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### THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I hope everyone is having a great summer with Family and Friends. So far the weather has been somewhat typical for our region of the country – Hazy, Hot & Humid with what seems to be daily scattered thunder storms. With those storms the lake level has remained at, or above, our normal pool elevation. Thank you Mother Nature!

In 2014 our fine community will celebrate our 50th year as a planned community. In 1964 the vision of developing the finest recreational community in the Poconos was spawned (pun intended). We hope to give our entire membership some surprises throughout the year to commemorate this milestone. Stay tuned to the spring edition of “Echoes’ around the Lake” to see what we have in store for you! If you have any thoughts or ideas that you feel might be a good way to celebrate this occasion, please let one of your Board of Directors (or office staff) know. We welcome your ideas!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a special group of volunteers – believe me when I tell you that there are many that help throughout the year with all of our community functions - but this group I feel needs my personal thanks. Our community Crime Watch which spends countless hours using their own resources (personal vehicles and gas) to help protect our community, they do it out of sheer devotion and never waivers on taking on assignments. I don’t need to mention who they are – they know who they are....THANK YOU all, as a member and as President of the finest community in the Poconos!

Have a great and enjoyable summer everyone.

Jack McGeehan

### TREASURER’S REPORT

We are half way through the Summer, if that’s what you want to call it!

We have been working on many different projects along with keeping the pool working. The lightning damage at the pool complex is finally completed and the storage room for the candy vendors is finished.

The pool and heater repairs are completed.

The road paving was sent out for bid and the paving should be completed by the end of July.

We’re monitoring the work at The Penn Forest Township Park Complex.

The lake dam gate valve work is still in progress, hopefully to be completed this fall.

The security contract is out for bid and should be finalized soon.

The Finance Committee will be finalizing next year’s budget; will keep you posted on that.

Check your calendars for the upcoming summer events and enjoy the rest of the SUMMER!!!!

John M Klaiber

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## SATURDAY, AUG. 31st, 10 A.M.

FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
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Elect 5 Board Members  
Approve 2013-2014 Budget

## THANK YOU!!!

To the good Samaritan who found our belongings strewn along Behrens Road (from what I understand), carefully packed them up and made the effort to locate the owner—me! The items were delivered neatly to the front porch of our home at 10 Honeysuckle Drive—totally anonymously! I am betting it was a BCL neighbor who did this, because that's the way folks are around here. Apparently, the tailgate of my truck disengaged as we were leaving for a short vacation in Chincoteague, VA. Worse yet, my wife and I were not aware we had dumped this valuable load of belongings (about \$1,500 worth by my calculations, including electronics) until we were more than 150 miles from home. Anyway, we would sure like to meet the good soul who returned it all to us without even a thought about a reward. Whoever you are, you're the best!!!

Many, many thanks...

Most Sincerely,

Chris & Fred Baker

## BEAR CREEK LAKES BOOK CLUB

Local Author Visits at September Meeting

Leta Thompson

Do you know that Bear Creek Lakes has its own Book Club? We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in Stewart Hall from September through June. We read a variety of books that we select by group consensus. Our list for the coming year is posted on the BCL website, so check it out. We volunteer to facilitate the book discussions and to bring light refreshments. Our meetings are lively, and we learn from hearing and discussing various points of view on the selections we read.

We will have a special treat for our first meeting on Tuesday, September 17th. We will host local author William Roth and will be discussing his latest book "I Can't Believe We're Still Alive" or Gerrit and Bill Hitchhike Around the World, which he co-authored with his close friend, Gerrit Argento. Bill is an accomplished, nationally recognized author and is a professor at Kutztown University. We look forward to learning more about his adventures at our meeting. Two copies of his book are ready for check out at the Dimmick Library. You can also purchase your own copy for \$10 from Leta Thompson or online at Amazon.com. If you have any questions or wish to purchase the book, please call Leta at (570) 325-2121.

Looking forward to seeing you in September!



## 50th Anniversary Commemorative Cookbook

Deb Beerman

Okay, fellow BCL residents and friends - it is crunch time now. The last day to submit a recipe or memory for the cookbook will be Friday, September 13, 2013.

The book will be on sale at our May 2014 meeting, and we are hoping to have a least one submission from every resident! How to give us your information? It is so simple!

Please write down your recipe and/or a favorite Bear Creek Lakes memory (be sure to include your contact information, in case we have a question) and put your information in an envelope marked BCL cookbook and just drop it at the office in Stewart Hall. Please note, we will have a table set-up at the September General Meeting, and you can certainly hand us your recipe at that time.

If you have any questions, you may call Deb at 570-732-4017 or e-mail to BCLcookbook@hotmail.com. Thank you for your help!



## MOVING AWAY

Edie Boyer

It is always sad for us when anyone leaves Bear Creek Lakes for whatever reason. We are sorry to see Kathy & Harry Lunemann move away. They did so much for our community. Harry organized the men's golf each Monday & Friday (no easy task) and Kathy was involved with aquarobics, book club, selling candy, T.G.I.F., and anything that needed another hand. We wish them well and hope they return to visit often.

## LAKE/DAM COMMITTEE

Marc Beerman

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer and the lake as much as I did. Based on the number of fisherman, sailboats, kayaks, recreation craft, and new toys for both the adults and children - the lake seemed to be busier than ever! A very good thing. With more traffic and swimmers in the lake, please remember the proper rules for safe boating navigation. Refresher information is available online at Pennsylvania Boat and Fishing Commission ([http://fishandboat.com/regs\\_boat.htm](http://fishandboat.com/regs_boat.htm)).

The lake is still rated by the PA DEP as "Exceptional Value" water quality. Something of which we should be very proud. Remember - no matter where you live in Bear Creek Lakes - whatever chemicals you use outside for your plants, lawns, cleaning decks, etc. will ultimately end up in your well and the lake. Try to use natural products whenever possible.

The repairs to the front gate valve are currently in progress and should be completed by the end of August/ beginning of September.

The Boat Rack Lottery form for the Summer of 2014 has been included in the newsletter, for those that don't have access to the on-line version. Please do not return it to the office until January of 2014.

Please call me if you have any thoughts or suggestions at 570-732-4017.

## THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH

We wanted to say a very sincere THANK YOU to all of our Bear Creek Lake friends. Your send off to us was lovely and so very heart warming. The gift of the beautiful canvas picture of our Bear Creek Lake home will remain a family treasure. We miss all of you and will visit the Lake whenever possible. God Bless you all because you are a wonderful and unique group of friends and neighbors. Fondly, Kathy and Harry Lunemann

## PASTA DINNER

Sue Whiteley

This year's pasta dinner will be Friday, October 11, at 6:00 pm. The committee thought it was time for a change....so.... we're calling this year's dinner – PASTA WITH A TWIST!!!! Join us for something a little different but delicious as always. Bring a dessert to share. Tickets will be \$8.00 and available at the General Meeting. Seating is limited to 50 guests. Call Sue Whiteley at 325-2549 for info.

## VALENTINE TEA PARTY

Pat Stasyk

The Valentine tea was a huge success and everyone looked beautiful in their red and white outfits. The decorations in the hall made you feel like it was February 14. We had 40 women who chatted and lunched with each other. It truly was wonderful. A big thanks to all who helped in any way.

## SECURITY COMMITTEE

Bill Malone

It is mid-July and all is quiet. So far this summer we have had no reports of any major incidents. Vehicle citations are up; please place your BCLCA stickers so they are clearly visible from the rear. Also, please place any visitor passes on the front dashboard. Please remember to SLOW DOWN the speed limit is 15 mph. STOP completely at all stop signs. We have more activity on the roads this time of year. Families are out walking, jogging, riding bikes etc. Please be careful.

If you have any questions please refer to your BCLCA rule book.

We have Badge Monitors at the pool and beaches to protect your investment. When there, please wear your badge. If asked and you do not have them, please return home to get them.

If you are not aware of it we have a Crime Watch in BCLCA. We are always looking for volunteers. We meet the third (3rd) Saturday of every month at 12:00 noon in Stewart hall. It is a great way to get to know your neighbors and make new friends. Please come out and join us. Thank you.

## 3rd ANNUAL BCL 5K RUN/3K FUN WALK

Marty Palmer

Please come out to the annual BCL 5K Run/walk on Sunday, August 25th. The race starts at 9 am with registration starting at 8:30 am. All money raised for this year's race will go directly to the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

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## 5K WALK/RUN OR 3K WALK

Brooke Dobbs and Tiffany Chen

This year the 5K Walk/Run or 3K Walk scheduled for Sunday, August 25 will benefit the Prostate Cancer Foundation. Hi, my name is Brooke Dobbs and for my senior project, my friend Tiffany Chen and I will be organizing the Walk/Run to benefit the PCF in memory of my grandfather, Bob Dantonio. He was a member of the BCL community for over 30 years and a proud member of the board until he passed away in 2010. My grandfather really enjoyed living here and that is why we want to organize this fundraiser for our graduation project to honor him. Our goal is to raise as much money as possible for cancer research. All money raised will go directly to the Prostate Cancer Foundation. More details concerning starting time and registration will follow at a later date. Thank you!

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Pat Stasyk & Marty Palmer

As I write this article, it is very hot and humid and several of our events have already occurred.

Memorial Day was cold and we were handing people hot dogs while they were wearing gloves and scarves. July 4th was very hot and beautiful. We cooked about 550 hot dogs both days. Shows that people will eat hot dogs whatever the weather. Thanks to all who helped cook and serve the dogs.

## FACILITIES

Jack Knorr

Rentals of Stewart Hall have been good as ever. Please read newsletter and look at bulletin boards for upcoming events. If anyone has any interest or ideas for new events, please pursue them and notify BCL office.

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## BCL QUILTERS

Irene Pyne

This was a very busy year for the BCL Quilters. The winter went fast and the summer seems to be going faster.

Thirteen years ago, six ladies who loved to quilt, met at a BCL Fashion Show and decided to get together and enjoy their craft. Our annual quilt raffle started quite innocently with a small "Teddy Bear" quilt, which we made together. As the years progressed, our talented ladies have also progressed and each year brings a new and more challenging project to the group. Proceeds from the raffle go to local and national charities, and also to BCLCA as a thank you for the use of Stewart Hall and for all the help received from the wonderful BCL staff. The only money used by the group is to purchase material for the next year's quilt.

This year was "extra-special". As our project, we decided to join in a nationwide project called "Quilt's for Valor". We split into four groups and decided to make patriotic "mystery" quilts, along with matching pillowcases, which would be sent to four wounded warriors. We did not know what the pattern would be until we completed the quilts. It was very challenging, sometimes frustrating, but really a lot of fun. To date, the quilts are completed, we have the names and addresses of four wounded warriors who are presently in Walter Reed Hospital, and we will be sending them out in July. A beautiful letter from the quilters, along with a picture of our group, will also be sent to let our heroic servicemen know how much their dedication, service and sacrifice to our country is appreciated and the love and prayers that go to each and every one of them.

Thank you for supporting our group and making this a true labor of love. We love to quilt; we love to talk, laugh and sometimes cry together, and have made many dear friendships through this wonderful craft. We are truly blessed.

## PIG ROAST

Pat Stasyk

The pig roast as usual was a sellout. We had a waiting list this year so please when you get your newsletter in May, call me and reserve your tickets. The number of tickets is limited due to the fact that if we have inclement weather we need to fit under the pavilion. As usual, it was a fun night for all.

## TUBING ON THE LAKE

Marty Palmer

The annual Tubing on the Lake took place on Saturday, July 27th. Everyone started at South Beach and ended at the boat dock. Whether it was a tube, float or kayak, they made it to the boat dock where lunch (hot dogs and drinks) was being served. It was a fun time for all!

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Pat Stasyk

Please read the Recreation Schedule when you receive your May newsletter. If possible, please patronize our advertisers. The bulletin boards are for the use of our residents and anyone who advertises in our newsletter. Please be responsible and remove your notice if the event is over or you have sold your articles. Never remove anything that is current or belongs to someone else. Remember that the bulletin boards are for EVERY BCL RESIDENT. You would be surprised at how many people stop and read these boards every day. Many thanks to Jack Knorr for maintaining the front entrance information sign.

## ICE CREAM NIGHT

Jack and Mary Knorr

The ice cream night was a big success. The weather was hot and the ice cream went fast. Everyone enjoyed all the toppings and whipped cream. Thanks to all who helped with the scooping.

## LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP

Please take note; October's lunch will be held on THURSDAY, October 10th instead of Wednesday.

## POOL DAY 2013

Colleen Bradley

Pool day was scheduled for July 20th and the lifeguards were very excited about this year's theme, Monsters University. This event has always been a favorite of the lifeguards and our younger members.

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Drill, Masonary 1 1/4" SDS (plus Bit)	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 165.00
SDS Bits	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00

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## Excavation

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Box Blade, 5' X 18 "	\$ 40.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 250.00
Tractor w/attachment	\$ 195.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 960.00

## Lawn & Garden

Blower, Backpack	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 140.00
Core Aerator	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 210.00
Dethatcher, Gas Walk	\$ 28.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 195.00
Landscape Rake 36" Hand	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
Landscape Rake, 6' 3pt. Hitch	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 195.00
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## MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Larry Erra

Our 25th anniversary golf tournament was held on Friday July 5th at White Birch Golf Course. Although it was a hot and humid day (but no rain) we still had fifty golfers attend. The following are the results:

Low score for seniors: Rand Tuttle & Bob Lindsay  
 Low score for juniors: Mike Bott & Jason McElmoyle  
 Closest to the pin: Rich Casmirri & John Bellini  
 Longest drive for seniors: Rand Tuttle  
 Longest drive for juniors: T J McKeon  
 Straightest drive: Tom McKeon

Our thanks go to the following sponsors: Dom & Ali, Trattoria 903, Bobs Market, Rainbows End, Inn of Jim Thorpe, Beacon Diner, Opera House, Bon Appetite and White Birch Golf Course.

Each player received a T shirt with a 25th anniversary logo on it (thanks to Bob Shuler's effort).

Also, thanks to Dan Bangs and Joe Van Uiter for their help. We are looking for someone to volunteer to take over the running of next years' tournament. There is no date for next year's tournament. Contact the BCL office if interested.



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THURS- Footlong Cheesesteak \$5.95

BCL RESIDENT

## SYMPATHY

Edie Boyer

Belated sympathy to Barbara Spitzer and family, whose husband and father, AJ passed away. The Spitzers have lived at BCL for the past eleven years. AJ retired from I.B.M. and was a veteran of the National Guard. He was a very active member of our local fire department and an amateur radio club. AJ also leaves a beloved grandson, Justin.

Our deepest sympathy to Harry Guardiola and his family on the loss of wife and mother, Bernice "Honey". To know Honey was to love her. We miss her warm smile and gentle manner. We miss seeing her riding in the golf cart with Harry (beach chair attached). Their daughter and son-in-law Barbara and Fred Maloney also live in BCL. Honey was very family orientated and loved having family meals and get-togethers here at BCL. She is missed.

Sympathy also to Ethel Scott and her family for losing husband and father, Howard "Bud". If the weather was favorable, it wasn't often you passed the Scott's house that Bud wasn't out tending his lawn and flowers. Howard is missed by his family, Bear Creek friends and his church family.

NOTE: Please let our BCL office know of deaths you would like listed or write something and hand it into the office. Those of us who write articles surely are not acquainted with everyone and don't mean to slight any family.

## MORE SYMPATHIES

Anita McCartney

Bill and Anita McCartney each lost a parent in 2012. Bill's mother, Shirley McCartney Maxwell, passed away last May (2012) in Florida. During the early years of BCL, Shirley, and her husband, George Maxwell, worked with John Wargo and sold many of the properties in the development. Anita's father, Daniel Novitsky, passed away in December. He was treasurer of the Weatherly Foundry and Manufacturing, before his retirement.

Editor's note.... Harold E. McMichael, 87, passed, May 25, 2013. Upon retiring, he moved to his lakefront home, where he spent many happy days of leisure. Surviving are his long-time companion, Deloris Williams; son, Bruce of Bear Creek Lake; daughter, Lynn Murphy and her husband Michael, daughter, Jane Meneely and her husband Eric; sister, Adele Wasson; and three grandchildren, Christina, David and Timothy Murphy. (Published in Times News on May 28, 2013)

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## HELPING HANDS of BCL

Nancy Berchtold

Reaching out to lend a hand comes naturally for us in Bear Creek Lakes. When times get tough we pull together to help. Three residents of BCL, Kim Andreacola, Kathy Wagner and Nancy Berchtold hope to strengthen this circle of care by forming, Helping Hands of BCL. Together with a dozen initial members, this network has already been a helping hand to others. The website, managed by Kathy, Kim and Nancy, will match the needs of residents of BCL with volunteers who can help with those needs. Open only to residents of BCL, Helping Hands is a secure, private site and not social media like Facebook.

This summer, three residents of BCL mowed the lawn of a neighbor who was seriously ill. In a gesture of care and concern, they lightened the burden of this family. There are many ways to help, from bringing meals to sick neighbors, driving folks to appointments, picking up groceries for homebound friends, stopping in to check on a senior resident and more. If you need a helping hand or know someone who does, please let us know and we will be in touch.

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## BCL and TGIF

Bob and Diana Bochantin

We all know what BCL is but what is TGIF. For those of you who do not know, it stands for "Thank Goodness It's Friday" and its Bear Creek Lake's way to end a week and start a weekend. All are welcome to join the group at the pavilion behind the pool every Friday. All you need is a food item to share (appetizer, salad, casserole, dessert, etc.) and beverages for yourself. It's a friendly gathering and a way to meet new people. After we partake of the delicious meal, we move on to a game of bocce – men against the women. We even try to keep this friendly, too. Right now, as the days are getting shorter, we are meeting at 5:00pm. When it starts to get too cool, we will move our TGIF to Stewart Hall and begin our evening at 6:00pm. For more info call Diana at 570-732-4262.

## ROADS

Tom Larney

HI ALL! This year's paving has not begun at the time of this writing however the second half of July will be the start of paving.

Two of the entrances off Rt. 903 will be upgraded and they are Hawthorne Drive and Cub Lane. A section on Indian Trail from Piney Woods to the (Fork) will be overlaid. (say 600 LF) The area around the mailboxes at Behrens Rd. and Cottonwood will be paved along with about 200 LF of shoulder upgrade on Cottonwood. Adjustments to the paving on Ash Dr. coming off Behrens Rd. up to and including Mountain View are planned for paving. Enjoy the remaining seasons before the winter.

***"Remember when you come across a volunteer, be respectful. They give up their time doing what they do (VOLUNTEERING)." 2012 Bill Malone***

## NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Marty Palmer

Please come out to the annual BCL New Year's Eve Party on Tuesday, December 31st. More details will be provided as it gets closer to the celebration.

## WATER AEROBICS, LADIES BOCCE, & SNACKS

### WHAT A COMBINATION!?!

Linda Kunkel

The start of water aerobics in June saw a few "die hards" participating in chilly water with cool air temperature. Those who stuck it out deserve a pat on the back. As the fourth of July approached with rising temperatures, and the water heater was fixed, we more than tripled our attendance. I was very pleased with the return of many of our regulars who enjoy this great water exercise; plus we were fortunate to gain some new participants along the way, including casual visitors and vacationers wishing to partake in this wonderful recreational activity. Our water aerobic exercises continue throughout August, as long as the pool remains open during weekdays. I wish to thank everyone who helped me in any way, and especially thank those who participated and put up with me and my commands. Till next year, remember ladies to "soften your lips and keep breathing!"

With the very warm weather, our refreshing swimming pool and lake water took most of our bocce ladies away from the court. Instead of sweating it out as we play bocce, we'd rather be cooling off in the water. But we'll be back! As cool temperatures approach with the fall weather and the closing of the pool, you'll find us back bantering, squabbling and laughing at ourselves as we enjoy this great social activity. If you're looking for an outdoor activity and love to socialize, then come and join us. If you've never played, don't worry. It's an easy game to learn and you don't even have to be good at it. You just need a willingness to have fun. Come and join us on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 2:00. For more info, call Linda at 325-4236. See you at the court!

... and now a word from our sponsor . . . . .

Chips, tootsie rolls, and extreme sours are just a few of the items sold from our new snack cart at the pool. What are extreme sours? Just ask the kids, as this is the most sought after snack we have sold. As of this writing, I cannot say that we had a successful summer but I'm sure we will. I will say that we were very successful with the amount of volunteers this summer. We even lucked out to the point that no one had to work more than one Saturday or Sunday each month. I wish to thank each and every one of my volunteers, including my buyers who were so willing to make our snack purchases. I look forward to another successful summer next year.

## BCLCA HOMEOWNERS REMINDER

Bill Allison

BCL Permits are required for the following activities:

- Cutting or removing any trees, live or dead, 4 inches diameter or larger
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Permit applications are available on the website and at the BCL Office

Costs: Disregarding permit rules may result in surcharges of \$250. There is a \$300 fine for litter, abandoned vehicles, and overgrown vegetation.

Please read the Spring Newsletter (page 6) for further information on new rules.

Any questions please call Bill Allison.



## MAINTENANCE

Todd Laudenschlager

Since our last newsletter Jim and Colin have completed numerous tasks to ensure we are prepared for every event in BCL. They also have their plate full with regular maintenance duties to make a very full work week. In the past few weeks Jim and I have been reviewing the roads for a brush removal at the intersections. The lines of sight have diminished over the years and must be reestablished. We will be clearing brush and debris away from the intersections to the member's property lines. We will also be improving drainage swales along roads to deal with drainage issues. In September and October maintenance will be starting to ready all the snow plows and equipment ready for winter. I'm sorry to say that but winter will come. In the meanwhile enjoy your summer and the great facilities at Bear Creek Lakes. Hoping for a mild winter!

## WARNING - ELECTROSHOCK DROWNING

Kevin McGrath

We all know electricity and water don't mix. I have recently learned that miniscule amounts of leaking AC current near docks can and has resulted in fresh water electroshock drowning's. All electrical circuits anywhere near the water must be protected with a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI). We have many newer metal docks and many boats with battery chargers and other dock lights and wiring. GFCIs also must be tested monthly. Even a temporary extension cord can cause problems. Please make sure all dock wiring and battery chargers are properly connected. If you are swimming near a dock and you feel a tingle, immediately swim away and approach from dry land. Shut off all power. Many of these accidents have involved children swimming near docks and docked boats. Let's make sure our lake is safe from this hazard. More info at this website. <http://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/magazine/2013/july/electric-shock-drowning-explained.asp>

Editor's note... This information & link, will be on the Lake & Dam Committee page on our website

## JRA 5K WALK/RUN OR 3K WALK -THANK YOU

Dylan Bradley

I would like to thank everyone who supported my 3rd Annual Arthritis Walk. Thanks to everyone's support and generosity, I was able to raise \$1,400.00 this year. This year I chose to earmark the money I raised towards supporting Arthritis Camp. This is a great camp that is near and dear to me as it brings kids from all over Eastern Pennsylvania together at Camp Victory in Millville, Pa. What is unique about this camp is that everyone there has some form of arthritis. After attending camp for 6 years, this year I have the privilege of being a camp counselor. Thanks again to everybody.

## POOL COMMITTEE

Steve Sosnowski

As I write this in mid-July, I am happy to report that we have had a great pool season so far. We did initially have some issues with the pool heater but they have all been resolved. I hope Mother Nature cooperates so that you all have a relaxing fun filled summer.

## HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Jack McGeehan

This past year had been almost normal until we received the resignation of Sylvia Capozzoli. Sylvia has taken on a new expanded position with the Dimmick Memorial Library. We wish her well and thank her for all the devotion and patience as she solidified a part time position with the BCLCA office staff. Barbara and Pat continue to be the "glue that holds everything together" for me and the rest of the community. I joke with Barbara on occasion that we need a "bat phone" to keep in touch (I hope I didn't date either of us with that comment).

Our maintenance staff - Jim and Colin deserve a big thank you if you ever have the moment to give it to them. They are hardworking, diligent and keep our grounds in tip top shape. There is so much that goes unnoticed and I personally think we have the best that we could ask for.

We have a bunch of new faces on our lifeguarding staff and appreciate their dedication to their profession certification and the needs of our recreational activities. They follow a set of standards that are not just community rules and regulations but are state and federal guidelines that they have been train for to keep you and your families and guests safe. I must say that Colleen has taken on her role as Chair of the Lifeguard committee seriously. She has added several mid-season, in-service training sessions that have kept the lifeguards on top of their training. In addition to the Lifeguards, a special acknowledgement to our badge checkers, Deb and Jenn – often, not the most welcomed of our staff – if you are forced to go home and get your badge....they none-the-less are very dedicated and I thank them for all they do!

## Editor's Note

*Because of the early date this newsletter must go to the printer, some of our summer activities will be reported in our Spring 2014 issue.*

## MOVIES-MOVIES-MOVIES

Sylvia Capozzoli

We are still having movie night in Stewart Hall on the 2nd Saturday of the month and will continue through the winter months. Movies start at 7PM. This summer we saw some great hits in air conditioned comfort. In June, we got to see Skyfall, a new James Bond movie. In July, Life of Pi, a journey of adventure. August we saw The Hobbit, a fantasy with wonderful special effects.

Movies are shown on a wide movie screen with surround sound. Come and join us. Look for the movie titles on the calendar posted on our BCL Website. So bring a comfy chair, your BCL badge, have some free popcorn and a free soda and see a free movie.

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## **YARD SALE**

Ron McCloskey

The 8th annual Bear Creek Lakes Community Yard/Garage Sale, held on June 22nd & 23rd was once again a huge success. The weather was beautiful & the crowds large & friendly. We had 75 homes signed up to participate and another 10 called after the deadline. If you call after the deadline you cannot get on the maps, but you can still participate. Remember that there is no cost because our Civic Association picks up the tab for all advertising. I talked to our security man and he informed me that there was no complaints or incidents reported.

The tentative dates for 2014 and 9th annual will be June 28th and 29th. Some people have mentioned to me that Sunday is a waste with very few buyers. Others told me they did fairly well. You don't have to be selling on Sunday if you choose not to. Our members on Indian Trail had 13 homes involved, followed closely by BCL Drive with 11 and Piney Woods with 7.

I would like to thank Bud Hill & Dennis Gallagher for helping me with putting out the signs. I would also like to thank Barb Godshalk and Pat Crain for all their help. Barb hit a home run with the maps this year; they looked nothing like the ones I turned into the office. People told me they could actually read them this year. Thanks again Barb, and thanks to whoever taught you your computer skills.

If you have any suggestions on how to make this a bigger and better event, call me at 325-5348 and leave a message, I will get back to you.

Editor's note..... Thanks Ron. I will admit I have had some help from one particular person, who will remain nameless, but mostly I'm self-taught.

## **UPDATE ON THE PFT RECREATION PARK**

Jack McGeehan

The Penn Forest Township (PFT) Recreation Park that is being developed across Route 903 is well under construction. As we all know, this project has been years in the making since the Jim Thorpe Area School District entered into an agreement with Penn Forest Township to develop this land into a Township Park. As I write this article, the widening of the highway for the entrances has begun.

The Board of Directors has hired a consulting engineer, Whittemore and Haigh Engineering Inc., to review the land development plan to ensure that all of the components of the plan have no adverse effect on our community resources and personal property. At the July Penn Forest Township Board of Supervisors monthly meeting, the Board of Supervisors had received a detailed report from their engineers (Barry Isett and Associates) that explained the costs associated with the entire plan. The result seems to be that the BOS are taking a conservative approach at the development phases – the plan, which initially was thought to be fully funded with state grant money, will now end up costing the Township \$900,000.00 +/-.

The BCLCA Board of Directors, along with Whittemore and Haigh Engineering Inc., will continue to be steadfast in our monitoring of this development. There are some initial concerns with the Hydrology, Design and Post Storm Water Management that we are meeting with Township engineers to discuss. We hope to resolve these issues before any major development begins.

If you have any concerns or questions, or for an immediate update on the situation, please do not hesitate to call me at 570-325-4697.

## **MEET THE CANDIDATES:**

### **Jack Knorr**

I have been on the Board for the last six years. I oversee Stewart Hall. There have been a lot of improvements over the years and Stewart Hall continues to be rented on a consistent basis. My wife and I have been permanent residents since 2004. We love this community. I would like to run for another term and seek your support. Thank you.

### **Kevin McGrath**

My name is Kevin McGrath. Deb and I have been part-time owners for more than 10 years. I am running for a third term on the board. I own a real estate firm in suburban Philadelphia that specializes in managing condominium and homeowners associations. I have over 30 years of experience handling the fiscal and operational aspects of the association.

### **Pat Stasyk**

I have been on the Board for six years and currently in charge of Recreation. I would like to continue for one more term. I have lived in Bear Creek Lakes since 2004 and know that this is the best community in the Poconos. I contribute as much as possible to help BCL remain a first class community. Thanks for your support.

### **Todd Laudenschlager**

Hello my name is Todd Laudenschlager and I have served on the BCL Board of Directors for six years, the last two as Vice-President. My duties for the Association have included the Building and Construction Committee; reviewing and approving structures and permits. I am also the Maintenance Committee Chair, overseeing facilities and grounds in our beautiful community. I am also Co-Chair of Roads and have oversight of the day-to-day roads operations. I am the owner of a construction company since 1978 and serve on Zoning Hearing Boards and Board of Building Appeals in the Lehigh Valley. I have enjoyed serving the community and hope you will allow me to continue to serve. Thank You.



## BUILDING COMMITTEE

Todd Laudenschlager

The BCL community has seen an increase in shed installations and deck construction. In the past year there have been instances of members installing sheds and constructing structures without an approved BCL permit. The result of this is an increase in legal fees charged to the association. Before you start a project that includes installing a shed or structure, please call the office or me to get guidance and permit information before you begin. We are always excited to see members improving their properties. Enjoy the rest of summer!

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## LIFEGUARD COMMITTEE

Colleen Bradley

What a summer it has been so far. We are half way through July and have had some really great weather. Through July 15th we have had 2 in-service training sessions with a certified instructor. She has reported that our lifeguards are all performing up to standards. We have 2 more sessions scheduled for this year, and I'm confident that our lifeguards will continue to do well. Pool Day is coming up and is always one of the highlights of the season. As of this writing, lifeguard challenge and lifeguard appreciation night at the pool are still on the schedule.

Last week the lifeguards played the Past Our Prime (POP) wiffle ball team in a 14 inning game that ended in a 3-3 tie. Neither team wanted the game to end. Afterwards the POP team treated the lifeguards to hot dogs and drinks. Both sides really enjoyed the experience and another game is being planned.

As of July 15th the lifeguards have made 2 water rescues at the pool and 1 at the lake. Their diligence to duty and quick reaction prevented the incidents from becoming more serious than they already were. Just a reminder, when the lifeguards respond to a situation in the water, they are required to complete an incident report immediately. This will necessitate getting everyone out of the water while they complete their report. Once again this year, the lifeguards have to spend far too much time enforcing the "no diapers in the pool and lake rule". At our July board meeting the Board of Directors fully backed this rule.

Editor's note.... To read about "Past Our Prime (POP)" Tuesday morning wiffle ball team, visit: <http://www.tnonline.com/2013/may/20/past-their-prime-jim-thorpe-seniors-relive-their-youth-through-wiffle-ball-games>

## TOP TEN WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Denis & Rosemarie McCaig

More than half of all fatal house fires occur in the winter.

1. Keep heaters at least three feet away from bedding, furniture, and drapes.
2. Check the condition of electric heaters before use, especially if they've been stored away.
3. Check for cracks or tears in electric wiring, loose plugs and exposed wiring.
4. Install smoke detectors. Test them once a month. Remember to replace the batteries when you change your clocks twice a year.
5. Install carbon monoxide detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors, like smoke detectors have a life span of no more than ten years. The same applies to electric blankets as a rule. Replace them around every ten years.
6. Clean the lint trap in the dryer after each load. Don't allow a buildup of lint in the exhaust duct. Lint is flammable with enough accumulation and enough heat. Don't leave the house while the dryer is running.
7. Don't use light weight extension cords on "heavy" appliances. Don't allow permanent use of extension cords. Never run extension cords under carpets/rugs. Replace frayed extension cords.
8. Keep a multi-purpose fire extinguisher on all floors of the house. Keep it between you and the kitchen range, not beyond the range. Keep one near the heating system. Never attempt to extinguish a fire that spreads quickly. Close the door, leave the house and call the fire department.
9. Make sure the fireplace flue opens and closes fully. Have your chimney cleaned annually by a professional service. Keep flammable items three feet from the fireplace. Use a fireplace screen. Place all ashes in a metal container.
10. Plan a home fire drill. Know how to get out by TWO exit routes.



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## OFFICE, WEB, NEWSLETTER

Barbara Godshalk

With the help of Pat & Sylvia, the office has been running smoothly. As you probably know by now, Sylvia has moved on to a better position. Thank you Sylvia for all your help and we will miss you.

We had several members ask about the Boat Rack Lottery Form, so in this issue we have included the form for 2014. PLEASE, do not send this form in before January 1, 2014. DO NOT SEND any money with the lottery form. The office is very busy in the fall processing the dues payments and these forms might get lost in the shuffle. The rack assignments take place early April and you will be notified by invoice with your rack assignment.

Badges. We had several members this year misplace their badges because they were picked up in the fall when paying the dues. This ends up being a very costly mistake. We are making a change and the badges and car passes for 2014 will not be available for pickup until Jan. 1, 2014.

We continue to receive calls requesting personal information and business recommendations. We are not permitted to give out any personal information regarding our members. We are not permitted to recommend businesses.

The office needs YOUR help. After any major mailing we have (newsletters, dues invoices, etc.) it amazes me the amount of returned items we receive. Many times we are not supplied with the forwarding address. Please notify the office when you have a change of address. There is a form on the website you may fill out and send to us, although a simple email would be sufficient.

Ah.. Did you say website? Do you know there is a website with the address of [www.BCLCA.org](http://www.BCLCA.org)? Forms; there are many forms for your use and to save you the trip of going to the office. Contact information; this can save you the time of making a phone call and waiting for the return call to find out when we are open and our hours. Calendar; not only does the calendar list all the events, pool hours, office open, etc., it also shows when the hall is reserved. So when you are interested in renting Stewart Hall, you can check the calendar to see if it is available. If you see "Hall Reserved" it is not available. Advertisers; yes, our advertisers. I would like to thank all our advertisers who help make this newsletter possible. All the advertisers in this newsletter are listed on our website with links to their web pages (where available) Lets help support them because they support us. There are many more items available on our website you will find helpful so please check us out. You may be surprised and find exactly what you were looking for.

I almost forgot.... "Friends of BCL". Friends, as we call it, is exactly that. We are all friends here in BCL and this is a Facebook page devoted to BCL. You need a Facebook account to be a member and it is a closed group. Meaning, only members of BCL can see and access our page. To join, there are several links on our web page. You ask to join and then wait to be accepted. That's it. We have received many compliments especially from the members who do not reside here year long. Those members find it useful especially when major storms hit the area. Hope to see you all on Friends.....

Newsletter... It felt as if I just finished the Spring issue when I realized the August issue is right around the corner. I want to thank everyone for coming through on schedule this time. I only needed to send out one reminder to a handful of people when usually I end up sending threatening letters... lol. So thank you again for your help and support.

**Editor's note.....** *I apologize if I missed any announcements. Information only comes from YOU. If you would like to put something in the newsletter in the future, you can email or mail the article to our office. All address information is available in this newsletter*

## OUR TREES

A request to all our BCL neighbors – from your BCL neighbors. The tree at the intersection of Midway and Indian Trail is being used as a bulletin board. Scraps are left which looks awful and it is not healthy for the tree. We have bulletin boards. Please do not post flyers on our trees.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bear Creek Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of Boat/Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Sticker# \_\_\_\_\_

In order to be eligible to participate in the lottery for a boat rack for the year identified above, I hereby agree to the following terms and conditions concerning the use of the boat racks for the year identified above:

1. Annual boat rack rental fee is \$10.00 payable within 10 days of being notified you have been assigned a boat rack for the year.
2. I understand and agree that, during any period when the boat is in the boat rack, the Bear Creek Lakes Civic Association (hereinafter referred to as ("the Association")) is not responsible in any manner if the boat is stolen or damaged and I expressly waive any right whatsoever to seek damages from the Association if the boat is stolen or damaged.
3. I agree to remove my boat from the rack area by December 1st of the year identified above.
4. I understand and agree that, if my boat is not removed by December 1st of the year identified above, the Association has my expressed permission to remove the boat from the boat rack and store it at a storage charge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per month, which I agree to pay. I also understand and agree that, during any period when the boat is stored by the Association, the Association is not responsible in any manner if the boat is stolen or damaged and I expressly waive any right whatsoever to seek damages from the Association if the boat is stolen or damaged.
5. I understand that the Association will only store boats for a maximum of nine (9) months and that any boat remaining in storage after nine (9) months will be disposed of by the Association as it deems appropriate and I expressly waive any right whatsoever to seek damages from the Association if the boat is disposed of.

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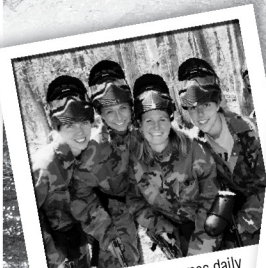
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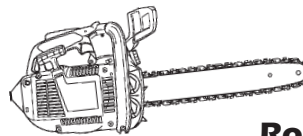
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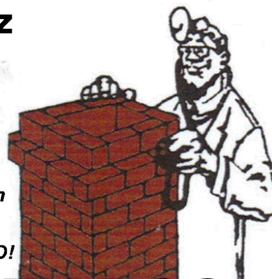
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