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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE PAT CRAIN

Another summer is rapidly disappearing, seems we wait so long for them to come, and they go so quickly.

This will be my last article as President on the Board, the time has come for me to leave and make room for younger members to bring some new ideas forth.

I want to thank the members of our community for allowing me to serve on the Board for the last 15 years. I thank all the Board members for putting up with me, even when they didn't always agree with me and visa versa.

A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers that help BCL be the great community that it is. Like all groups there are a few that do a lot of the work. I will not mention names for fear I will leave out someone who deserves recognition.

In the last year we have lost two very special people, Bob Dantonio, who left us way too early, and Bob Gordon who has moved on to a new segment in his life. They are sorely missed by a lot of people especially me. We also will lose another member of the Board this fall, John Power, he has worked hard in his quiet way, keeping up on members who are delinquent in their dues, keeping us legal with our insurance, and making sure we had the most reasonable prices for fuel oil and keeping the soda machines full for the convenience of our members.

I have worked with a lot of phenomenal people over these years. Edie Boyer, after founding and editing the newsletters is turning in her pen also this fall. This newsletter will be her last. Big thanks to her and Randy, who delivers sorts and mails the Newsletter. You will be missed.

To the rest of you, I will say, see you around. Good Luck to the future Board members and to those who remain doing the wonderful jobs. Remember the volunteers; from those who run the events, to those who watch the money, and manage the pool and the grounds, they are what make us great!

TREASURER'S REPORT JOHN KLAIBER

We are into the middle of summer already. We had a long icy winter, lots of anti skid material. Very wet spring and summer???? Nice 4th of July weekend.

We decided to manage the pool treatment ourselves this summer. The past few years it was contracted out. We had an engineering study done on the North side of the lake for the storm water runoff. Looking to start that project some time this fall. We are putting out bids for more tree trimming and road paving. This work will probably be done this fall. We hired two PT office helpers and one FT maintenance helper.

The rear deck on Stewart Hall was just replaced by our maintenance department and some loyal volunteers. The dues have been coming in slowly, due to the poor economy. We are trying our best to collect these dues. The Finance Committee has just started working on next year's budget. A few projects on the drawing board at this point.

The budget is getting more challenging every year. With all the increases in fuel oil, propane, insurance, security etc.

Hope you enjoy some of the summer events that are planned for the community.

SECURITY Pat Crain

Unfortunately after a year of little activity, we have had some vandalism at South Beach and at the pool. We have been unable to catch the scoundrels, but we are keeping our ear to the ground and are as vigilant as we can be. Fortunately the vandalism was minimal in cost but required a lot of our maintenance crew's time.

There have also been two break-ins since the last newsletter, one in Mountainview, and one on the North side of the lake.

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Please if you are going to be away for a while, make sure your home is secure, lock doors and windows. Have a neighbor pick up mail and newspapers and if at all possible invest in and use your alarm systems.

We have been pretty fortunate compared to surrounding communities. We have not suffered a lot of robberies or break-ins. We would love to keep it this way, and we can do it with your help. Make it difficult for the culprits to pick on you, and maybe they will go somewhere else. If you see anything suspicious, please call our security or the State Police.

We recently had 3 cars entered in their driveways. Please lock your car doors, these were crimes of opportunity, someone checked, the cars were unlocked and items inside the cars were taken, many of us are from the city and would never leave a car unlocked there, we need to take the same precautions here.

MEMBERS BEWARE!

There are a number of "illegal" signs posted around BCLCA and the township advertising "Gotwellwater.com" for a plumbing and pump repair company. They are doing business as Kemler Plumbing and Heating. This company has taken money from one of our homeowners and refused to perform under their contract. The State Police have been contacted. All owners are forewarned about this company. Please report any illegal signs to the office so that maintenance can remove them.

ATTN: Parents

One of our major problems is minors driving golf carts and ATV's. Please be aware that a child must be 12 years or older to drive a golf cart and must be accompanied by someone who is 15 or older. Once they reach 16 they may drive by themselves. Drivers of ATV's must be at least 16. It is in your best interest to make sure that your child is capable of driving these vehicles safely. They are dangerous tools in the hands of a reckless driver.

DOGS!!

Please pick up after your dogs, what is left behind can seep into the ground water and into your wells. Also, dogs that are off your property are to be leashed at all times. Help make your dog and cats a good neighbor.

ROADS

Todd Laudenschlager

As I write this article our maintenance men are busy taking care of drainage problems at Willow and Bear Creek Lake Drive. We will be starting a new road tree cutting project starting in the middle to late September. Trees will be trimmed on our right-of-way to prevent forest fires from crossing the roads. This will also allow the roads to receive more sunlight in the winter months. Homeowners on the affected roads will be notified. I am hoping for a milder winter than last year.

STEWART HALL

Jack Knorr

Hello summer, I don't know what happened to spring, but we welcome you!

I would like to thank Pat Stasyk, Bill Malone, Sylvia Capozzoli, Mary Ewerth and all their volunteers for all the events they hold and for their help to keep Stewart Hall active and surviving.

As you already observed, we have a new back deck which was really needed. Everyone, including myself, would like to thank Bob Gordon, Keith Richards, Jim Halpin and Frank Ewerth. Speaking of Bob Gordon, the affair given for him and his wife, Judy, under the pavilion was a great success. We will surely miss them.

Keep reading about the upcoming events. More new members are joining our activities. This is your community, so participate.

Enjoy the summer and make it a safe summer. Hope to see you around the activity areas. Stop and say hello and I will see you at the fall meeting.

LANDSCAPING

Colleen Bradley

Just wanted to thank all of my volunteers that came out to help me on clean up day!! I had about 8 people and we really got a lot accomplished. I hope everyone has gotten the opportunity to visit the boat dock and see the beautiful flowers. The landscaping committee hopes that these flowers have added to your enjoyment as you watch the many beautiful sunsets! It was wonderful to have so many people that help me plant flowers, pull weeds, etc. It shows that people really care about our community as much as I do! Enjoy the rest of last days of summer and here's to a mild winter.



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BUILDING COMMITTEE

Todd Laudenschlager

Permits have slowed to a snails pace this past year, I suspect due to the economy. There have not been any new homes started in the past year; I have noticed members maintaining their properties; some adding decks and sheds. Please remember to call or come to the BCL office to discuss your future plans for additions, decks, sheds or new home construction or any project that requires a permit. And contact us before starting a project. A new rule has gone into effect that states that members starting projects without permits will be issued a stop work order and assessed a \$250.00 fine along with the cost of the permit.

COMMUNICATIONS

Pat Stasyk

The general meeting held in May was attended by 143 families. The next meeting will be held on September 3rd at 10:00 A.M. Please try to attend and hear what is going on in YOUR community. We also have elections to the board that day. Hope to see you on the 3rd.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

Bob Skiffington

The Computer Technologies Committee is responsible for ... oh why should I put that here when it is on our community web page?? Hopefully everyone knows about www.bclca.org and visits regularly to get the latest information about the greatest community in the Pocono's. Want to know what a committee does, what activities are planned, look up a rule or download a form? Just go to our website. Thanks to everyone for your web site ideas and a special thanks to Barbara Godshalk, our webmaster who uses her creative ideas and timeless effort to make it all possible. Looking for a little more real time information? Become a member of our

"Friends of BCL" Facebook page. Check out the latest bear sightings, ask a question or provide an answer. It's a great way to keep in touch whether you are physically here in BCL or wishing you were here.

We have plans to upgrade the office equipment. A new system should be in place soon after the budget is approved at the September meeting. We just need the current system to get us through the summer to generate the dues notification letters. Speaking of dues, I have been working closely with John Power and will be responsible for Delinquent Accounts. My goal is to get the 800+ dues notification letters mailed without hand written modifications. This will be a challenge with our outdated and unsupported data base. Three dues notification letters are mailed if necessary. Lets make this the year that only one dues notification letter is mailed!!!

RULES COMMITTEE

Bill Allison

There is only one rule change to report, and that refers to page 24, Pet Rule and Regulations. As per the rule book, no pets have been permitted in any public recreation spaces at Bear Creek Lakes. As of the June BCLCA meeting, the following wording was adopted:

"No household pets will be permitted at the pool area, the beaches, the baseball field, the picnic areas or other recreational areas, except the dogs, under the owner's control, may be permitted at the boat dock."

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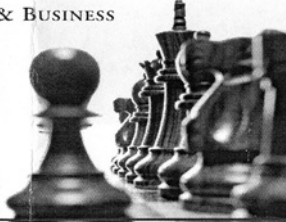
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POOL

Lawrence Ryals

Hello everyone. Hope you all enjoyed your summer. My three years are up and time flew by. I hope y'all had a good time at the pool. I have been pool director the last three years and would like your vote. Thank You Kindly.

RECREATION

Bill Malone

We are back again for a summer of fun, are you ready? As I write this our next recreational activity will be this Saturday 7/9/11, tubing on the lake. So far this summer every event has been a success. I am sorry I missed the opening day; I hear fun was had by all. We had a little trouble with the grill after the 4th of July parade, sorry for the long lines, all is well, it is repaired and good to go. If you see any of the volunteers out and about in the development give them a heads up, without them we would not have the best recreation community here in Pocono's. We are always looking for fresh blood, so jump in anytime and give a hand. The participants in the 5k race and walk on the 3rd of July donated \$295.00, which will go towards the purchase of a portable defibrillator for the pool area. I want to personally thank all the participants who come out and participate in these activities.. Anyone with a fresh idea, that we can add to our list of community functions please contact me at 570-325-5395. I also want to thank all the volunteers who are always there helping out. A BIG THANKS! See you out and about, enjoy your summer, be safe.

FIREWISE AND ENVIRONMENTAL

Kevin McGrath

Owners who attended the spring meeting heard an interesting discussion about geese and the problems that they can cause. Goose droppings can foul lawns and waterways. Several owners asked that the association take some action to deal with this problem. We have an ad hoc committee working on the issue and while awaiting their report we offer the following information. Geese love grass! They especially love grass next to the water! The association has adopted several rules to help with this problem: The association has a rule that requires a buffer of native grasses between any fine lawns and the lake. That rule went into effect last year. A recent tour of the lake shows that several owners have not complied and as a result, they have geese on their lawns. We also have a rule that prohibits feeding the geese. Please make sure that no one feeds the geese. We do not want to make them too comfortable at our lovely lake. If you have renters, please make sure they are aware of this rule.

There is an easy and inexpensive alternative for lakefront owners to help with this problem. Geese need an escape route when feeding. They like unobstructed access from the lawn to the water. A simple string of fishing line will stop them from feeding on the grass. Simply install a row of stakes along the water's edge and string monofilament about 12 inches above the ground. We suggest putting some flags on the line so that you and your guests see it. This is inexpensive and easily repaired should it break. It is also fairly unobtrusive.

We will keep you informed of further information on this problem. Please try the above ideas and let us know about your success.

LAKE/DAM COMMITTEE

Jack McGeehan

Here we are in the midst of another beautiful summer in Bear Creek Lakes. From what I have been hearing and seeing, the fishing has been great! The rain has been plentiful and churned a nice turnover of fresh water in the lake which always helps the spawning cycles. As I type this report on the Summer Solstice, I anticipate a great summer season on the lake.

I would like to reiterate and offer some additional insight on an issue that was brought up at the Memorial Day meeting; Waterfowl or specifically; the Canada Goose. The harsh reality is that the more open space, grassy area that you have, the more inviting it will be for the geese – for decades Golf course Superintendents have been fighting the Canada Goose with little or no success. The Goose is very fearful of the unknown and will not venture into an area of dense vegetation where they have no clear sightlines for predators. So when you open up a wooded lot and clear the natural vegetation and plant grass, you are inviting the goose to lunch. Talk to your local landscapers about sacrificing a little of your yard and planting a woody vegetated buffer to act as a deterrent. We as an association are giving it our best to deter the waterfowl from congregating on the public areas. We have not seen the geese as much as we have in previous years (I personally have not seen any goslings this year!) Please remember our "Do Not Feed the Waterfowl" Rule. I will remind everyone that, by law, we are required to test the water quality weekly at ANY public swimming area – thus far this year, we have had exceptionally great water quality results!

While on the subject of boating, we have yet to see the PA Fish & Boat Commission conservation officer...but I would expect to. Random, unannounced visits to the lake are normal and they will give citations to any infractions of the State's rules and regulations. Please pick up a copy of the PA Safe Boating and Fishing book at any boating or tackle shop. OR visit, www.fishandboat.com.

This fall we will be installing bulkheads at both beaches to help with retention of upland soil, sand & sediment control. We will allow for a small ramp area in the center of both beaches that will effectively remain as a gentle slope for youngsters (and adults) to walk into the lake unobstructed. The type of bulkhead that we approved is a large precast manmade sandstone block that will blend into the existing environment quite nicely. The degree of lift on the bulkhead will be approximately 8" from the water and will provide the necessary "holding" of the beach sand.

In some preliminary conversations with the Road Committee, we are looking into repaving the boat ramp area as its current condition is deteriorating. If that becomes a reality, we may wait until early spring to do the paving as to not disrupt the use of the facility.

There seems to be an increase of an invasive reed (phragmites) that has been found in several spots along the shoreline of the lake. If left unchecked it can spread rapidly and really choke up the shoreline. I have had some preliminary conversations with our Aquatic Biologist on measures we can take to control the spreading of the reed. Stay tuned for further information.

The Dam is in fine shape and I don't anticipate any unusual observations from our engineer for this fall's annual inspection. Please remember that the dam is off limits and there is no trespassing allowed.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer on the lake everyone!

FAREWELL TO OUTSTANDING WORKERS

Edie Boyer

We have lost two very faithful workers from our board of directors. Bob Gordon, who with his wife Judy, has moved to South Carolina. Bob joined our board in 1995 and was our president from 1996 to 2006. If you live full time at Bear Creek you know how much Bob did for our development. He was always working somewhere! Judy kept our library in tip top shape. We surely miss them both and wish them well as they move closer to family.

Our association will also miss Pat Crain. Although Pat is not moving away, she is retiring from the Board of Directors. Pat has done a fine job as our president since 2006. She also chaired several committees. I know the life guards will miss her leadership. Thanks for everything you have done for us, Pat. We wish you a "Happy Retirement" with good health. We hope you will keep involved with Bear Creek activities and leadership.

Editor's Note

Because of the early date this newsletter must go to the printer, many of our summer activities will be reported in our spring issue.

(Picture - Editor Retires)

EDITOR RETIRES

Edie Boyer

This issue completes my 23rd year as editor of "Echoes Around the Lake." As a board member in 1988, I suggested that the board have better communications with the membership, so I was assigned the task of writing a newsletter. (Be careful of making suggestions!) Each board member was asked to write a committee report, I added news about members as well as environmental articles. After a few issues we began to get advertisements for the paper.

I have had many great helpers through the years: Pat Crain and



Joanne Dantonio typed the articles in the printer's format. Many friends have helped to tape and label the letters. The most faithful two for many years are Dave Lauth and Norm Summers. Dave and Norm also hand deliver many letters. Last, but certainly not least, is Randy who gets everything organized for the post office, fills out all the paper work and also delivers many letters.

I've had some complaints and some complements along the way. I want to thank everyone who had input into making our publication one we can be proud of. It has been a challenge and a privilege to help our development in this way.

My best wishes to Barbara Godshalk who will now be our editor and Alex Stasyk who will be the distribution manager.

DONATION OF TEA SERVICE

Pat Crain

While attending the Afternoon Tea, I was proud to receive the donation of a lovely silver tea service. From Mary Lee Montgomery. Mary Lee and Jack Montgomery were long time residents of BCL and very fond of our community. We miss seeing Jack around, and Mary Lee has been visiting infrequently, but I would like to thank her for her very lovely and generous gift, in Memory of herself and her husband. The Montgomery's have made previous donations to BCL; I remember a picnic table that was made by Jack's father, if I am not mistaken. Forgive me Mary Lee if my memory is faulty here, but I want people to know what kind and generous members you have been. Once again Thank You.

YARD SALE

Ron McCloskey

The 4th Annual Bear Creek Lakes Community Yard/Garage sale was once again a huge success. I've been receiving lots of positive feedback with a sprinkling of negative feedback. Let's start with the positive, the crowds were tremendous!!!

Now the negative, 1) too many cars, 2) the maps were too hard to read, 3) very few people came over to the Mt. View section. The solution to that may be to get more of your neighbors involved. Only 5 homes signed up prior to the June 16th deadline. More than 20 families signed up from the south lake area and 18 from the north lake area.

Questions asked; 1) how much will it cost? Answer....Nothing, the BCL Civic Assoc. picks up the tab for advertising in the Focus & the Times News. 2) Can we do it again in the fall? Answer....Sure can, but I'm not funning it! Once a year is enough for me. 3) Why don't we make it a two day event? Answer....Sounds good to me, how do others feel? 4) How does a Friday evening pre sale sound for the folks who will be selling on the weekend? Some want to shop around to see what they are missing. Answer....Let's hear some feedback.

Last but not least I would like to thank Barb Godshalk for taking the time to print all the maps. Have a great summer!



ICE CREAM NIGHT

Jack Knorr

Cold ice cream on a hot night, what could be better! We had lots of help with scooping the ice cream and applying all the delicious toppings. A big thank you to all of the helper's. There was plenty of ice cream to go around and everyone had their fill.



2011 GOLF CART AND BICYCLE PARADE

Sylvia Capozzoli and Mary Ewerth

Well once again, we had a banner year for the July 4th Decorated Golf Cart and Bicycle Parade. The weather was perfect. We had thirty-seven registered golf carts and thirty-seven registered bicycles that participated in the parade. After the judges tallied their votes, the winners were announced. The first place winner for Best in Golf Cart Decorating went to #25 Ron McCloskey on Dogwood. Second place went to #26 Brenda Hill on Hawthorne and third place went to #16 Josh Fridman. The winners of the Best in Bicycle Decorating were first place, #32 Maeve Zeloyle on Bear Creek Lake Drive. Second place, Sage Lutte on Mountainview and third place, Nina Carlsen on Bear Creek Lake Drive. With prizes distributed and photo-shoot completed, onto the refreshments and games. We had Musical Chairs, Marshmallow Races, Bean Bag Toss, Fishing Bowl, Face Painting, a Tattoo Station, Ring Toss and Pin the Beard on Uncle Sam. The fun lasted until 2:30. All had a wonderful time. As with any event in Bear Creek Lakes, great big "THANKS" must go out to all the volunteers, without which this parade would not be possible. So a big THANK YOU to all the Judges, Parade and Game Assistants, Traffic Controllers, Fire Police, Hotdog Grillers and Bun Passers, Maintenance, Security, Photographer and Clean-up Crew, those that helped us have a great time celebrating the 4th of July! Hope to see all of you next year to celebrate July 4, 2012.

Editor's note: This was a well organized and outstanding event. Thanks to all!

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WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Edie Boyer

Since our last news letter we read about the death of Harry Connolly. Harry surely was no stranger to any of us. He served faithfully for many years on our Board of Directors and was our president from 1987 to 1995. Harry could be seen driving through the community greeting everyone he passed. He also liked the Bocce games. We extend sincere sympathy to Norma, his wife, and Chris, his son.

Our sympathy also goes to Theresa Ciarlante and family for the death of husband and father, Tony. Tony enjoyed relaxing by the lake and spending time at Bear Creek Lakes. Also we learned about the death of George Wohnhaas. Our sympathy to his wife, Joyce, and their family.

We were sorry to hear about the death of Filippina Fruncillo from Howell, NJ and Cottonwood Drive. Filippina was seen regularly at the pool with her granddaughter. Our sympathy is extended to her husband, Eugenio and daughter and family.

A former member, Dick Heaney, passed away recently. Our sympathy to his wife, Marie, and his brother-in-law, Rick Figiel and wife Regina who are members of BCLCA.

Our Sympathy to the Fogal Family on the death of Doug Fogal, Sr.

WEBMASTER

Barb Godshalk

"a person responsible for the administration of a website on the World Wide Web".... that's me, Barbara Godshalk. Pat Crain originally started a web site on Geocities. At the springtime general meeting in 2009 Pat asked for volunteers to help with the website. Several people came forward and somehow it has become my baby. Our web site has come a long way in the past 2 ½ years. We now have our own domain, www.BCLCA.org. Both the website and I have grown with knowledge and information, with still more to come. I have more items and ideas to add to the website and I am always open for more ideas from you. Please feel free to email your thoughts to webmaster@bclca.org.

Check out the section called "History". Bob Gordon turned in a folder to the office which had some items from the beginning of Bear Creek Lakes. This folder gave me the idea to start something on the web that everyone can enjoy and share. I have lived here over 3 years and have no idea how this community was developed. With the help of Edie Boyer and Al Zagofsky to name a few, I was able to start "History". If you have any items (articles, brochures, pictures) we can use, please email me or stop by the office.

Did you misplace the latest newsletter? Would you like to read the minutes of the monthly board of directors meeting? Need some forms from the office? These items are now available on our web site www.BCLCA.org.

SECRETARY RESIGNES

Edie Boyer

We were shocked and sorry to hear that our office secretary Linda has resigned as of Friday, July 8th. Linda was known to the membership as our friendly, efficient secretary. As editor of the newsletter, she was a great help to me. You will be missed, Linda, and thanks for everything you have done for all of us.

BEST WISHES TO:

Edie Boyer

I hesitate to write this article because we do not know about everyone who should be mentioned. At this time we extend our wishes and get well prayers to: Peggy Keegan, Pat Crain, Marlene Lutt, Norman Summers, Richard Hand, Harry Lunemann, Helen Fisher, Helen Rizzo, Victor Focht, Ed Melber and all others who are not feeling up to par at this time.

MOVIES-MOVIES-MOVIES

Sylvia Capozzoli

Movie Day at Stewart Hall was great! We had a movie day scheduled for one Saturday in each month of the summer; June 11th, July 9th and August 13th. The first movie at 1:30 was for children and the young at heart. We had Tangled, Despicable Me and Toy Story 3. Movies were rated G to PG-13. The second movie at 7pm was for adults, usually rated PG-13 to R. We had such movies as The King's Speech and Unknown. All those who came for the show were treated to free admission. There was even free popcorn and soda. With the price of movie tickets and popcorn today this was a deal of all deals. Movies were shown in widescreen and surround sound. We want to thank Eric and Amy Capozzoli for coming to Bear Creek Lakes with all the professional equipment. We also want to thank the volunteers who made and served the popcorn, gave out sodas and stayed to clean up. I hope that we will see you next year on the scheduled movie days. Check 2012's Recreation Schedule for dates and times and the bulletin boards for the movie titles.



2ND ANNUAL BEAR CREEK LAKES 5K RUN/3K FUN WALK

Marty Palmer

The second annual Bear Creek Lakes 5K Run/3K Fun Walk took place on Sunday, July 3rd, 2011. There were over 30 participants who attended the run/walk. Proceeds from the race went to the purchase of a portable defibrillator for the pool area. Winners from the 5K race were:

All kids who participated in the run/walk were awarded with a

Male category:

- 1st place: Connor Higgins
- 2nd place: Chris Clemens
- 3rd place: Ted Roehrig

Female category:

- 1st place: Cortney Capper
- 2nd place: Cathy Peduzzi
- 3rd place: Maggie Capper

medal as well. Thanks to everyone who helped out with the race and congratulations to all that participated!

GARDEN PARTY TEA

Pat Stasyk

We held our Tea on June 18th and everyone had a wonderful time. The ladies looked beautiful in their hats and gloves. The hall was decorated with lots of flowers the food was great and the desserts were sinfully good. Mary Knorr, Mary Malone, Sylvia Capozzoli and Mary Ewerth were my food committee along with Carole Kearney and Deb Beerman who made some of the desserts. The servers were Jack Knorr, Bill Malone, Frank Ewerth, Alex Stasyk and the adorable Abby Beerman who all looked so professional in their black and white outfits and their great smiles. Mark Beerman did a wonderful job as our photographer. If any affair is a success it is due to the hard work of many and I need to especially thank my daughter Kim Caven and my granddaughters Alexander and Mackenzie Caven for all the hard work they do all year to help me get ready for the Tea. I literally could not do it without everyone's help.

Editor's note: This is always a delightful event. Many thanks to Pat and her committee.



PIG ROAST

Pat Stasyk

As of this writing we are almost sold out for our Pig Roast. This year's theme is Crazy Clothes Cruise. We're looking forward to seeing some outlandish outfits. Let's hope we had good weather. We sell 110 to 120 tickets for this event.

Look for the date for next year in our Spring Newsletter.

Have a safe winter.

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MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Larry Erra

On Friday, July 1st the 23rd Annual Men's Golf Tournament was held at White Birch Golf Course. It was a beautiful day for the 60 golfers. The results are as follows:

Low score: Ian Myers and Jason McEmoye

Low score for seniors: Tom Beere and Lou Barbone

Closest to the pin: Mike Futryk and Mike McDermott

Straightest drive: Mo Ruan

Longest drive: Ken Boltman

Longest drive for senior: Frank Lang

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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

All the graduates from high school and college.

Kelly Taylor

Throughout my high school career, living in Bear Creek Lakes was truly a pleasure. I've had the opportunity to meet some great people as a Bear Creek lifeguard. I graduated this past June and will be attending East Stroudsburg University this coming fall. I'm currently undecided on my major but plan to figure it out in the near future. I am very glad I was blessed to grow up in such a beautiful community and graduate from a great school. Bear Creek Lakes has had a very positive impact on my life.

We apologize if we missed any 2011 graduates, but our only information comes from you, so if you want to put something in the newsletter in the future, contact our web master, email address is on the web or you may mail something to our office and address it to the Newsletter.

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

Dylan Bradley

Hello my name is Dylan Bradley and I recently just held an Arthritis Walk/ Run here in Bear Creek Lakes over the Memorial Day weekend. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone that volunteered their time to help, those who donated to this cause and everyone who participated in the event!

When I first started to plan this event back in March, I would never have imagined that I would have gotten so much support from the people who either participated or donated for such a worthy cause. My goal was to raise \$1,000 for the Arthritis Foundation, and I am happy to report that through your generosity I raised more than \$1,500! Thank you again to everyone who came out and supported me, I greatly appreciate it! Also, be sure to look for photos from the event on our website!

HIDDEN WORLD

Jason Robert

Jason Robert, son of Carl & Michele Wiener, has published a book "Hidden World". It is a fantasy adventure novel, an appropriate read for young adults into the adult reader.

About the book:

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His website is jasonrobert.com

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Tom Larney

Both my wife Vera and I take pleasure in being part of the Bear Creek Lakes membership since 1986. During the 25 years our children Thomas and Lisa have had great times here growing up with all the facilities and in the fresh air. With this letter I request to serve as a board member of Bear Creek Lakes Civic Association and appreciate your consideration. I have worked for the state for 42 years. My most recent capacity was for 17 years as a Transportation Construction Manager 3 for new construction in Montgomery County. I was responsible for control of multi concurrent projects totaling 50 million plus dollars. The responsibility included 30 engineers and inspectors not counting designer interaction to solve problems. The projects included multi span bridges, roadways, I-76 reconstruction (Conshohocken ramps) and I-476 ramp reconstruction. Immediately after retiring from the state I began working with an engineering firm Pennoni Associates, Inc. I continue to interact with the state on both Open End and Specific Contracts. My managerial training with a construction background and certifications earned provide a good experience bank to provide service to Bear Creek Lakes. Presently I work a 4 day week and I am at BCL Thursday evening. My intent is to give back some of what I received during my 25 years. Thanks for your consideration.

Martyn Palmer

My wife Sally and I purchased our vacation home in Bear Creek Lakes in 2009. We have two children, Evan (11) and Lauren (10) who both are very active and love the outdoors. We were looking for a place to get away on weekends to spend time together as a family and leave behind our hectic schedules of the week. Our family enjoys very much coming up to Bear Creek Lakes and we have met so many wonderful people on our travels throughout the community. I have always been one to want to be involved and to help the community in which I live. Our permanent home is in Hatboro, PA and I very involved in the community as the chairman of the Hatboro First Friday Committee which helps plan out entertainment for our town's First Friday celebration every month. I am also an active member of the implementation committee at the college in which I graduated (Arcadia University) to get alumni more active in University relations. Being a part of these committees, I have gained valuable experience in organizing and planning various activities that have real impact. There is no better feeling then to come up with an idea and then to work hard to see it come to fruition. I want to help the BCL executive board continue in its mission to make our community the wonderful place that it already is and to add my own ideas that will help make a difference to generations to come that call Bear Creek Lakes their permanent or vacation home.

Marc Beerman

My name is Marc Beerman. My wife, Deborah, and I have been part-time residents since 2008 and full time for the last year. Married 34 years, we have 2 children – Jared working as a production cartographer in Vermont, living in New Hampshire and Abby a sophomore at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, majoring in Biology and History. As a relatively new member of the Bear Creek Lakes family, I feel it is important to be involved to ensure that BCL continues to be the premier community in the Pocono's. I have a wide variety of work and volunteer experiences which will allow me to serve the community well. My work experience includes accounting, finance, strategic planning, operations, and technology with Tweedy Browne Clearing and Waterhouse Securities. I've also started and successfully run my own business - Investors Advantage. My most valuable and rewarding experiences have been as a WEBLOS leader (Scouting), chief of YMCA Indian Guides and Princess Tribes, and as a soccer and t-ball coach. I'm an avid photographer and gardener. I would like the opportunity to serve on the board of Bear Creek Lakes and ask for your support.

Steve Sosnowski

Hi, my name is Steve Sosnowski. My wife Ginny and I have owned a home in Bear Creek Lakes for the past three years and have been full time residents for the past two. Bear Creek shines brightly when compared to other developments, I realize that a lot of hard work and energy goes into keeping it this way, and I am now in a position to dedicate my time to help out. I have 10 years of engineering/programming experience with Public Service Electric and Gas Co of Newark, NJ after 21 years as a Supply Chain Planning Manager. My educational background includes a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, an Associates degree in Environmental Technology and a certificate in Computer Programming. My experiences have provided me with the interpersonal skills required for this position, specifically, being able to listen, collaborate with others and work to reach consensus agreements that best represent the interests of Bear Creek Lakes homeowners. It would be an honor to represent all of you on the board!

Fred Maloney

Alias, "Hot Dog Man" and Mr. Fun by some of the little ones. This is my Bio degradable Bio. Helloooo: I'm Fred and I am usually friendly unless disturbed by arrogance, and poor manners. I have had the pleasure of serving on BCL Board for last Ten years" or more.

Where does the time go ask Judy Collins because I don't know. I tend to be liberal in thought but conservative in spending. I have had the pleasure of running and sharing the recreational committee duties for BCL. I also was added to maintenance chore. I would like your support via the voting process at our closing general membership meeting. I was a big fan of Mr. Rogers, God bless his soul and believe in his philosophy of knowing the people in your neighborhood and being a GOOD Neighbor. I like BCL laid back emphasis on Recreation and Good times, and general respect for each other's individualism.

I tend to error on the side of forgiveness and feel we have enough rules to last us a lifetime. I feel common sense should prevail between neighbors and no one can settle a disagreement better then the parties involved. I have a strong sense of volunteerism and its importance to a community's well being and growth. For those interested in Stat's. I am married to Barbara who has the patience of a Saint also the father to two boys and three dogs an old timer named Ginger and two puppies Guapo and Chula. Sounds like a song I once heard.

Boys are deductible the dogs and cat aren't. I am a Retired Marine Engineer only sailed two seas out of the seven. Also a former H.S. educator so one could say I am reasonably educated. I tend to write from the head and heart and allow my readers to do the Grammar checking. Also Speak Spanish from my Peace Corp days, 71 to 75, ah! Those were the days, when my hair was brown and my body didn't ache. I guess that's were my sense of volunteerism comes from and making a difference in the World and in the community.

That's as statistical as I want to get besides my fingers are as tired as your eyes. So Virginia I must say, I do believe in Santa Claus.

John Klaiber

My name is John Klaiber. I've been a Bear Creek Lakes resident for the past 18 years and the treasurer for the past 11 years. I took over for Mary Prang. Nobody else wants the job!! I was born and raised in Western Pennsylvania, went to Penn State –Dubois and Harrisburg Campuses and received an Electrical Engineering degree. After graduating in 1970, I got a job with Radio Shack. I was a store manager for 6 years and the last year I was a District Manager. In 1978 my wife and I bought a TV and Appliance Sales and Service business in Lansford, Pa. In 1993 we moved from Whitehall to Bear Creek Lakes and built our new house on Deer Trail. I would like to continue working for the community- as the treasurer if elected.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES:

Lawrence Ryals

Hello everyone. Hope you all enjoyed your summer. My three years are up and time flew by. I hope y'all had a good time at the pool. I have been pool director the last three years and would like your vote. Thank You Kindly

Lynn Del Negro

Hello all. My name is Lynn. In 1989 while on vacation, my husband Ed and I agreed that we wanted to live in Pennsylvania. Within one day of returning home to Long Island, we had a buyer for our house. We were convinced that moving here was *Meant to be*. Annie McDonald introduced us to Bear Creek Lakes. It was love at first sight. The rest is history. Twenty one years later we have NO regrets about our decision. I consider myself a Jack of all trades and master of none as my grandmother used to say. I've built a computer, developed and supervised an inventory system for a government sub contractor and created and managed the billing system for a trash collection company. I enjoy the learning process and hope to have an opportunity to provide assistance where needed. As a member of the Board, I would be dedicated to the task of helping to make our community one that serves its neighbors appropriately while allotting funds for the necessary improvements in a budget conscious manner. I love living in this community, and I realize there is always room for improvement and change. I like to think of myself as someone who can listen to all sides of a discussion and would be able to express my opinion fairly and reasonably. It would be an honor to serve on the Board of Directors and would welcome the opportunity whole heartedly. Thank you in advance for your vote.
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MEET THE LIFEGUARDS:

Chris Meader (co-head lifeguard)

Hello my fellow Bear Creek residents! It's nice to be back again as your head lifeguard. This is my 6th year here and it's been a blast. I just finished up 2 years at Penn State Hazleton, and in the fall I will be attending East Stroudsburg University for Elementary Education. I hope everyone has a fun and safe summer! See you all around and next year also.

Your Super Duper Head Lifeguard.

Morgan Levitz (co-head lifeguard) - Hi everyone! I'm Morgan, I'm 20 years old and this is my 5th summer as a lifeguard here Bear Creek Lakes. I graduated from Jim Thorpe High School in 2009 and will be going into my junior year at West Chester University. I'm studying Communicative Disorders and Spanish and plan on working as a Speech Therapist. I hope everyone has a happy and safe summer!

Dylan Bradley - Hello, my name is Dylan Bradley and this is my first year life guarding at Bear Creek Lakes. I am going to be a junior at Jim Thorpe Area High School and in my free time I enjoy playing sports.

When I'm not working, you can usually find me driving around on my golf cart. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

Kyle Bradley - Hi, my name is Kyle Bradley and this is my 5th BCL lifeguard. During the school year I attend Misericordia University, where I am in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. I also work part time at the St Luke's Sports & Rehab, hopefully one day they'll help pay for my schooling. Watching Manchester United and playing soccer are two of my favorite pastimes. If I'm not playing soccer or working you can find me playing Call of Duty. Peace!

Avery Day - My name is Avery Day and I am sixteen years old. I go to Jim Thorpe Area High School. I have lived in Bear Creek Lakes for about fifteen years. This is my first year life guarding and I hope this will be a great summer working as a lifeguard. My plans for the future are to graduate high school and go to college to become an anesthesiologist.

Tara Hartman - Hello, my name is Tara Hartman. This is my first year life guarding and I love this job. I am 16 years old and I am going to be a junior at Jim Thorpe High School.

You usually would see me driving around on my golf cart or hanging out at the pool on my days off. I enjoy playing volleyball and hanging with my friends. I hope everyone has a safe and good summer and I'll be seeing you around.

Tyler Mc Geehan - Hi Bear Creek, my name is Tyler McGeehan. I am 17 and this is my third year as a lifeguard. Next year I will be attending The Forman College Preparatory School in Litchfield, Connecticut. When I am not working I like to drive around Bear Creek in my golf cart or play paintball at Skirmish.

Ben Moore - My name is Ben Moore and I will be a senior at Jim Thorpe Area High School. I am busy all year round with sports and I am always doing something. I love watching movies, hanging out with friends, and being active.

This is my third year working as a lifeguard in Bear Creek Lakes and it is the best job ever! I hope everyone has a great and fun summer here, but also a safe one as well!

Erin Nanovic - Hi I'm Erin and I've been a lifeguard at Bear Creek Lakes for 4 summers now. I have just completed my freshman year at St. Mary's College in Indiana. I love photography. I love working here; this is the best job ever.

Sean Nanovic - Hi, my name is Sean, this is my first year as a Lifeguard in BCL. I attend Jim Thorpe High School.

Minke Pheiffer - Hi, my name is Minke. I am a first year guard and really enjoying it. When I am not working I enjoy playing sports, and hanging out with my friends. I have lived in Bear Creek for 3 years with my mother and sister. I am a sophomore at Jim Thorpe High School and am 15 years old. Have a great summer!

Brooke Riffert - Hello, my name is Brooke Riffert and I am 19 years old, I will be a sophomore in college. I am majoring in Special Education and minoring in American Sign Language. When I'm not at school I am out with friends. This is my second year as a lifeguard, but my first year at BCL. I hope everyone has a happy and sunny summer.

Nate Ryals - Hey, my name is Nate Ryals. I go to Jim Thorpe High School, where I am going to be a senior this year. This is my second year of life guarding and I love it! I plan on attending Penn State Main University after graduating for Secondary Education. I love Bear Creek to death so you'll probably see me driving around on my scooter or golf cart. Have a good summer!

Darian Shick - My name is Darian Schick. This is my 2nd year life guarding at Bear Creek Lakes. I just graduated from Jim Thorpe High School. I plan to study Secondary Education and Spanish at Bloomsburg University this coming fall.

Kelly Taylor - My name is Kelly Taylor and this is my 4th year as a Bear Creek Lakes Lifeguard. I will be attending East Stroudsburg University for this coming fall semester. I'm currently undecided on my major, but I plan on figuring it out in the near future and having a blast at ESU! My favorite things to do are swim, be at the beach and hang out with friends. My favorite food is seafood! I hope all the residents of Bear Creek Lakes and vacationers have a wonderful summer!

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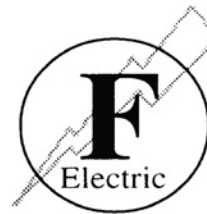


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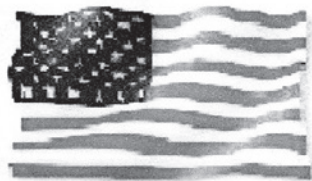
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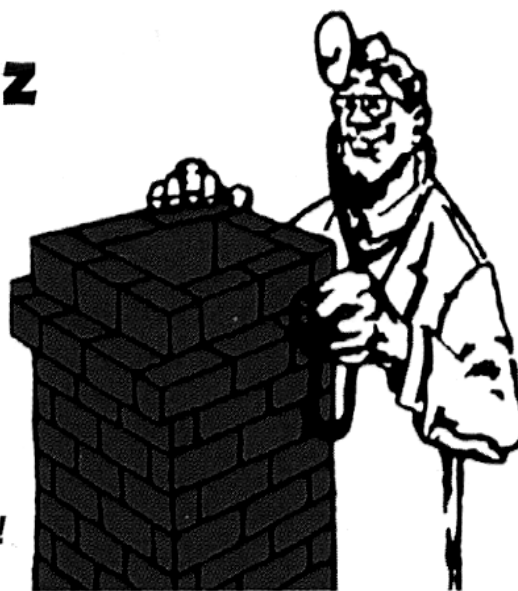
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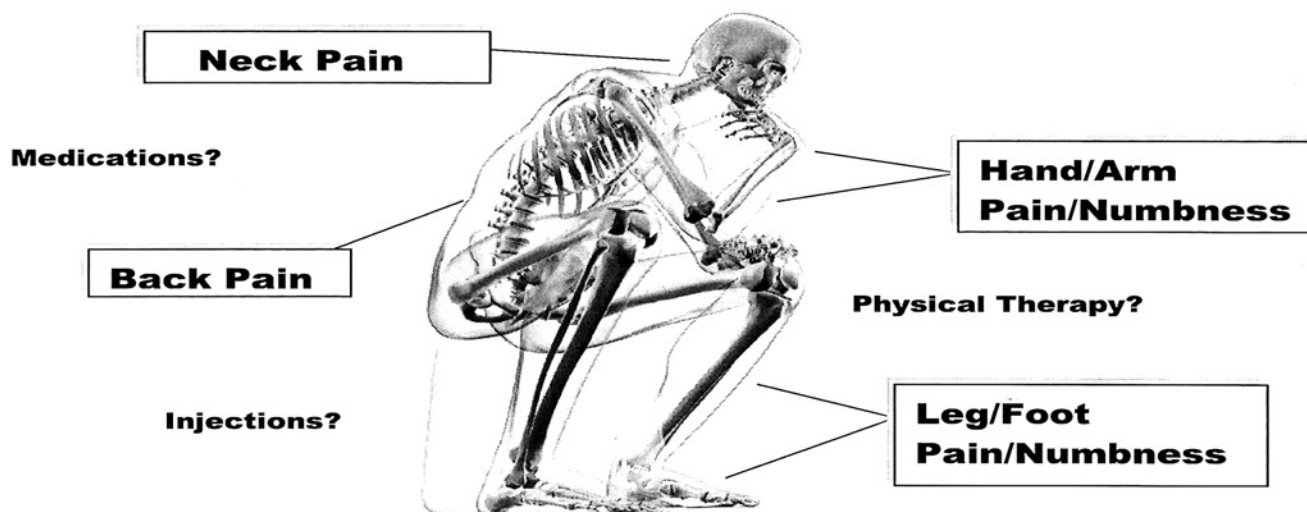
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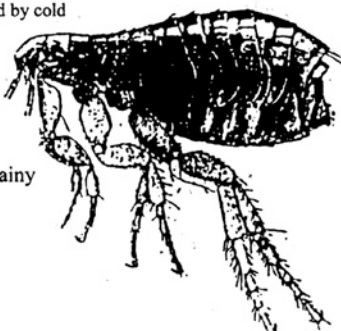
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