

## **Grant's Rock**

When you finally reach the top of the hill, up from the Axe Handles you've arrived at Grant's Rock. We used to call it just "The Rock" but in the 19 years he hunted with us, Grant shot his only deer there.

Grant Hewitt was a friend and colleague of Mike's and he first came to the camp in the fall of '76. With his quick wit, humour, and engaging personality he was readily accepted by the gang. In those days, both he and Mike were working in senior management for IBM and they put their management and people skills to good use to making valuable contributions to life at the camp. Their style of servant leadership demonstrated a commitment to 'rolling up their sleeves' and doing whatever was needed to improve the camp life. In addition, they often brought a sense of light-heartedness by acting out their absurd, self-deprecating skits bringing howls of laughter from all gathered in the camp.

There are many memorable, fond stories about Grant. From day one he claimed to have a crack shot but took a lot of teasing over the years because of the number of deer he missed. Hunters loved to remind him of the target-shooting incident in his first year at the camp. In those days there was a target-shooting contest in front of what used to be the old blacksmith shop right in front of the camp. Everyone took a turn and the best shot eventually won a bottle. The gang drew lots to determine the order of shooting. Grant drew number four and the three guys before him nailed the bull's eye. Grant was taking extra careful aim and Gerald asked him, "Are you waving at the target or are you going to shoot?" He fired and missed the whole thing; just hit the backboard. He later told us it made him nervous when everyone was hitting the bull's eye. He said, "I knew then you guys could shoot the n&%s off a sand fly at a hundred yards and I didn't have a chance."

A couple of years later he came to the hunt with a new rifle. He told Jerome, "Oh the deer won't have a chance this year. Plicko! Down she goes!" Jerome said, "Yah, down over the bank!"

Sadly, Grant was diagnosed with cancer in 1994 and died on November 30, 1997. The following November the guys dedicated the runway as a memento to him calling it "Grant's Rock".