY
KIDS (≤11)	1	RYAN CLARE	AIDEN GIBBONS
WOMEN	1	LAURA CLARE	CATHERINE TANGNEY
WOMEN	2	ELLEN LASCH	ANNE SANSEVERO
WOMEN	3	ROBIN M. KAUKONEN	PEGGY BURKE
MEN	1	PETER BENNETT	BRIAN FLYNN
MEN	2	JOHN GORDON	ROB CONSTABLE
MEN	3	JOHN GALATTI	WIG GARCIA
MEN	4	TOM BRAUNSTEIN	PAT GIBBONS

During a lull in the action, a mysterious woman quietly entered the clubhouse through one of the side entrances. She was adorned with a rack of faux deer antlers, an apparently revered Elka Park symbol equivalent to the beloved Twilight owl. She clasped tightly a half dozen additional deer antler racks in her hand, which she proceeded to hawk unashamedly to the surprised crowd. Since she looked exactly like a popular local actress, since she claimed she was married to Elka's #4 Men's seed, and since her initials ostensibly were "JG", the Twilight Promoters overlooked her clear violation of local ordinance # 73-008, "selling antlers without a license." As it turned out, owls would have been a quicker sale, and she was stuck with a few racks, which were later found appropriately stuffed in a trash barrel.

Around this time your scribe completed an unofficial count of those present, and came up with 62! It appears that the Twelka Cup Finals have become a "must-see" event on the busy Twilight and Elka calendars. The Promoters have once again downplayed the notion posed by certain doubters that the free beer, wine, soda and munchies had anything at all to do with swelling the crowd. Nonetheless, it must be reported that everything (except a private stash reserved for the Promoters) was consumed before the games had ended. It should also be noted that the Promoters offered not a drop of the obscure German swill the Elkans seem to prefer, sticking with classic Heineken, Coors Light and Budweiser.

Back to the action! The next matches featured Women's #2 seeds **Ellen Lasch**, from Twilight, versus **Anne Sansevero**, from Elka, and Men's #3 seeds **John Galatti**, from Twilight, versus **Wig Garcia**, from Elka. Each Park won one match, as Ellen became a three-time Twelka winner, and John succumbed to Wig in a close match.

TWILIGHT 2 ELKA 4

With three matches to go, Elka Park held a commanding two match lead at this point. As was only fitting, the top Women's seeds and the two top Men's seeds would determine who would be the 2008 Twelka Cup victors! First up were top Twilight Women's seed **Laura Clare**, opposed by top Elka Women's seed **Catherine Tangney**, and Twilight's scrappy but aging Co-Captain, **John Gordon**, versus Elka's much younger Co-Captain, **Rob Constable**. *(continued on page 7)*

Twelka Cup *(continued from page 6)*

This was the third time that these competitors had met in the Twelka Cup, and Gordon, having lost the first two matches, was starting to suspect a "mole" in his ranks. The ladies played a wonderful match, I am told, with Laura prevailing. In the men's match Rob was "yin" to Gordo's "yang," with Rob's repeated sweeping forehand slams being defensively returned with backspin-laced forehands and backhands. But Rob was clearly more consistent, and became Twelka's second three-time winner.

TWILIGHT 3 ELKA 5

Since Elka Park had already won the five matches required for victory, the last match was played as an "exhibition" match, featuring the top Men's competitors, **Peter Bennett** from Twilight, and **Brian Flynn** from Elka. With both players demonstrating the most skilled Ping Pong of the day, Brian bested Peter in two close games.

TWILIGHT 3 ELKA 6

In the third annual Ping Pong Finals in pursuit of the vaunted Twelka Cup, Elka Park had won the 2008 event, 6 matches to 3, thereby reserving the right to hold and display the TWELKA CUP in their home Park for the next year. This was a decisive victory, and all Elkans are to be congratulated on their play! And their sportsmanship!

Next year, Elka Park will host the fourth annual Twelka Cup Finals in their clubhouse. The Promoters thank all of the players for their participation, and all of the fans who witnessed history in the making again. Twilight may be licking its wounds right now, but next year, I can assure you, a reinvigorated and rededicated team will take the stage... maybe with some new faces.

Waiting for Hauptmann

Recently I had a visit from two people who came to Twilight as children from approximately 1942 to 1952. We spent a lot of time trying to figure out which house was inhabited by their mother's friend, a Miss Hauptmann. Does this name ring a bell with anyone? If so, please call or e-mail me at jjckieffer@earthlink.net.

*Many thanks,
Joe Kieffer*

I Wanna Be a Lifeguard

Just think of the cool sweatshirt, the lifesaving techniques, the Hasselhoff factor... and being able to fill in at the pool in a pinch to help out your fellow Twilight swimmers. Consider getting your Red Cross Lifeguard/ First Aid Certification this winter!

For more information, visit the American Red Cross Website at <http://www.redcross.org/services/hss/aquatics/lifegard.html>

To find a course in New York State:
<http://www.nyredcross.org/viewclass.php/prmCID/50/language/34>

Happy swimming!

Summer On the Catskills

by Regalia Reyna

I.

O thou Mount Katskill ! whom I now survey
In roseate brightness of the new-born day,
To thee my thankfulness I would convey,
For self and crowd;
Who from the glare and hum of hot
Financial lives,
Have sought repose upon thy wondrous crest, and
Brought our wives—
I gaze upon thy placid brow, where storms do
Reckless rage,
Forgetful of the storms of life, and Mister
BEACH'S stage.

II.

I gaze upon thy beauteous vistas
Far and wide;
I see the day-break beautifully paint thy
Rugged side:
I see AURORA show the panorama
Night did hide:
I see the lazy Hudson grad-u-
Ally glide,
Reluctant to abandon thee, and seek
The salt sea tide.
I think almost excusingly of that tough
Two dollar ride;
And only for my wallet's sake, I longer
Would abide.

III.

Nature has kindly gifted thee with meadow,
Lake and dell,
And for the Falls of Kauterskill I know no
Parallel:
Humanity has crowned thee with this festive
Gay Hotel,
Where Fame and Fashion eager wait to hear
Thy dinner bell:
O Mount ! O view ! thy beauties now I can no
Longer tell,
For, after breakfast, I must say O---Katskill !
Fare thee well !
And leave thee---in one of those abominable stages,
"which I wish it"
Was in H-----eaven !

Punchinello, August 27, 1870

