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THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE JACK MCGEEHAN

Greetings everyone. We are in the midst of a great Summer season here at Bear Creek Lakes. The weather has been cooperating with our recreation calendar. Speaking of the recreation calendar, I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped run the events that many of us have come to enjoy!

We have a few projects on the horizon that I am sure will be detailed in the individual committee reports in this edition of our newsletter. Speaking of projects, many of you may have had the opportunity to see the completed Pool resurfacing that was done this past spring – this project should extend the life of our pool for another 10-15 years.

I encourage everyone to become involved in our community in whatever way you can....attend our monthly board meetings, become a volunteer or run for a position on the Board of Directors.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer and have a great Fall!

TREASURER'S REPORT JOHN KLAIBER

We're most of the way through this fiscal year and so far things are looking good.

We did major pool repairs this spring, recoating the surface, leak repair and new pump. The repairs cost approximately \$40,000. This came from our capital replacement funds.

We have to get the inlet gate valve for the dam checked this fall. We have over \$40,000 set aside for the lake/dam repairs if needed.

The road paving project for the year was just completed. The approximate cost was \$72,000.

The roofs on both bath houses and the pool house need to be replaced. This is currently out for bid.

I'm working on the new budget for next year. No other new projects as of yet.

I hope everybody is enjoying the HOT summer.

New Boating Rule

Effective immediately, the entire lake has been defined as a "slow-no-wake" zone. That means a maximum speed of 5 mph. Prior to this rule change a large portion of the lake was already subject to "slow-no-wake (maximum of 5 mph) under PA Fish and Boat Commission regulations. The rule change covering the remaining part of the lake was made for the safety of all users of the lake. Penalties for violations will be the same as other Boating and Fishing fines - 1st offense -\$50 plus costs, 2nd and subsequent offenses - \$100 plus costs. Boating safely protects everyone using the lake.

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LAKE/DAM COMMITTEE

Marc Beerman

The lake has been very active this summer. What a beautiful sight seeing the sailboats skimming the lake on those hot days this summer. There have been so many new colorful sails! The lake has been filled with fun - swimmers, people fishing, boats and water toys too numerous to mention.

In June, the lake was treated for aquatic vegetation and was deemed to be a healthy lake by the firm treating it. We have hired a local engineering firm to conduct the 2012 annual dam inspection. This year the state is requiring us to include an end to end video inspection of the outlet structure, so don't be surprised if you see divers in the lake by the dam.

Please remember that all boaters are required to follow the rules of the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission. All individuals fishing are subject to the Pennsylvania State Fishing Laws and Regulations. I want to remind everyone of a few additional rules here at BCL. These rules apply not only to the members of BCL but to all renters and guests of our community.

Live bait, including minnows, suckers, goldfish, carps, eel, darters, killifishes, chubs, and stone catfish are prohibited in the lake. Fishing is not permitted from the breast of the dam or near any swimming areas. BCL limits the number of fish kept to four fish within a 24 hour period.

All boats must stay 50 feet clear of marked swimming areas. Any use of the lake is to be at the risk of the owner of the boat. BCLCA shall not be liable for damage or injury resulting from submerged objects or collisions. Homeowners (not renters or guests) are the only individuals allowed to register their boats. Only registered boats are allowed on the lake. This helps to control the spread of invasive aquatic plants in the lake.

Please refer to the BCLCA Rule Book for all the rules pertaining to fishing and boating.

The lake committee continues to meet on an on going basis to discuss issues regarding the lake. The goal of the committee is to ensure the lake continues as a multi-purpose lake. A multi-purpose lake is defined as a lake used for boating, fishing, swimming, and an asset of the community.

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

Enjoy the beauty of the lake this autumn and winter.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Jack Knorr

Summer has been extremely busy. Activities are happening all over the place. Rentals at the Hall are very good. If you have an upcoming affair, take advantage of the low rental fee and plan your activity at the Hall. It is a great place for showers, graduations, birthday parties, etc.

The back deck at Stewart Hall has been newly painted. Thanks to all of my volunteers. You did a great job! A special thank you to George and Terry Sawicki for donating a range/oven to Stewart Hall.

Thanks also go out to Denis McCaig for painting the North and South Beach bathrooms.

Ice cream night at the pool was a big success. The ice cream was thoroughly enjoyed on that hot day. Thanks to

the many volunteers.

There are plenty of activities still scheduled for the rest of the summer. Make sure you check the activity list for the upcoming events during the winter months also.

Have a safe and healthy fall and winter.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES & COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEES

Bob Skiffington

My appointment to the Board of Director's occurred in October 2010. Directors are elected for 3 year terms every September at the Fall membership meeting. The Director that I was replacing had 2 of his 3 years remaining so my appointment ends August 31, 2012. I will not be seeking reelection this September but will continue supporting the community as a volunteer. I encourage all members to consider running for the Board. And if you end up being Chairperson to one of my committees you will have the comfort of knowing that I am a full time resident and can be available to help or answer questions. The only difference that I foresee is that I will no longer be voting on community policy. So don't be surprised if you see me at the office or bouncing around the community.

LIFEGUARD COMMITTEE

Colleen Bradley

Wow! What a summer it has been so far. We have been blessed with some near record heat and sunny weather making for great swimming conditions. I hope that everyone noticed the new look that our guards are sporting this year. They embraced the change enthusiastically and I have received many positive comments regarding their appearance. We added 3 new guards to our returning 12 and they are really coming together as a group. Through July 18th we have had 2 in-service training sessions with a certified instructor. She has reported that our guards are all performing up to standards. We have 2 more sessions scheduled for this year, and I'm confident that our guards will continue to do well. Pool day has come and gone and while the guards put a lot of time and effort into, it is something that they truly enjoy. As of this writing, life guard challenge and life guard appreciation night at the pool are still on the schedule.

I would like to remind everyone that the life guards are here to ensure that you and your loved ones are safe and protected while enjoying our beaches and pool. They did not create the rules and policies that govern our facilities. Rather as part of their job they are required to enforce these rules for both your health and safety. I think I have a great bunch of young adults, who take their job seriously and strive to do the best they can. Your support and understanding would make their jobs much easier.

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

Colleen Bradley

We had a good turnout for this years' Beautification Day, with some new faces, which is always nice! Flowers were planted at the triangle and planters were placed at the pool and the boat dock. While we were there we also did some weeding along the parking lot of the pool. Many thanks, to those who volunteered their time and expertise

(Dave Lantt). Also a shout out to Lawrence Ryals who was able to get the flowers for us again this year! Beautification Day is a great way to share some time with your neighbors or to meet new friends and help keep BCL beautiful!

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Pat Stasyk

I would like to thank Barb Godshalk for all her hard work with the Newsletter. She donates hours upon hours to get the Newsletter ready for the printer. Most of her time is spent urging the Board Members to get their articles to her.

If you have any issues you would like to discuss, you can always come to a board meeting held the 3rd Sat of the month.

Don't forget to use our Web Site; it's a wonderful tool for finding out what is happening in your community. Also, don't forget to use the Bulletin Boards.

The sign at our entrance is kept up to date by Jack Knorr. He does a wonderful job.

Have a health & safe winter.

Editor's note: Thank you to Alex Stasyk & his workers. Without them the newsletter would not make it to your mailbox!

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Todd Laudenschlager

BCL has issued permits for Additions, Decks, and Sheds since our last meeting. The Building Committee has seen an increase in the number of members calling for information on applying for and receiving permits. This has been a positive experience for myself and BCL's secretaries. When permits are not obtained that results in I, along with other board members and staff, spending countless hours issuing stop work orders and fines to the member. This could all be avoided if as I ask in every letter to the membership of BCL, to please check our website or call the office when beginning a project to see what, if any paperwork must be completed or permits received before the start of your project. Thank You for Your Consideration

ROADS COMMITTEE

Tom Larney

HI ALL! This year BCL was able to put out to bid a decent size proposal for road work. The work included 1500 linier foot of Bear Creek Drive approaching the Peninsula

to correct the unevenness of this low area and it included the stone edging for support. The Boat Launch Ramp was excavated and upgraded to include stone base and provide a better grade from the parking area to the water. The parking area was given selected leveling and a wearing course. The edges of the parking area were given a straight edge and backed up with stone for support. Mountain View Road at Behrens Road was widened slightly to include mailbox users and also to correct the paving failures. Other selected areas in BCL were patched to gain longevity. Our contractor Papillion and Moyer provided BCL with excellent service with minimum inconvenience.

Thanks for your patience.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Todd Laudenschlager

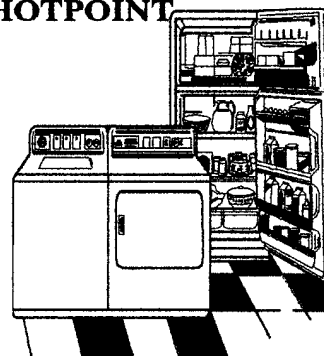
Since our last meeting the Maintenance crew has gone on and above their regular duties to have and keep our grounds in tip-top condition. Jim and Chris have spent many hours assisting in the preparation of the pool and making the facilities ready for the summer season. There are regular chores at the pool complex, along with facilities and grounds maintenance, repairing equipment and grass cutting to name some of the tasks they perform on a weekly basis. It seems impossible that there are enough hours in the week to complete all these jobs, but they do, because Jim and Chris are hard working and desire our members to have the best experience possible. I believe BCL could not have a better crew. If you have a concern related to maintenance I can be reached through the office. Thank You.

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RULES COMMITTEE

Bill Allison

In the coming months the Rules Committee will address the revision of the BCL Rule Book. Over all the years Bear Creek's Civic Association has maintained a written set of rules to govern the development. That list of rules has grown from just a few pages (The 1981 edition contained only 11.) to today's 2008 edition with over 30 pages.

Board members as well as other interested BCL residents will be invited to join a revision committee to make the book more concise and succinct. Let Bill Allison know if you are interesting in joining at waschoolmaster@aol.com

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Bill Malone

As I write this note for the September newsletter, summer is in full swing and we have had quite a few hot days. There have been very few security problems. On May 25th and June 5th there were some minor acts of vandalism. We do not know who committed the acts, scuttlebutt has it that they were young teenagers who live in our development. Yes, children of your neighbors, not outsiders. Please be respectful of your neighbors and their property.

We just celebrated the 4th of July. It was a busy time for our security. They issued several citations for motor vehicle violations and for illegal fireworks. Please be aware of our traffic laws. The 15 MILE PER HOUR speed limit is for the safety of all our residents.

Please remember if you see something suspicious, call SECURITY #570-325-9322 or the STATE POLICE #610-377-4270. If an EMERGENCY, call 911.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Pat Stasyk & Marty Palmer

Please check the bulletin boards around the community for announcements of all upcoming recreational activities. Also, please check out the BCL website for announcements and the full year recreation schedule is posted there as well. Anyone interested in helping run or just volunteering to help with upcoming activities, please contact Marty Palmer and Pat Stasyk. Also, if anyone has any ideas for new recreational activities, please let us know as the schedule is finalized in January for the upcoming season.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Jack McGeehan

This is my first full year chairing the Human Resources committee. For the most part there were not too many challenges.

Our first obstacle was our long term Maintenance employee Keith Richards moved on to take another job in the Lehigh Valley. We were able to get by this summer by hiring a part time seasonal employee – Chris Meader. Both Jim and Chris have been doing an exceptional job this season keeping up with ever evolving projects and maintaining the facilities! We will be searching to hire another Maintenance employee after Chris leaves us to head back to college in August.

Our next obstacle was our Office manager, Barbara Godshalk, needed to take some time off for health reasons. I must say that Barbara had transformed our office into a more streamlined operation and it appeared at first that we

were going to have a dubious task without her. We quickly found out that she had put in place a great system for us all to follow. Speaking of "us"...it was really the big time fill in from Pat Crain that bridged the void. I am happy to report that Barbara is recovering well and expects to be back in August. We also just recently hired Sylvia Capozzoli to help out when needed.

I also wanted to give a special thanks to the Lifeguards; Erin N, Kyle, Morgan, Kelly, Tyler, Avery, Nate, Dylan, Minke, Tara, Sean, Chelsea, Brooke R, Brooke D, Erin B. and the Badge Monitors; Deb & Jen for all their hard work throughout the summer.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help in any way that you can, please give me a call.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Steve Sosnowski

Tree seedling distribution:

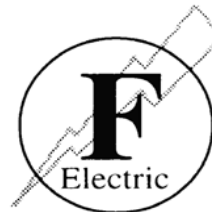
The American Red Pine seedling giveaway at the Spring general meeting was a huge success. We gave out a total of 500 trees. I have received positive feedback from several members that the trees that they planted are thriving and already showing new growth. We will look to repeat this next year with a different species of tree. I have already received a few suggestions as to variety.

Feral Cat Update:

Based on emails I have received, I feel it necessary to clarify the boards' position on feral cats.

There are currently no BCLCA rules or Penn Forest Township ordinances regarding the feeding of or providing

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shelter for feral cats.

We have received input from a Wildlife Conservation Officer and a Veterinarian, both of whom highly discourage the feeding and sheltering of feral cats or any other wild animal.

Although feeding/sheltering without providing essential medical care such as rabies shots and neutering is done with good intentions and kindness, it is actually doing the animals a disservice and adding to the growing problem. You are essentially converting food into more cats! It is also a health risk to fellow members, should they be scratched or bitten by an untreated animal.

The pilot program approved by the board is an attempt to humanely deal with the existing population of animals in BCL, but it is by no means a long term solution. If you choose to feed and or shelter stray cats, you should treat it as an adoption and make sure that you provide them with the proper care that you would provide for any other pet. If you are not willing to do this then please do not leave food out for them or provide support in any manner.

HAPPY AND SAFE BOATING

Kevin McGrath

One of the many things that I love about our community is the fact that you are all very friendly people! We wave at each other whether we are walking, biking, golf carting, driving or boating. We stop and chat and we look out for each other. To me this is the very essence of community and I love it!

I have been out in my sailboat enjoying the breezy weather on our beautiful lake and have observed and

participated in a few incidents that prompted me to write this piece. I love being on the water and I enjoy seeing everyone enjoying the lake. We have some busy times with swimmers and all types of boats crossing back and forth. It is great fun, but also poses a potential for harm.

I went to the State web site to brush up on the "Rules of the Road" and offer this summary.

1. All boaters must maintain a lookout at all times - sounds like common sense, but even if you are distracted for a minute, a pontoon boat at full throttle can travel a long way.
2. Swimmers have right of way - we have many fit residents and children who can and do swim across the lake. Keep a careful eye out for them. Swimmers, please remember that you can be hard to see as well. If you notice a boat getting close, splash and make sure they see you. I was sailing on a sunny afternoon and the reflection off of the waves did a great job of hiding a swimmer.
3. Boats under power must yield to boats not under power - yes, this is the law of the lake! I have had several occasions when I have had to veer from my course to avoid a pontoon boat that cut right across my bow. I have seen other sailors and kayakers experience the same thing. It is usually very easy for a powered boat to simply increase or decrease speed to avoid a sail or other boat. If you are on a collision course with another boat, it is your duty to make a clear and early course change to avoid a close call.
4. Boats being rowed or paddled have right of way over sailboats. Same idea as above. Let us give each other a wide berth on the lake and keep everyone safe.

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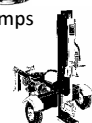
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5. Always keep a look out for any one on the water who could be in distress. Even in our small lake, a sudden wind can flip a sailboat or break a mast. Kayaks or canoes can flip. Let us all keep an eye out for our neighbors on the water as well.

The lifeguards are great and are finishing another season including a mid-lake rescue drill. Let us all do everything we can to make sure that this drill is never needed.

2013 BADGES & CAR PASSES

To save yourself time in the spring & summer, pick up your badges this fall when you pay your 2012-2013 dues.

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 2013 issue.

YARD SALE

Ron McCloskey

Our 6th Annual Community Yard/Garage Sale was a huge success. More than 55 homes & 65-70 families participated. Another 100 or more BCL families were seen shopping for bargains. The only complaint I heard was that there were too many cars. Not much we can do about that!

Next year I hope to do it all again. The tentative dates for the 7th Annual could be June 22nd & 23rd 2013. I repeat...TENTATIVE. Check the Spring 2013 newsletter. Remember, if you would like to be included on the maps, you must contact me at 325-5348 at least 2 weeks prior to June 22nd.

This year I would like to thank the BCL Civic Assoc. for paying for the ads in the Focus & Times News. Also thanks to Pat Crain for taking care of the maps. I would also like to thank Bud Hill, Fred Baker, Jackie Bartleson, Paul Rotter & Bob Guth for posting signs at the main entrances.

My neighbor, Nancy Berchtold, suggested we rent the firehouse for a one day indoor/outdoor flea market. The only problem I can think of is cost per person & carting your goods back & forth. It would be difficult to sell anything big. What do YOU think?

If anyone has any suggestions, beefs etc. on how to make our 2013 yard sale BIGGER & BETTER, you can contact me at 325-5348 & leave a message. I will get back to you.

TEEN NIGHT AT THE POOL

Colleen & Ray Bradley

Wow! What a turnout for our first Teen Night of the year! We had 46 teens turn out for what proved to be a great event. The weather was great and everyone had a good time. We served up 65 hot dogs and drinks. The kids enjoyed water volleyball, some acrobatic diving and their music.

Keep an eye on the web page and bulletin boards for updates as to when we will hold the next teen night. Many thanks to Pat Stasyk and recreation for the dogs and drinks as well as Lawrence Ryals for the volleyball net.

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BCL VOLUNTEERS

Kathy Lunemann

What you may ask, would this community be, without our volunteers? The special make up of our Bear Creek Lake community would be lacking if there wasn't an abundance of wonderful volunteers. All of our special activities are dependent on volunteers to run them. Beginning with our Board of Directors, to our Lady's Social Tea to Candy sales, our 4th of July celebration and on and on and on, volunteers make these activities possible.

But your help would and could make it even better. Remember the saying "Many hands make light work". Even if you are available for only one or two activities each season it would be a great help. Please consider having your name added to a list of volunteers. When an activity is being planned we could contact you either by email or phone and include you in one of special programs. Please give it some consideration and call or stop by the office to have your name added to the list.

Please help keep our wonderful Bear Creek Lake the premier community that it is. Thanks in advance.

Editor's note-Many thanks to you Kathy for all the volunteering you have done through out the years.

2012 GOLF CART AND BICYCLE PARADE

Sylvia Capozzoli and Mary Ewerth

We had a another banner year for the July 4th Decorated Golf Cart and Bicycle Parade. The weather was sunny though a little warm. We had 30 registered golf carts and 29 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 a double entry #5 & 6, The Sawicki & Strack Families on Honeysuckle. Second place went to Ron McCloskey on Dogwood and third place went to Mack & Sally West, also on Dogwood. The winners of the Best in Bicycle Decorating were first place, #5 Ray & Ilene Blisard on BCL Drive. Second place was awarded to Keedasha Smith, also on BCL Drive and third place, Rosie Incorvaia on White Oak. With prizes distributed and photo-shoot completed, the refreshments and games began! 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 2:00. As with any event in Bear Creek Lakes, a great big THANK YOU must go out to all the volunteers – the Judges, Parade and Game Assistants,



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Editor's note: This has always been a well organized and outstanding event. Thank you Sylvia & Mary for your dedication and hard work to run this event every year. You will be missed!

MOVIES-MOVIES-MOVIES

Sylvia Capozzoli

Movie Night at Stewart Hall was a great time. Special thanks to Eric Capozzoli. He donated the digital equipment to our community to be installed in Stewart Hall permanently. Hopefully we can continue Movie Night throughout the winter months. The first movie shown was "Warhorse" on June 23rd. The popcorn was freshly made, the soda was cold and the room was air-conditioned. The next movie shown was "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" on July 28th, and the final Summer Movie Night was on August 11th.. Look for future movie titles posted on BCL Website and bulletin boards. So come join us, bring a comfy chair and see a movie.



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THANKS FOR THE TABS

Edie Boyer

Several of our members save soda (or other) can tabs for me. I take these back to the elementary school in Pottstown where I taught for many years. All of the schools in Pottstown collect can tabs and turn them in to the Shriners organization who sell them and donates the money to the Shriners Children Hospital. Last year the Pottstown schools' collections amounted to several thousand dollars. So – thank you and keep saving – you help a great cause.

CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY

Pat Stasyk

The Christmas spirit was alive and well in Stewart Hall on June 9th 2012. You really felt the joy of Christmas in the hall that day, from our beautiful Christmas nativity set (donated by Kitty) to our lovely tree decorated with new ornaments (also donated by Kitty).

Each lady received a Christmas present (after playing a fun game) and a bag of goodies to take home with them.

Many thanks to my daughter Kim Caven and my granddaughters, Alexandra & Mackenzie Caven, for doing the Tea brochure for me every year.

I can not thank my committee enough for preparing the food and setting up the hall. Our handsome waiters are wonderful! We even had a visit from Santa (Marc Beerman) and his beautiful elf (Abby Beerman). They added so much to the atmosphere of the day.

I hope the tea was truly a wonderful experience for all

who participated.

Next year is a Valentine Tea Party! Hope to see all of you again in 2013.

Editor's note: Many thanks to Pat and her committee who always make this an outstanding event.

TUBING ON THE LAKE

Marty Palmer

Everyone had fun at the Annual Tubing on the Lake event that took place on Sunday, July 15th. They were tubing, floating and kayaking from the South Beach all the way to the boat dock and we are glad to report, everyone made it! Congratulations to all that came out and hope everyone had fun!

PIG ROAST

Pat Stasyk

Howdy! Our "Western Night" Pig Roast was a huge success and a sell-out.

As always, Frank & Pat do a wonderful job with the food which is always delicious. Thanks to everyone who brought a side dish or a dessert. You all make the event even nicer.

It brings a smile to my face when I see so many of our BCL residents having a great time.

The Pig Roast and the Golf Cart Parade are the best attended events of the summer season. If you have never attended either of them – please mark your calendar when you receive your Recreation Schedule in the Spring Newsletter. Please plan to join us and meet and greet your neighbors.

Have a safe winter!

MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Larry Erra

On Friday June 29th the 24th Annual Men's Golf Tournament was held at White Birch Golf Course. It was a hot & humid day with lots of sun but no rain. Forty golfers took part.

The results were:

Low score for seniors: Steve Rumley & Joe Buble

Low score for juniors: Chris McLaughlin & Jason Miller

Closest to the pin: Joe Buble & Dan Bartleson

Straightest drive: Mike Morris

Longest drive for seniors: Joe Van Uiter

Longest drive for juniors: Chris McLaughlin

Thanks to our sponsors: Dom & Ali, Crave, Bon Appite, Oscars Tavern, Antonio Pizza, Broadway Grill and White Birch Golf Course.

Thanks to Bob Shuler, Dan Bangs and Joe Van Uiter for their help.

Next year the tournament will be held on Friday July 5, 2013 at White Birch Golf Course. Hope to see you all there.

BEAR CREEK LAKE SHIRTS

Edie Boyer

We will have sweatshirts and both men's and ladies' casual shirts for sale or to order at the general membership meeting. We also have some shirts available at 81 Bear Creek Lake Drive. The profits all go to our Civic Association, so buy a shirt and add a few dollars to our treasury while showing pride in your community.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Our sincere congratulations to all the members of Bear Creek Lakes who graduated from high school or college this past spring.

We apologize for not listing the names of any 2012 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 your article to our office and address it to the "Newsletter".

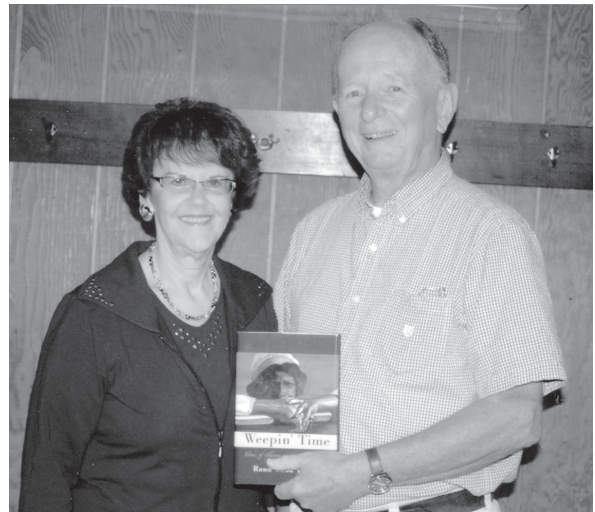
JRA 5K WALK/RUN OR 3K WALK- THANK YOU

Dylan Bradley

My second annual Arthritis Walk/Run was held Sunday July 8th. I had another good turnout with 30 runners and 15 walkers participating. Between the registration fees (which count as a donation) and T-Shirt sales I was able to raise \$1,065, which exceeded my goal of \$1,000. Many thanks to all of my volunteers, who helped register or manned the route with cold water and directions.

As many of you already know, I was diagnosed with Juvenile Arthritis at the age of 18 months. While there have been plenty of struggles, I've learned to live with my disease. I may have arthritis, but arthritis does not have me.

Thanks again to all who participated, donated or volunteered, I hope to see all of you and hopefully some more of you out for my 3rd annual event next year



BCL Book Club Hosts Local Author

On Tuesday, June 19, the BCL Book Club hosted local author Rand Tuttle who wrote the book *Weepin' Time* published in 2010. This work of historical fiction is set in Georgia where Rand and his wife spend their winter months, while spending their summers at Bear Creek Lakes.

In *Weepin' Time*, Tuttle narrates the fictional story of generations of black and white people who lived out their lives on the Georgia plantations interacting with one another while struggling to maintain their own values and identities. He presents an absorbing portrayal of life as it truly existed under slavery and shows firsthand the atrocities suffered by slaves.

Book Club members appreciated hearing Tuttle read excerpts from *Weepin' Time* and had the opportunity to ask him questions about how the book was written and the research that went into it. A lively discussion followed, and Tuttle was available for a book signing after the meeting. Everyone enjoyed the luncheon held after the meeting.

If you enjoy reading different types of books, consider joining the BCL Book Club. It meets the third Tuesday of every month from September through June at 10:00 AM in Stewart Hall. For additional information contact Leta Thompson at (570) 325-2121.

CRIME WATCH

Today, the 15th of July, I chaired my second meeting of the BCL crime watch with 11 members of the community in attendance. The hot topics discussed were vandalism and

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speeding. Also discussed was the use of BB guns (any type of target practice is prohibited in BCL). Security was present and made aware of the community concerns. We are in need of crime watch volunteers. Our next meeting will be held on August 18th at 12:00 (noon) in Steward Hall. All are welcome. Please attend. Working together we keep this community the best in the Pocono's.

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

Thanks again, Bill Malone

PASTA DINNER

Sue Whiteley

Mark your calendar...Friday, October 12. A delicious pasta dinner will be served in Stewart Hall at 6:00. The cost is \$8.00 per person and tickets are limited. Plan to come out and join us for a wonderful night of food and fun. Tickets will be available at the General Meeting on September 1st. Call Sue Whiteley at 325 2549 or e-mail at whiteley@ptd.net for information.

2ND ANNUAL BCL 5K RUN/3K FUN WALK

Marty Palmer

Please come out to the annual BCL 5K Run/walk on Sunday, September 2nd. The race starts at 9 am with registration starting at 8:30 am. Donations will be accepted at the race to help support the local boy scouts.

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.

To Our Bear Creek Lake neighbors:

Denis and Rosemarie McCaig are starting a business this fall. It will be Carbon Home Watch Services, LLC. It will be a professional home watch service operated by Denis and Rosemarie. Denis is a retired Philadelphia Fire Department veteran of thirty years and has ten years experience as a security officer in the healthcare and pharmaceutical industries. Rosemarie is a retired service delivery executive from the HR administration business with expertise in client relationship and contract management. Residents of Carbon County since 1976, originally as part time residents with a home near Beltzville State Park, they became residents of Bear Creek Lakes in 2006. Because they were part time residents for many years, they feel there is a need for a quality home watch service in our area to give the homeowners peace of mind. To learn more about their new business, you can read about it at www.carbonhomewatch.com or call them at 570.732.4147. The start up will be right after their daughter's wedding in September.

Did you know-?

The first babies born in BCL were twins, Pat & Bill Henry on July 11, 1967, born to Dolores and Tom Henry of Indian Trail. This summer they will be 45 years old!

SENIOR GAMES

We have many active and talented seniors in our community. Some of these people competed in the Carbon County Senior Games. The results of the Bear Creek participants are as follows:

Charlie Asman – Gold in Basketball Shoot, Darts & Softball Throw, Silver in Memorial Walk, Bronze in Mini Golf & Bowling

Joe Brennan – Gold in Mini Golf, Silver in Ping Pong, Bronze in Pool & Softball Throw

Karen Brandis – Silver in Bowling

Joanne Dantonio – Silver in Shuffleboard

Connie DiJohn – Bronze in Basketball Shoot, Memorial Walk & Bocce

John DiJohn – Silver in Bean Bags

Al Fanelli – Gold in Mini Golf, Silver in Darts & Pool, Bronze in Softball Throw

Betty Fanelli – Gold in Shuffleboard & Mini Golf

Harry Guardiola – Gold in Pool & Bowling, Silver in Softball Throw

George Kunkel – Gold in Basketball Shoot & Memorial Walk, Silver in Darts, Pool, Freestyle Swim, Backstroke Swim & Slow Dance, Bronze in Ping Pong, Softball Throw & Bocce

Linda Kunkel – Silver in Slow Dance, Bronze in Freestyle Swim & Backstroke Swim

Dave Lauth – Bronze in Memorial Walk

John Power – Gold in Bocce, Silver in Bowling

Joyce Shaika – Gold in Shuffleboard & Darts

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POOL DAY 2012

Colleen Bradley

Wow! What a day we had. The weather cooperated even though there seemed to be a constant threat of thunder. In all we had 65 children participate in a variety of events and activities, both in and out of the water. Temporary tattoos with the Avengers theme were seen throughout the pool. Among the highlights were the diving competition and the piñata. Recreation cooked up the hot dogs for the kids and the lifeguards supplied a large variety of desserts and Kool-Aid. Everyone left with a goody bag that contained some extra treats. This is a favorite event of the guards, as they love sharing the time with the kids. They are already looking forward to next year.

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2. All people who volunteer their time to run activities for us all to enjoy through out the year.
3. Our board of directors and the officers, who work hard for you & our community. They too volunteer their time.
4. Those who pick up litter while walking around in our community.
5. The drivers who obey the 15mph speed limit. YOU help keep our roads safer for everyone.
6. The dog owners who pick up after their dog.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Marty Palmer

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

Did you know-?

Prior to the construction of the current BCL Dam, there was a much smaller Dam. The original Dam was built to hold back water that fed into a "raceway" that eventually powered a paddle wheel used to generate electricity-primarily for the milking apparatus in the Bear Creek Dairy. Part of the "raceway" is still visible from images on Google earth (just below our Dam).

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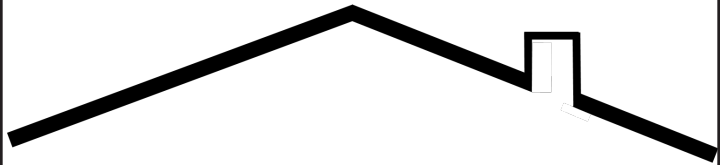
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The Dam Cookbook

As many of you already know, our community is preparing a custom keepsake cookbook to commemorate the 50th anniversary of our dam in 2014. This book will be professionally published with recipes, an informative history of BCL, stories, and photographs.

This project is an ambitious undertaking which will only be successful with your help. We are hoping to have a favorite recipe from each home in our community. Yes, you may certainly submit more than one recipe! Make each recipe extra special by including a short personal note. An example of your note could be, "this recipe is always a hit at TGIF!" or perhaps, "My grandmother spoiled us with this cookie at holidays, and always sent us home with extra cookies in decorated paper bags."

Recipe collection sheets are available on the table outside the office in Stewart Hall. When completed, the sheets should be put in an envelope marked "cookbook," and then placed in the mailbox outside the office. If you have a computer, you may submit your recipes online at www.typensave.com. Add a recipe with the user name bear2 and the password tomato168. Yes, it really is that easy.

Questions can be sent to bclcookbook@hotmail.com or call Deb at 570-732-4017.

To get you started, there is a recipe collection sheet enclosed in this newsletter. Complete the form and mail to:

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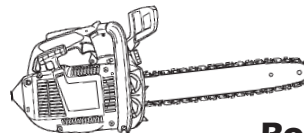
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Remember to follow the directions above. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes.

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Please provide your contact information, in case we have a question about your recipe. Thank you!

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MEET THE CANDIDATES:

COLLEEN BRADLEY

My name is Colleen Bradley and I am running for re-election. Like so many of you, I love this community and believe that it is worth my time and effort to try and make a difference. I have been a board member for 7 years now and I have been blessed to have worked and learned from some pretty good people. People, who believe as I do that a hands' on approach, is the best way to go about enacting change.

This Labor Day weekend will mark my families 17th year living here and we could not be happier. When you vote this year, I hope you'll support me so that I can continue to work to keep Bear Creek Lakes the best community in the Pocono's.

BILL ALLISON

Bill Allison is serving his first term on the BCL Board as the chairperson of Rules. One part of Rules has been to maintain our surrounding forest; therefore, Bill also serves as the Tree Warden for Bear Creek Lakes, visiting residents who request permits to cut down trees. Within the coming year the Rules Committee encourages participation by members to help revise the Rules Book to be more concise and succinct.

Since Bill and his wife Penny moved to Bear Creek six years ago, they became active in our development as well as in Jim Thorpe. Last November voters elected him to the Jim Thorpe School Board. He also volunteers on boards at the Dimmick Library, the Historical Society, the Rotary Club, and the Museum. He and Penny enjoy many activities here, sharing good times with friends in Bear Creek.

Bill would like to continue to carry out the responsibilities of a Board member.

BILL MALONE

My name is Bill Malone. I have been a member of the community since 1995. My wife and I will be moving here full time in January 2013. I have been a board member since 2005. I've worn a few hats over the years. At the present time, I am the board member assigned to head security. I served on the board assigned to head facilities and recreation. I might add when I was overseeing recreation, I made many new friends with the volunteers I met, the members of our community who take the time to help. We always have something happening. It is a great recreation community and we are very fortunate that we have so many people working together to keep this the BEST community in the Pocono's. I am up for re-election in September. I would greatly appreciate it if you would bring me back. Thank you.

JACK MCGEEHAN

I am seeking another term as Board of Director for BCL. I have been a member of the Board for the past 13 years and have enjoyed serving this fine community. I have chaired the Stewart Hall, Lake/Dam & Human Resources committees. I've held the position of Vice President and this past year as President.

I am married 21 years to Robin and we have two boys; Tyler who is 18 and Jake who is 16. We are year round residents and enjoy every aspect of life in and around BCL.

Professionally, for the past 10 years, I am the Venue Manager for Penn's Peak. I oversee and manage the entertainment operation for the operation.

I have enjoyed working with and getting to know each and every member in our ever changing Board of Directors.

RICH BERGER

My name is Rich Berger and my wife's name is Pam. We have owned a house in Bear Creek Lakes since August 2004 and get to our house on most weekends and holidays. Prior to that, we began renting in the early 90's. You may have met us or seen us walking our chocolate lab Rosie and our black rescue dog of unknown pedigree, Jeep.

We live in northern New Jersey during the week, about a two hour drive away. We have two children, Kristin and Bill, and one grandchild, Joy. Pam has recently retired from teaching family and consumer science (formerly known as home economics) in Dumont high school. I am a consulting actuary working with employers who maintain defined benefit pension plans. During my 34+ years of consulting, I have worked with all sorts of organizations, from small companies to large multinational employers. My job requires proficiency with computers and software, writing and presentation skills and ability to interpret a continual stream of new laws and regulations that affect pension plans. In my spare time I enjoy kayaking, stargazing, photography, weight lifting and running.

We believe that Bear Creek Lakes stands out among communities in this area and the hard work of its leaders has been a key element of its success. Success is not guaranteed, and maintaining an enjoyable community requires constant effort and vigilance. I want to join the Board to help keep Bear Creek Lakes vibrant and well run. I am willing to work in any area where I can be useful.

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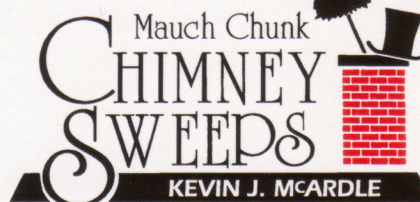


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Phone Numbers & Email		
NAME	NUMBER	EMAIL

~ Emergency Contact Information ~		
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	NUMBER

Member Signature

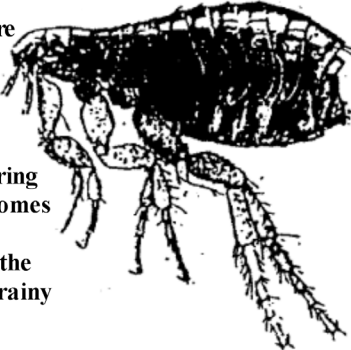
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FLEAS

FACTS:

- Fleas prefer warmth and are repelled by cold
- Most common host are cats, dogs, man and a wide variety of animals.
- Fleas are most common during the summer especially when homes are reoccupied after vacation.
- A hot dry summer reduces the number of fleas, and a humid rainy summer is favorable to them.,



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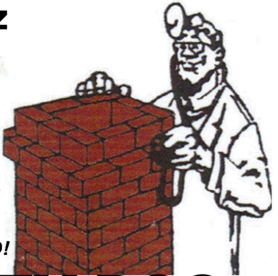
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Burning Permit	325-9111
Bear Creek Lake Office	325-3334
Maintenance Office	325-8270

BEAR CREEK LAKES MEMBER INFORMATION FORM

Use both sides of this form to update any information and return to the office.

LOT:	LAST NAME:	BCL ADDRESS:	
Member Information			
Owner First Name	Middle Initial	Co-Owner First Name	Middle Initial
Permanent Mailing Address		Secondary Mailing Address	
STREET:		STREET:	
CITY/STATE/ZIP		CITY/STATE/ZIP	

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