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## THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

### Todd Laudenschlager

As many of you know, we have had an active winter season! In fact, as I write this letter the Maintenance Crew is preparing for a possible March snowstorm. At this point our Maintenance Crew, Jim and Collin have plowed or cindered 29 times since November. Well, enough talk about the weather.

This summer BCL will celebrate 50 years as a Recreational Community. The Recreation Committee and volunteers have been working on plans for this summer to commemorate 50 great years as a community. The Board of Directors and our Maintenance Crew will be working on projects and clean up for the opening of the spring and summer season.

The Board of Directors meets the 3rd Saturday of every month (except December, so some of the Directors can do their Christmas shopping). We meet at 9:00 am. in Stewart Hall. All members are welcome to attend meetings to give any thoughts you may have that pertain to BCL.

I would like to thank our Board of Directors for the large amount of time they spend to make Bear Creek Lakes a wonderful place to come home to. The Office Staff and Maintenance Crew need to be thanked for the great job they do along with the many volunteers who assist them and also help the Board throughout the year. Without all of you BCL would not be the pristine, secure, fun-filled community it is today.

Have a Great Spring and Summer!

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Marc Beerman

At the time of this report there was still a thick layer of ice on the lake and a deep blanket of snow covering absolutely everything. The maintenance team has done an incredible job keeping us safe. But the winter has not been kind to the budget. Too early for the exact numbers.

The repairs to the front valve of the dam were completed and totaled \$119,572. Fortunately, prior boards had budgeted and accrued monies for the lake/dam on an annual basis so that a minimal amount was needed from the general capital reserve funds.

Paving from last year was completed in the fall at the cost of \$59,600. (Part of the annual budget). The challenge this year will be how to make the road budget go further with the increasing cost of asphalt.

The annual audit for last year was completed in January 2014 and was without any issues.

At the 6 month point of our fiscal year, the expenses versus the budget are relatively good. (Winter notwithstanding). A special thank you to John Klaiber for all his years of hard work and devotion as Treasurer of BCLCA.

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## SATURDAY, MAY 24th, 10A.M.

SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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Committee Reports & Summer Activities

## FACILITIES COMMITTEE

*Jack Knorr*

A long frigid winter! I'll never complain about the heat again.

Though the winter was frigid, it didn't keep rentals away. Basically the hall is rented every weekend. It's also used for Movie Night, Quilters and Book Club. We also have our community functions. More and more new faces and new members are stepping up to run their functions. I would like to thank Maintenance for a great job especially on the hall. They clean and wax the floor, recently installed a surround sound system for movie night and painted the library.

Again, it's your hall, any ideas on how to improve it or initiate new functions, contact myself or the office. Have a great and safe summer.

## SECURITY COMMITTEE

*Bill Malone*

As I write this article for the Spring Newsletter we are preparing for another snow storm.

It has been a quiet 2013 compared to 2012, here are some of the numbers:

	Burglaries	Citations Warnings & Issued	Vandalisms
2012	8	90	21
2013	0	176	17

I believe there are two main reasons for the drop in Burglaries, #1 adjusting the hours of Security. #2 YOUR Crime Watch volunteers (all 15 of them). some of who go out one day a month, or one day every two weeks, or one day every week, or EVERY DAY. PLEASE THANK THEM. Yes only 15 volunteers in a community of 800 homes.

Again this year I have directed Security to cite vehicles parked in violation of BCLCA rules to help keep out nonresidents and have a written record of these vehicles. PLEASE PUT YOUR BCLCA STICKER ON THE REAR OF YOUR VEHICLES. So you don't get cited.

If you would like to help with Crime Watch please call the office or sign up at our Spring Meeting. We meet the second Saturday of the month, 10am at Stewart Hall, starting in May.

As of this writing, to date 2014 has been quiet. Please put in your cell phone the Security Phone # 570-325-9322 Thank you.

## TEA PARTY

*Pat Stasyk*

June 7th is the date for our annual Tea Party. This year's theme is a tropical beach theme. Bring out those big sunhats and join us for an afternoon of good food and fun. Space is limited so call me to reserve a spot. Always nice to get together with the wonderful ladies of BCL. Call Pat – 570-325-3280.

## 50th ANNIVERSARY

*Pat Stasyk*

This year we are celebrating our 50th anniversary 1964 – 2014. We are very proud of our community and want to celebrate it. The dates are August 8, 9 and 10. We will celebrate in a variety of ways. Please check the bulletin boards and website for details.

## RECREATION

*Pat Stasyk*

Please remove the recreation schedule from this newsletter. Put it somewhere that you can refer to it easily. I can't tell you how many people say "I didn't know that was happening". The best way to know what's happening is the recreation schedule, bulletin boards and the BCLCA website. We try to have a variety of activities so you can pick and choose some that appeal to you. Hoping for a warm, fun-filled summer. Hope to see you at some of the activities.

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## THE DAM COOKBOOK

*Deb Beerman*

It is here !!! The Dam Cookbook, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Bear Creek Lakes Dam, is published and ready to share delicious recipes, wonderful stories, and great photographs.

The cookbook will be for sale at the BCLCA May business meeting on Saturday, May 24th.

This fabulous publication is available to you for only \$12.50 cash (exact change appreciated) or a check made payable to BCLCA. Look for our table, at the Penn Forest Firehouse, before or after the meeting. You cannot come to the business meeting? No problem! After Memorial Day Weekend, The Dam Cookbook will be available to purchase during normal business hours at the BCLCA office in Stewart Hall. Any questions? Telephone Deb at 570-732-4017.

## CHILDREN'S FISHING CONTEST

*Gary & Sandy Benedict*

The Children's Fishing Contest will be held June 21, 2014 from 8am – 11:30am. Children up to and including age 15 are invited to come out and fish for the many prizes that will be available. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided at the end of the contest. Registration will begin at the boat dock starting at 7:45 am, and BCL badges will be required. Come out and have some fun!

## FISHING TOURNAMENT-ADULTS

*Gary and Sandy Benedict*

A new event for BCL, the adult (age 16 on up) fishing contest fundraiser will be held June 14th 2014 from 7am until 12pm. Funds will be utilized for fish stocking, as per the recommendations of the fall fish population survey. This will be a catch and release event, and BCL badges and boat stickers are required. The Fish Population Survey and recommendations are available on the BCL website. Further details will be available after the Lake and Dam meeting in April and will be located on the bulletin boards, at the Spring Association meeting and on the BCL website. See you there!

## MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Bob Skiffington*

The 26th annual BCL Men's Golf Tournament will be held at White Birch Golf Course on Thursday, July 3, 2014. Breakfast starts at 7:30 AM followed by a 9 AM shotgun start followed by food and refreshments at the grove. Price remains the same at \$50/golfer. Game remains the same (Best Drive, then play your ball until you hole out). Sign up at the BCLCA office by Monday, June 16. No checks accepted after June 16. More information will be available on the community web site at [bclca.org](http://bclca.org).

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## **WATER AEROBICS**

*Linda Kunkel*

Get ready to “soften your lips, smile,” and exercise to Billy Jo’s water aerobics. After a very long and harsh winter I’m sure we’ll all be ready for some pool time. As I write this, temperatures remain in the single digits. It’s hard to believe that by the time you receive this we’ll be way above and beyond those temperatures. (I’m being optimistic.)

Plans are to start our first session on Monday, June 16, as long as the weather cooperates and our lifeguards will be finished with their school make-up days. Water aerobics will then take place every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:00 am until the end of August. Whether you are a regular or part-timer, come and join us. Check any postings at the pool for any changes. See you at the pool!

## **COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE**

*Kathy Wagner*

Over the Winter we’ve been working with the Office to streamline technology tasks, assisting the Crime Watch team with scheduling, and supporting the Rules Committee on their rule book revision project. Next up we’ll be working with the Recreation Committee

to help put together a program showcasing all the exciting events they are planning for our community’s 50th Anniversary Celebration this Summer. And speaking of upcoming events, I’d like to highlight a great, but underutilized resource, our BCL Website. If you haven’t visited the site lately please be sure to check it out at [www.bclca.org](http://www.bclca.org). Interested in the list of all the upcoming activities and events? Need to know the hours for the Office? Looking for a form? You’ll find all of that, and so much more with a quick visit to the site.

A special shout out to our Webmaster, Barbara Godshalk, for doing such a fantastic job of keeping our site updated.

## **TUBING ON THE LAKE**

*Marty Palmer*

The annual Tubing on the Lake will take place on Saturday, July 12th, 2014. Please meet at the South Beach at 11 am. We will tube, float or kayak over to the boat dock where lunch (hot dogs and drinks) will be waiting. Everyone participating must bring and wear a flotation device!



## **LADIES LUNCHEONS**

*Eddie Boyer*

Our summer luncheons for 2013 were held at Penn’s Peak for lunch and a show, Murphy’s loft, Terra Cottage, Woody’s Country House, Blue Ridge Country Club, and Robert Christians. We try to find some new places as well as going back to favorites. This is a fun way to get together with your friends and neighbors I think I’ve been doing this for ten years and feel it is time to step down as the organizer. It has been fun and I appreciated the support I’ve had over the years. Hopefully these monthly lunch gatherings will continue under new leadership. “Thanks for the Memories”.



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## COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

*Pat Stasyk*

Once again please be responsible when using the bulletin boards. When the event is over or the article sold, please take down your notice. Remember to use our website. More and more people are using this media to advertise. Bulletin Boards are for the use of all BCL members and the advertisers in this newsletter.

## 4TH ANNUAL ARTHRITIS WALK/RUN

*Dylan Bradley*

My name is Dylan Bradley and I will be hosting my 4th annual 5k Arthritis walk/run this year! The walk/run will be held on May 25th with registration to begin at 8:30a.m. at Stewart Hall. The walk will begin at 9:00a.m., and the run will begin at 9:30a.m. Registration is \$10 or \$25 for a t-shirt and registration. In order to guarantee your size t-shirt, please pre-register prior to the day of the event! A registration form can be found online at BCLCA.org, or by e-mailing dbradley8@live.esu.edu. Trophies will be awarded to the top three male and female place winners, and ALL proceeds go to the Arthritis Foundation. Personal or business donations are greatly appreciated! Please help me reach my fundraising goal of \$2,000!! "Juvenile Arthritis, it's a joint effort!"

## LADIES BOCCIE

*Linda Kunkel*

As the temperatures begin to rise and everyone is antsy and ready to get rid of their cabin fever, you will see the ladies at the bocce court every Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00 pm. Whether you're a seasoned player or a beginner, mark your calendar and come play. We're always looking for more ladies and we make sure everyone gets to play. I'll be looking for you, weather permitting. Which not only means that we don't play in the rain; but when it's too hot, you will find most of us in the pool or the lake instead of on the bocce court.

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## LIFEGUARD COMMITTEE

*Colleen Bradley*

Welcome to another short but sweet summer season here in Bear Creek Lakes. My name is Colleen Bradley and I will be responsible for the Lifeguards again this year. I'll be welcoming back a great core group from last year and anticipate adding a few new guards to replace those who have moved on. Again this year we will be having in service training days for the guards to improve their skill sets. These sessions have proven to be popular with the guards and are a great benefit to them and the community as a whole.

I have just a few points I would like to review:

- The guards are here to ensure that everyone has a safe swimming experience.
- The guards are empowered to enforce all of the BCLCA rules pertaining to the pool and beaches.
- Diapers/swim diapers are not permitted in the pool or the lake. Please see the Rules insert for more information regarding this policy.

I am looking forward to working this summer with the great group of young adults we have as guards. Like all of you, we're hoping that we have abundant sunshine, warm weather and an enjoyable summer at our beautiful beaches and pool complex.



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## SWIMMING LESSONS

*Dylan Bradley*

Swimming lessons will be available all summer long starting with the first week the pool is open full-time. Lessons are available to Bear Creek Lake residents only!! Lessons are \$8 a half hour, or \$15 for a full hour. Swimming lessons can include floating and basic swimming techniques, proper diving form, deep-water entry, and/or treading water! Please see a head lifeguard at any point throughout the summer season to sign up and for any additional information! Please note that personal lifeguard requests will be considered but are not 100% guaranteed.

## BUNCO

*Lona Nelson*

Calling all men and women to Stewart Hall for Bunco, a dice game, on the first Thursday (note change of day) of the month from 7 to 9 p.m., check recreation schedule for dates. Come for a fun evening with fellow neighbors, prizes and refreshments. Call Lona Nelson at 570-325-2698 for information. Hoping to see many of you there. This is an easy game to learn and play. \$2.00 donation for refreshments and prizes.

## SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

*John M Klaiber*

I have been following up on our utility bills including propane, fuel oil, and electric along with working on the insurance. I've been helping Marc through the treasurer change. Have a great summer.

## JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM 2014

*Dylan Bradley*

We will be having the junior lifeguard program again this summer. It will be a six-week course with 8 meetings, each lasting two hours long. Participants must be between the ages 12-15. The only cost of this course is the purchase of the Junior Lifeguard book, which can be bought online at American Red Cross or Amazon.com. The focus of this course will include basic waterfront rescue skills, rules and expectations as a lifeguard, injury prevention, and basic first aid skills. This course is intended to help the participant become familiar with life guarding, and does NOT include certification through the American Red Cross. Instruction will take place at the pool and South beach. Successful participants will have the opportunity to assist Lifeguards at pool day. Lifeguards, Avery Day and Dylan Bradley will instruct this course. The first meeting to discuss details about the course will be on Thursday May 29th, at the pavilion at 7p.m. Please e-mail Dylan at [dbradley8@live.esu.edu](mailto:dbradley8@live.esu.edu) if you are interested, or for any additional questions that you may have.

## POOL COMMITTEE

*Steve Sosnowski*

Hello sun worshippers! It's almost time again to break out those flip-flops, speedos and string bikinis! I'm sure you are all looking forward to a great summer pool season after the long cold and snowy winter we had this year.

We did manage to perform much needed preventative maintenance on the pool heater and filtering system prior to the onset of the snow and cold which should positively impact their reliability. Preparations to open the pool will begin as soon as the snow melts. As in past years the plan is to have the pool open officially on the Memorial Day weekend.

## ANNUAL PLANT SALE

*Dave Lautt*

I'll be having my annual plant sale again this year. The date is June 21st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. As usual, there will be a good selection of both indoor and outdoor plants.....all reasonably priced. I'll have a greater selection of blooming plants this year as well. Arrive early for the best selection. Hope to see you on the 21st. 79 Dogwood Drive, 570-325-2607



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## LAKE/DAM COMMITTEE

Marc Beerman

There have been no complaints that it wasn't cold enough for ice fishing, skating and cross country skiing on the lake this winter. What a unique perspective of winter one gets when walking on the lake.

The repairs to the front valve and operating controls have been completed and we should be good for another 50 years. Although the repairs were quite challenging, they were completed successfully.

The annual inspection (2013) of the dam found no issues.

Prior to the stocking of the lake this fall, Aquatic Environment Consultants conducted a fish population survey. The purpose was to collect information on the current fish population and to have professional recommendations for optimizing our stocking over the coming years. Based on the report, the lake was stocked this fall with 10,000 golden shiners.

A reminder to all fishermen, live bait, including minnows, suckers, goldfish, carp, eel, darters, killifishes, chubs, and stone catfish are prohibited in the lake. When you are fishing, BCL limits the number of fish kept to 4 within a 24 hour period.

A reminder to BCL boaters. The lake is subject to inspections by the PA Fish & Boat Commission

conservation officer. At a minimum, the state requires that all children 12 and under must wear a life jacket when in a boat and there must be life jackets available for all other occupants of the boat. Copies of the Pennsylvania Boating Handbook are available at <http://fishandboat.com/bookboat.htm> and bait and tackle shops.

The rules apply to all members and their guests, and renters. Only registered boats with valid BCL stickers are allowed on the lake. Guests and renters are not allowed to use their own boats. (This helps to control invasive species which can seriously damage the quality of our lake.) Please make sure renters and guests are aware of the rules so that we may all continue to enjoy the lake.

When using chemicals for lawns and shrubbery anywhere in the community, it's important to remember that those chemicals will ultimately end up in our drinking water and in the lake. Whenever possible, residents are encouraged to use organic/natural solutions. As always, please read the directions carefully. Have a fun and safe summer!



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## BUILDING & PERMITS COMMITTEE

*Rich Berger*

I became responsible for building permits after the last Board reorganization. Todd Laudenschlager helped me with a review of the general requirements, including assistance with the actual review of several new homeowner projects. During that time, one new house was started and one lot was prepared for a home to be built this year. In addition, several smaller projects (decks, additions, outbuildings) were approved and are currently in process.

All homeowners should be aware that permits are required from the township for construction work, and the BCLCA requirements are posted on the website [www.bclca.org](http://www.bclca.org) under the Downloads heading under Forms. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about a project.

## 5K RUN/WALK

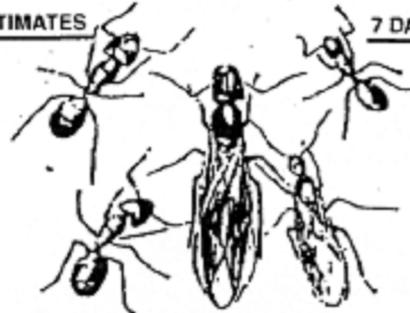
*Marty Palmer*

Bear Creek Lakes annual 5K run/walk will be held on Saturday, August 23rd, 2014. Please meet at the clubhouse between 8:30 to 8:45 am as the run/walk starts at 9 am. Awards will be given out to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers for both men and women. Come out for this great fitness activity while enjoying the beautiful sites of our community!

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## POOLSIDE SNACK CART

Linda Kunkel

Last summer we saw something new in the pool area . . . a snack cart. It will be back again this year by popular demand. For those of you who may not know, we brought in almost \$1,000 last year. The funds made from this project all go back to BCL to purchase mostly non-budgeted items. From this amount we were able to buy 2 infant changing tables for the bathrooms and extra heavy noodles and umbrellas for the pool and still had seed money left to purchase snacks for this year. All snacks are sold through the efforts of volunteers. Snacks will be sold most afternoons for at least two hours when volunteers are available. So when you are at the pool, please give us your support and, while you're at it, say thank you to our volunteers.

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Marty Palmer & Pat Stasyk

Please check your recreation schedule (found in this newsletter and the calendar on our website) and see all the activities that we have planned. We try to have a variety of activities for the youngest to the oldest member of Bear Creek Lakes. If you have any ideas for an event and are willing to run it, please talk to Pat Stasyk, or myself, Marty Palmer and we will give you direction and some help.

After this long cold and snowy winter, we are looking forward to a nice warm summer and seeing you at some of the BCL events. Enjoy the summer!

## LADIES LUNCHEONS

Lona Nelson and Sue Whiteley

A special thank you and appreciation to Edie Boyer for handling and starting BCL Ladies Luncheons. Edie is retiring and transferring the torch to me for the summer months and I hope I can do the job as well as she has over the years. We hope she will continue to join us for she is a well-loved "special" lady.

This is a fun activity and a good way to get acquainted with other Bear Creek Lakes ladies. Please call me at

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Come out and join us this season! We always look forward to meeting new ladies.

## BEAR CREEK LAKES BOOK CLUB

Leta Thompson

If you enjoy reading and discussing books with friends over a cup of coffee or tea, then join us each month as we delve into all types of books. We meet the third Tuesday of each month from September through June at 10:00 am in Stewart Hall. As a group we select the books we want to read, both fiction and nonfiction. We value input from everyone. Our selection process takes place each May for the following year. This year's selections are posted on the BCL website, so check them out and join us. If you have any questions, please call Leta Thompson at (570) 325-2121. Hope to see you there!

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## SYMPATHY TO

*Edie Boyer*

Rand Tuttle whose wife, Betty Brice, passed away in November. Betty Brice, known as B.B. was a "fun" person, known for her southern accent and warm personality. She loved to sit on the deck with a good book and take an occasional jaunt in her kayak. B.B. is missed by those of us who knew her.

Bear Creek Lake Sends Our Sincere Sympathy To The Spouses & Families Of:

Don Devyak passed on January 10, 2014. Born in Chisholm, MN, he was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and retired from Unisys after 34 years. He was very active in the BCL community, played golf and bocce, and was on the Board of Directors for many years and was the security director. He was also there to help get all the stumps out of the lake. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, a daughter, a son and a brother.

Harvey Allen "Al" Brandis Jr., 72, of Piney Woods Dr., Bear Creek Lakes, Jim Thorpe, passed, Jan. 25, 2014 in the Mahoning Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Mahoning Township.

He was the husband of Karen A. Brandis. They celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary in 2013. Al was on the BCL Board of Directors and was very active in the BCL office expansion project. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Penn Forest Township, where he had been on the council. He was very active in the various churches he and Karen had belonged to throughout the years. He loved to travel, especially by RV, when possible. They visited all 50 states, Canada, Europe and China. He loved golf and belonged to the men's senior golf league at the White Birch Golf Course. Surviving in addition to Karen are two sons, two daughters, nine grandchildren, five step grandchildren, a brother and his beloved pet dog Yoshi.

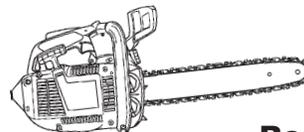
Bertram F. Huggett, age 80, of Bear Creek Lakes, died Saturday, March 15, 2014, at Weatherwood Nursing & Rehabilitation Ctr., in Weatherly. He is survived by his wife Carol, of forty-seven years. Fishing and long drives listening to Country Music was how Bert relaxed, with an eye out for the perfect yard sale. A man of deep faith, Bert was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Jim Thorpe. He was a family man and is survived by 4 daughters, 6 sons, nineteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

## Helpful Reminders For The Summer Season:

1. Any type of diapers, including swim diapers, is strictly prohibited in both the pool and lake. There is a baby pool located at the pool for the use of diapered children only.
2. Smoking inside the pool gates is strictly prohibited!
3. A responsible chaperone (ages 15+) must supervise children under the age of 12 at all times!
4. Ball playing in the pool or pool area is prohibited!
5. Glass containers are prohibited at the pool and beaches!
6. Adult swims will occur frequently, and are for adult's ages 18 and older. Please show respect to this matter.
7. In the event of any emergency, the pool or lake will be cleared by the lifeguard(s), and will reopen when deemed safe enough. Your cooperation with this matter is extremely appreciated!
8. Inner tubes and rafts are prohibited in the pool.
9. Boats are not to be docked or loaded/unloaded at either beach, including inflatable boats. Property adjacent to the beaches is private property and cannot serve as a docking station to unauthorized boats. Please utilize the boat dock for this matter.
10. Children unable to swim or who are weak swimmers are not permitted to enter the diving well.

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## RULES COMMITTEE

Bill Allison

Many thanks to the Rules Committee for their hard work this year.

The Committee has been working on revision of the BCL Rule Book for clarification and consolidation. Over years the Rule Book has grown from a tiny pocket-sized pamphlet to a 30-page tome. Thankfully, we have found ways to "slenderize" and simplify a set of rules to enhance our civic life.

This winter the Committee worked on a subject vital to all Bear Creek Lake residents – Recreational Areas. Please read the new version of rules that cover Swimming Pool, Beach, Courts, Baseball Field, Fishing, and Boats, plus a general set for all recreational areas. A separate insert is provided within this newsletter for your convenience.

Tree Cutting Permits: Many thanks to all residents for continuing to request permits before cutting trees. The Civic Association strives to keep our surrounding Pennsylvania hardwood forest intact as much as possible to maintain the wooded character of Bear Creek Lakes. In 2013 there were 53 such requests, most for a handful of trees. We thank property owners for their patience with our process and encourage replacement of tree stock. Volunteers try to address each request within a week.

Property Maintenance: Last spring the Civic Association enacted a property maintenance code that asks residents to keep up properties with particular attention to litter, overgrown vegetation, and abandoned vehicles. The Association strives to prevent the deleterious effect of blight on our community by addressing such nuisances.

Reminder to all BCL property owners: any shed, car port, or garage, however temporary, is still an accessory building and must have a permit from the Bear Creek Lakes Civic Association.

## LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Kevin McGrath

As we celebrate our anniversary at BCLCA, it is a perfect time to look to the future. The long range planning committee is working on creating a data base of all of the capital assets in the community. We will then estimate replacement costs and remaining useful lives for these components. Once that is accomplished we will work to establish a funding schedule for our future capital needs. The association has been setting money aside out of our operating budget for future needs; however we do not currently have a funding model in place to evaluate the adequacy of these funds. Hopefully this project will provide a better road map for the future

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### CHILI COOK-OFF

*Rich Berger*

On March 22nd, the second BCLCA chili cook off was held in Stewart Hall with 7 contestants and roughly 40 hungry spectators. After several intense rounds of tasting the attendees voted and Rich Federici was crowned the winner. All entries were quite tasty and we thank all contestants for cooking up their favorites. Thanks also to Dave Lautt for providing the first prize flower arrangement which was awarded to Rich.

The contest was organized by Pam Berger, Linda Kunkel, Sandy Switaj, Dave Lautt and Mary Malone. We are looking forward to more contests in the future, maybe even a chicken soup contest!

### MEMBERSHIP SERVICES COMMITTEE

*Kevin McGrath*

THANK YOU! On behalf of the board, I want to thank all of our members who faithfully pay their association dues on time each year! Member Services has successfully worked with several members who are experiencing some short term financial hardship. We have helped these members work out payment plans. We are also tasked with the job of working to collect past and unpaid dues from members of the association. Under Pennsylvania law, the association has a statutory Lien against the property of any owner in BCLCA who does not pay their annual dues in a timely manner. In extreme cases, Attorney Nanovic is instructed by the board to file a lawsuit against owners who have not paid their fees or entered into a payment plan. Clearly this is a last resort for the association and we make every effort to avoid winding up in court. However all owners should be aware that the board has a fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of the entire community and a part of that is filing lawsuits to collect association fees.

### T.G.I.F. POOL HOURS

The Pool will be open on weekends, starting Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting and the hours will be 11am to 7pm. Beginning June 2nd; the pool will be open 11am to 7pm on the weekends and 12pm to 7pm during the week. Starting June 27th, the pool will be open from 11am to 9pm on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings, until Labor Day. All hours for the pools are contingent on the weather.

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*Diana Bochantin*

This year the non-snow birds of Bear Creek Lakes enjoyed a T.G.I.F. Christmas Party. In addition to the usual appetizer, main dish, or dessert that each usually brings everyone was asked to bring an inexpensive wrapped gift. We played games to distribute these gifts as well as the table centerpieces. Everyone had a great time. Following the long, cold and snowy winter we held the Cabin Fever-Spring Fever T.G.I.F. This went over great and put us in the mood for the upcoming summer season. This is an invitation to all to come to our outdoor T.G.I.F. held every Friday at 6:00 pm at the pavilion. Bring an appetizer, main dish, or dessert to share. It's a great way to meet other friendly people who live in Bear Creek Lakes and to play bocce. BYOD (Bring Your Own Drinks)

Editor's note: Outdoor TGIF @ The Pavilion will begin Friday June 6th.

### **HELPING HANDS of BCL**

*Nancy Berchtold*

With a winter like this one, we all needed a helping hand from time to time! Our Helping Hands network has grown in number with 20 members volunteering to come to the aid of our neighbors. Our needs were few this winter but we responded immediately and wholeheartedly. A family with physical challenges

called to ask if someone could shovel their walk when it snowed. As the snow piled up and up, a widow called the office to ask for help shoveling out her mailbox! A recent call to remove a dead skunk at the end of driveway sent us running... to a call to our wonderful maintenance office! Phew! In each case, helping hands reached out and answered the needs of our residents.

Helping Hands continues to be managed by Bear Creek Lakes' Kim Andreacola, Kathy Wagner and Nancy Berchtold. Through the website the needs of our residents are matched with volunteers who can help with those needs. There are many ways to help, from bringing meals to sick neighbors, driving folks to appointments, picking up groceries for homebound friends, stopping to check on a homebound resident and as we learned very well this season, shoveling snow and more. If you need a helping hand or know someone who does, please let us know and we will be in touch.

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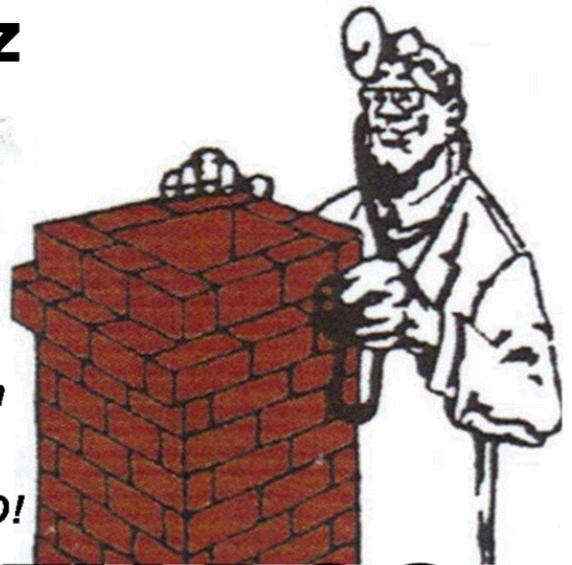
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**COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

*Ron McCloskey*

The 2014 BCL community yard sale will be held on Saturday & Sunday June 28th & 29th from 9am to 4pm. Last year we had over 75 homes (many multifamily) participating. If you would like to be included on the maps you must contact me at 570-325-5348 before June 16th. Last year Barb Godshalk hit a home run with the maps. Once again there is no cost to participate. BCLCA pays for all the advertising. Some folks have asked if they have to sell on Sunday also. The answer is no. Any other questions please feel free to call. Let's try to make our 2014 Community yard sale bigger & better than ever before.

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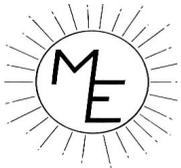
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## MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

*Lawrence Ryals*

What a winter ! Seems like it never wants to end. I hope everyone had an enjoyable one for the people that ski and do winter activities. The maintenance staff definitely had an enjoyable one along with being very busy with roads and plowing. I am very proud of Jim and Colin as they are extremely hard workers and it's been my pleasure to work with them this year. Todd has helped me out and gave me insights in certain maintenance issues and we accomplished several winter projects. We have other projects to be completed by pool opening this year with new metal doors at the pool. We are always open to suggestions and if you can think of anything be sure to let us know. You can contact me at [Lawrence.Ryals@marriott.com](mailto:Lawrence.Ryals@marriott.com) Thanks and have a great summer!

## CONGRATULATIONS

Tommy and Terri McKeon of Piney Woods Drive announce the birth of their 2nd granddaughter, Ella Grace McKeon was born April 27, 2013 - 21.25 inches & 7.13lbs proud parents are TJ McKeon and Kathy (Leffler) McKeon. Big sister Brooke Isabella loves her new baby sister and is such a great help at home.

We have been blessed yet again :) our 3rd granddaughter!! Our Tea Parties just got a lil sweeter. Our daughter, Tara and her husband, Pat welcomed their first child on October 18, 2013 a baby girl, Emily Teresa Malia - 8lbs 4oz.

## ROADS COMMITTEE

*Todd Laudenschlager*

The Road Committee has had a trying winter season. I have received comments from our members, a few not so favorable, but the majority of our members have had very positive comments for our Maintenance Crew. The Maintenance Crew, Jim and Collin have spent many hours keeping our roads passable and safe throughout the winter.

In April I will meet with Contractors to receive estimates to repair low spots in the roads. This work will be done after the Labor Day Holiday so we can lessen the impact to our roads. Due to the increasing cost of asphalt paving, the Roads Committee will meet with Road Supervisors in other communities and explore all possibilities and educate ourselves about alternative methods before resurfacing roads in the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

If you have any questions, please contact me through the office.

## MOVIES-MOVIES-MOVIES

*Sylvia Capozzoli*

We have had quite a few improvements for Movie Night over the winter in Stewart Hall. A brand new surround sound system was installed with a Blu-ray DVD player and new "black out" shades. With these improvements, we continued to show some of the latest films, such as "Jack Reacher," "42," "Hitchcock," and "Captain Phillips." The schedule will be a little different this summer. The dates for the movie nights are as follows: Saturday, June 21st, Saturday, July 12th and Saturday, August 16th. The schedule will return to the 2nd Saturday of the month starting in September. So bring a comfy chair to Stewart Hall on June 21st, July 12th and August 16th and enjoy a good movie, free popcorn and free soda. Movies start at 7:00 pm, so don't be late.

Editor's note: BCL badge is your admission ticket. Sylvia does a great job and she needs your support. Don't forget about the popcorn...it's really yummy with all the fixings.

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

*Jack McGeehan*

The largest environmental concern on the forefront for our community is the development of the Township Recreation Park to the immediate east of our development (across from State Route 903).

The Township awarded the bid for construction to Papillon & Moyer Excavating & Paving of Stroudsburg, PA. A few of us on the board were comforted to hear that news as BCL has used this firm for some of our paving & road projects over the last few years...they are a very reputable contractor in this field. The site work for the storm water management is well underway and the work will continue throughout the spring. Deadlines for the completion of the park, to comply with grants awarded for the project, is mid-June of this year.



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# MEET THE 2014 LIFEGUARDS

Hello everyone I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the community to this year's lifeguard staff. Our guards are looking forward to a great and hopefully warm and sunny summer. I think we have a great mix this year and as you read their bio's I think you'll agree. Have a safe and enjoyable summer at our beautiful pool and beaches. Thanks, Colleen Bradley.

## **Kyle Bradley**

My name is Kyle Bradley I received my Bachelor of Science degree in business from Misericordia University this fall and I just completed my first semester in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Misericordia this spring. Like the stars from my favorite baseball team the Yankees, I am announcing that this will be my final year as a lifeguard at Bear Creek Lakes. I look forward to this being the best summer ever. Serving as a lifeguard here has been a wonderful experience and a great opportunity.

## **Erin Nanovic**

Happy Summer everyone!!! My name is Erin Nanovic, and this will be my seventh year lifeguarding at Bear Creek Lakes! In May I graduated from Saint Mary's College with a B.B.A. with concentrations in Finance and Management and a minor in Political Science. I will be attending law school in the fall. I have not decided where I want to go for law school yet, but by the time I am lifeguarding, I should know!! In my last semester of college, I began taking barre classes, which is a workout consisting of pilates, yoga, and a ballet barre. I was also the Co-Fundraising Chair for Saint Mary's College Dance Marathon. I love working at Bear Creek Lakes, and I cannot wait to get back to lifeguarding!

## **Gretchen Moore**

Hey everyone, I'm Gretchen and this will be my fifth year as a BCL lifeguard. I just successfully completed my first year in the Physician Assistant program at New York Institute of Technology (YAY!) When I'm not constantly studying, I enjoy napping ... a lot. I hope everyone has a fabulous and safe summer, and I'm looking forward to seeing all of your beautiful faces soon!

## **Avery Day**

Hello, my name is Avery Day and I am nineteen years old. I am a returning lifeguard here at Bear Creek Lakes and this will be my fourth year lifeguarding. I am currently a full time student at Penn State University going into my sophomore year there. I am majoring in elementary education and minoring in special education. I am thrilled to be back again this season for more fun here at Bear Creek Lakes. I wish everyone a safe and happy summer to enjoy and I will see you at the pool or beaches soon!

## **Dylan Bradley**

Hello everyone! My name is Dylan Bradley, and this is my 4<sup>th</sup> summer as a Lifeguard for BCL. I have just finished my freshman year at East Stroudsburg University where I am majoring in Athletic Training. I spent spring break this year in Ireland with the Athletic Training club where we visited several universities. You can always find me at the pool or lake during the summer. I'm excited for another great summer season! I hope everyone has a safe summer, and I hope to see you out and about!

## **Tara Hartman**

Hello everyone! My name is Tara Hartman and this is my fourth year as a lifeguard for Bear Creek. It is by far the best job. I am 19 years old. I go to Kutztown University for early childhood education and I am a freshman. I enjoy laying on the beach, riding my golf cart, working, and hanging out with my best friend Dylan. I hope to see you all around. Hope you have a great summer!

## **Sean Nanovic**

Hi, my name is Sean and I am a lifeguard here at Bear Creek Lakes. This will be my fourth year working as a lifeguard. I am currently a senior at Jim Thorpe and will be attending college at Notre Dame next fall. I look forward to seeing all of you this summer

**Erin Bucci**

Hello! My name is Erin Bucci. This will be my third summer life-guarding at Bear Creek Lakes. I am a graduate of Jim Thorpe High School, and currently a junior Physician Assistant major at Rochester Institute of Technology. I am excited to spend another summer with the Bear Creek lifeguard family. Moreover, I am *anxiously* looking forward to many warm, sunny days spent on the beaches, especially after this unforgiving winter!

**Brooke Dobbs**

Hi, my name is Brooke Dobbs and I'm so excited to be returning to BCL as a lifeguard for the third year. I just finished my senior year at Methacton High School and I'm planning on attending Millersville University and studying actuarial sciences in the fall. This was my last year as a varsity swimmer at the high school level; hopefully I can either swim or play water polo in college. I was a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, and Mini-THON this school year. I'm looking forward to my last summer before I start college, and I hope I see everyone at either the pool or lake in the summer.

**Chelsea Smelas**

Hello everyone! My name is Chelsea Smelas. I am currently attending Wilkes University, majoring in Pharmacy and playing for the women's basketball team. This is my third year life guarding for Bear Creek Lakes, and I can't wait to enjoy the summer with all of you! See you soon!

**Dianara Bucior**

Hi everyone! My name's Dianara Bucior but you can call me Di! I am 18 years old and have been lifeguarding at BCL for 2 years. Outside of lifeguarding I love spending time with family and friends, playing sports and being crafty! This fall I'll be attending LCCC for basic courses for two years then I'll be transferring to a bigger college but right now I'm looking forward to see everyone this summer! This summer will be great and I hope it's happy and safe for everyone!

**Jake Kunkle**

My names Jake Kunkle this is my second year life guarding at bear creek lakes. I'm a senior this year at Tamaqua high school. I plan to go to college in the medical field. I love to swim and play sports. I live in bear creek with my grandparent in the summer.

**Dylan Bucior**

Hi, my name is Dylan Bucior. I'm 16 years old and I go to the Jim Thorpe Area High School where I'll be entering 11th grade in the fall and where I run for my school's track and field team. Also, I love to fish, hike, hunt and be outdoors. This will be my first year of lifeguarding this summer and I'm looking forward to it. I hope everyone enjoys their summer and I hope to see everyone around at the pool and lake!

**Evan Palmer**

Hi, my name is Evan Palmer and I am a freshman at Hatboro-Horsham High School. This will be my first year as a lifeguard here at Bear Creek Lakes. I run for the cross country, winter and spring track teams in high school. I also enjoy hiking, playing paintball and riding in the golf cart at BCL. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the pool and beach!



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## NEWS FROM JIM THORPE'S DIMMICK LIBRARY

*Janet Hermann*

Have you been to the Dimmick Library lately in Jim Thorpe? If you haven't, go check it out. It is a beautiful, historic building built in 1889 - a gift from its benefactor Milton Dimmick, whose home is also a lovely Victorian building in Jim Thorpe. In addition to its ever changing selection of books, the Dimmick offers genealogical research, local Mauch Chunk history, internet access, Wi-Fi and eBooks. There are a number of programs offered through the library including a weekly pre-school story time, the Dimmick Book Club that meets monthly, and a summer reading program. The library also supports the BCL Book Club that meets here in Stewart Hall. You can "like" the Dimmick Library on Facebook and access their website at [www.dimmicklibrary.org](http://www.dimmicklibrary.org). Books from the Allentown Library can also be ordered (they are delivered by courier) and their catalog can be accessed at [www.allentownpl.org](http://www.allentownpl.org). As the National Friends of the Library organization says, if you haven't visited your library lately, you're overdue!

Practically every library has a volunteer "Friends of the Library" group that works to support it, and we are the Friends of the Dimmick Library. There are numerous BCL members who are actively involved with the Dimmick Friends including our fundraising hoagie ticket guru Lona Nelson, Treasurer Joanne Dantonio, and President Janet Hermann. The group works to promote the library as an active part of the community - an educational and literary entertainment center housed in an historic building in downtown Jim Thorpe. The Friends group raises money for the library through weekly used book sales at the Friends House, an annex to the library at 58 Broadway, and through two major fundraising events - the home made Christmas cookie sale in December and the Tommy's hoagie ticket sales in August. Last year we made \$4600 for the library and recently we donated an additional \$600 for a new message board.

In addition to the fundraising, the Friends have sponsored numerous author book signings and some educational and entertainment events. We have taken on some of the care of The Friends House which is a beautiful Victorian home from the 1880's that was originally the home of the Blakeslee and Sayre families in the 1800's and later the home of the Boyle family. The book sales are on the first floor and there are meeting rooms on the second floor that is available to the community. In addition to the Book Club that meets there, there is also a meditation group and a knitting group. Several of our members have recently reclaimed an overgrown small back yard and transformed it into a glorious flower garden.

At our Open House Garden Party last September we welcomed the community and all friends of Friends to

our house and our lovely garden.

Our most active project remains our weekly used book sales that take place every Saturday from noon to 4pm and the first Thursday of each month from 3pm to 7pm in the Friends House. (Parking is easy on weekdays.) If you haven't yet, check us out. We have four rooms of fiction (lots of mysteries), nonfiction, arts, crafts, kids' books, gardening, cooking, sports - you name it. Our books come from donations (yes, you can donate your used books to the library) and from the library's collection, and most books are priced between 50 cents and \$3. Kids books are even less! Come and see us - you'll find the Friends Book Store becomes one of your favorites.

We are always looking for new members to join us in any or all of our endeavors. Membership is free and involves only being willing to be part of our "Friends network" and get occasional emails about our activities, and our volunteer needs and opportunities. Feel free to contact the library (325-2131), Janet at 325-8528 or any of our members for more information about our group and our work.



### **SAVE THE DATES! AUGUST 8TH - 10TH**

Mark your calendars - Bear Creek Lakes turns 50 this year! The Recreation Committee is planning a full weekend of special events for all age groups.

Beach bonfire... sailboat regatta... food... music... games... art walk... and so much more! We're still working on finalizing the schedule and will be posting the program on the BCL website, the bulletin boards and the Friends of BCL Facebook page.

### **BOARD of DIRECTORS**

Every fall meeting 5 members of the Board come up for election. We are always looking for new people to run for the Board. This year we have a few incumbents not seeking reelection. Please consider running for the Board and giving back to your community.

The requirements for running for the Board are, you must be a member in good standing, this means your dues are current and you have no outstanding citations. You must be a member of BCL, meaning that you must have a property in BCL with your name on the deed.

The terms are for 3 years and you will be appointed to head a committee by the elected President. For your information, all officers are elected by the Board of Directors at a meeting immediately following the Fall General Meeting.

## BEAR CREEK LAKES' CENTENARIAN

*Edie Boyer*

Helen Rizzo was 100 years young on March 21, 2014. Helen lives on Mountain View Dr. with her daughter, Marian, and son-in-law Bob Shuler. She still does needlework, reads and enjoys playing card and board games. Everyone who knows Helen agrees that she is a delightful lady. Congratulations Helen, and may you continue to enjoy each day.

## OFFICE, WEB, NEWSLETTER

*Barbara Godshalk*

Since the last newsletter, we acquired a new gal in the BCL office. A huge welcome to Linda Trower. Both Linda & Pat have been very valuable and a great asset to our association. With their help the office continues to run smoothly.

Beginning the end of April the office will be open 4 days a week (our summer hours). We will now be open Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday. Within this newsletter, there is a section to cut out with all the office information for your records. Please keep this in a handy place.

We have tried this the past few years and it's worked out very well. On Sunday May 18th and Friday May 23rd, the office will be open BY APPOINTMENT ONLY to pick up BADGES ONLY. If you would like to take advantage of this special time, then fill out the appropriate form enclosed in this newsletter and return it to the office.

Just a friendly reminder, we continue to receive calls requesting personal information and business recommendations. We are not permitted to give out any personal information regarding our members and we are not permitted to recommend businesses. We also ask to remember the BCL office when changing your address or phone numbers. There is a form included in this newsletter to notify the office of any changes along with a form on our website.

As of this writing, our BCL website is planning a new look. Besides the background & menu, many pages will be consolidated to make it easier to navigate around the site. If you happen to click on a link and get "Under Construction", please be patient, the page will soon be there. All the forms to save that trip to the office will be there. If you are interested in renting Stewart Hall, you may save yourself some time if you check the BCL Calendar; not only does the calendar list all the events, pool hours, office open, etc., it also shows when the hall is reserved. If you see "Hall Reserved" it is not available. All the advertisers in this newsletter are listed on our website with links to their web pages (where available). I would like to thank all our advertisers who help make this newsletter possible. Let's help support them because they support us.

Many members appreciate all the postings on "Friends of BCL", especially during the recent storms. This past winter kept quite a few members up-to-date with the road conditions. Friends is a closed group and only members of BCL can see and access our page. To join, there are several links on our web page. You ask to join and then wait to be accepted. That's it. Hope to see some new faces on Friends'.

Newsletter, thanks to all for getting the articles in on time...well mostly everyone. Lol. Thank you again for your help and support.



## BCL CHILDREN'S FISHING CONTEST 2013

*Gary & Sandy Benedick*

The BCL children's fishing contest was held August 4th, 2013 at 8am, after being postponed the day before due to rain. From other members we learned that the postponement was responsible for having a limited number of participants, but those who did attend had a great time. Eight very dedicated children fished for 3 hours without complaints, even though the temperature that morning was quite chilly. In the end, though difficult to choose just one, the winner of the BOYER Sportsmanship trophy was awarded to Isabelle Middleton, age 10, who was also the 4th place winner in the largest fish category. The sportsmanship award was presented this year in honor of Randy and Edie Boyer, who have both contributed much time and energy over many years, to Bear Creek Lakes. The largest fish 1st place winner was Gabi Hauck, tying in 2nd was Tyler V and Lissy Hauck. Kylee Hough took 3rd. All contestants were pleased with their prizes, and enjoyed hot dogs and sodas afterward. Many thanks go out to Bear Creek Lakes Civic Association and Wacky Worm of Gilbert, Pa. for providing the prizes. We hope to see more children come out next year for this fun event! Thanks to all who assisted us too.

## PENN FOREST TAX COLLECTOR

The office has received calls regarding our township tax collector. As posted in the Times News on Thursday October 31, 2013: "There will also be a new tax collector in the township since Democrat Barbara Ahner, who held the position for many years, has decided to retire. Initially, there was no Democratic candidate, but Josiah "Cy" Behrens, a former township supervisor, was successful in winning that nomination via the write-in vote process."

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**Subject:** All BCLCA Recreational Areas  
**Purpose:** To establish rules for all BCLCA Recreational Areas

### **General Rules for All Recreational Areas**

1. Recreational areas are for use by members, renters, and their guests only. Badges must be worn at all times when using BCLCA facilities.
2. The use of rollerblades, bicycles, skates, and skate boards are prohibited on all BCLCA's all-purpose courts. Motor vehicles and bicycles must remain outside all recreational areas and kept in the parking areas.
3. No litter or profanity will be permitted in recreational areas.
4. Loud music will not be permitted in recreational areas except for BCLCA activities.
5. BCLCA is not responsible for any articles left in the confines of any recreational area.
6. Any activities at any BCLCA recreation area are at your own risk.
7. BCLCA community activities take precedence over private activities.
8. In exceptional circumstances, the BCLCA board reserves the right to waive or amend any rule.

### **Swimming Pool and Beach Area Rules**

1. The swimming pool will be open to BCLCA members, their guests or renters when a lifeguard is on duty.
2. Lifeguards have authority for disciplinary action in order to regulate the safety and conduct of all persons within the pool and beach areas.
3. Lifeguards have full authority to close the pool due to weather events.
4. Flotation devices such as rafts, scuba diving and snorkeling equipment are prohibited in the pool area.
5. No animals will be permitted within the confines of the recreational areas, pool or on any part of the beach or picnic areas, other than approved assistance animals.
6. No fires or grills are permitted in the confines of the fenced area of the pool except for BCLCA activities. Any use of grills at the beaches is restricted to the picnic areas. Open fires on the beach are not permitted except for BCLCA functions.
7. Children under the age of 12 must be supervised by a responsible person, 15 or older, when using the pool or beaches.
8. Fishing is not permitted at beach areas.
9. Diapers are prohibited in the lake or main pool. Diapered children must use the baby pool. Repeat offenses will be considered as a littering violation. See fine schedule.
10. There will be no diving or swimming permitted in the deep end (diving well) when there is someone on the diving board.
11. All beach umbrellas, beach or deck chairs must be behind the lifeguard stands to give the lifeguards an unobstructed view.
12. No glass containers are permitted at pool or beach areas.

### **Pool and Beach Information**

1. Swimming at the beaches when there is no lifeguard on duty is at the risk of the swimmer.

### **All-Purpose Court, Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball, Shuffleboard, Baseball Field, and Bocce Courts Rule**

1. The courts and field will be open daily from dawn to dusk, weather permitting and will be closed at all other times.
2. Courts are open for use by members, renters, and their guests daily, weather permitting.
3. Appropriate footwear must be worn by everyone on the courts.
4. Players will use courts for one-hour blocks of time. If others are waiting to play, courts must be cleared on the hour; otherwise, players are allowed to continue.



### **Lake Fishing Rules**

1. All Pennsylvania State Fishing Laws and Regulation apply to Bear Creek Lake. Anyone fishing must possess and display a current Pennsylvania fishing license as well as a current BCL member badge.
2. Fishing is not permitted from the dam, the breast of the dam, or at beach areas.
3. BCLCA limits the number of fish kept by each person to four (4) within a twenty-four (24) hour period.
4. The only live bait permitted in Bear Creek Lake are worms, crayfish, nymphs, larvae and pupae or any insects spending any part of their life cycle in Bear Creek Lake waters.

### **Boat Rules**

1. Only electric powered motors are permitted on Bear Creek Lake, never gasoline.
2. Maximum speed for any vessel is five (5) m.p.h..
3. All boats must be registered at the BCLCA office and identified with a BCLCA sticker, visibly displayed above the water line. Only members may register boats.
4. Neither guests nor renters may bring boats to Bear Creek Lake.
5. All boaters must comply with Pennsylvania State Boating laws and regulations.
6. The owner of a boat shall be held responsible for the actions of the occupants and the operator of such boat. All boat occupants must wear BCL badges.
7. No child under twelve (12) years is permitted in a boat unless accompanied by an adult.
8. All boats must stay fifty (50) feet clear of marked swimming areas.
9. No litter may be thrown into the lake.
10. Boats must be launched at the boat dock areas only. Lake front owners are permitted to launch from their own properties.
11. Inflatable devices for 3 persons or smaller and without engines may be launched from beach area. All larger inflatable devices must be launched from the boat dock.
12. Access to authorized boat rack spaces should not be impeded. No boats other than those provided spaces through the lottery system can be stored or kept at the boat dock/storage area. Boats left on the ground will be subject to the issuance of a citation and possible removal.
13. No swimming is permitted at the boat dock, fishing dock, and boat ramp area.
14. All boats must be removed from the boat racks by the date indicated on the application.
15. No anchoring of boats within twenty (20) feet of the buoy near the dam.

### **Boat Information**

1. The land under Bear Creek Lake is owned by the Association, while all waters in Pennsylvania are owned by the State. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission requires all motorized boats to be registered.
2. Any use of the lake by boaters is at the risk of the owner of the boat. The BCLCA shall not be liable for damage or injury resulting from submerged objects or collision. Swimming or diving from boats is at the risk of boaters.
3. Boat racks will be assigned through a lottery system. Any members in good standing must sign a "Boat Rack Registration Form" in order to be eligible for participation in the lottery.
4. The BCLCA is not responsible for loss or damage of any boat resulting from theft, vandalism or negligence.

**Revised/Adopted February 15, 2014**

## RECREATION SCHEDULE FOR 2014

(Information for the events will be posted on the bulletin boards and [www.BCLCA.org](http://www.BCLCA.org))

- Sat. May 10 **Clean Up Day** - 10 AM meet at Stewart Hall, we will have everything you need.
- Sat. May 10 **Movie Night** - Stewart Hall 7PM, Free popcorn & soda, check website for details
- Sat. May 24 **General Meeting** - Penn Forest Fire House No.1, Rt. 903, 10AM
- Sat. May 24 **Hot Dogs & Flea Market** in picnic area behind the pool after the General Meeting. Please provide your own tables for flea market and craft sales.
- Sat. May 24 **Pool opens weekends** - 11AM-7PM, weather permitting & *Monday, Mem. Day*
- Sat. May 24 **Horseshoes & Bocce Ball** - Sat. & Sun. 1 PM - the Bocce Ball Court
- Sun. May 25 **5K Race for Arthritis Foundation** - Registration 8:30 AM at Stewart Hall. \$10.00 Registration Fee. Contact Dylan Bradley 610-349-8614
- Mon. June 2 **Pool opens full time**. 12-7 PM weekdays, 11 AM - 7 PM weekends
- Thurs. June 5 **Sign up for Ladies Luncheon** - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698
- Thurs. June 5 **Bunco** - Stewart Hall - 7-9 PM
- Fri. June 6 **TGIF** - Bring an appetizer, dessert or comfort food, enough to share with others. Bring your own drinks. Play Bocce after enjoying the food, men against the women. A great way to make new friends. Every Friday for the rest of the season.
- Sat. June 7 **Tea Party** - 12 PM. Bring your own tea cup and saucer, Seating limited, please confirm by calling Pat at 570-325-3280
- Thurs. June 12 **Ladies Luncheon** - Meet at South Beach 12:30pm
- Sat. June 14 **Fishing Tournament-Adults** - Adults(16+) fishing contest fundraiser, 7am - 12pm
- Sat. June 14 **Music Night** - NightWind in concert at the Pavilion - 6 to 10pm Free admin. Enjoy a night of music from the 80's & 90's as NightWind rocks the Pavilion! This is a BYOB event. (Bring money for 50/50)
- Mon. June 16 **Aquarobics** - Mon., Wed., Fri. - 11 AM at the pool, weather permitting. Starting Mon. June 16th
- Fri. June 20 **Teen Dance** - Check bulletin boards & website for details.
- Sat. June 21 **Fishing Tournament - Children** - 8am - 11:30
- Sat. June 21 **Movie Night** - Stewart Hall 7PM, Free popcorn & soda, check website for details
- Sun. June 22 **Rain date** for Fishing Tournament
- Fri. June 27 **Pool open late** - till 9 PM on Wednesday, Friday & Saturday nights, until Labor Day Weekend.
- Sat. June 28 **Progressive Yard Sale** - 9 AM - 3 PM - Look on bulletin boards and website for further information. Call Ron McCloskey 570-325-5348
- Sun. June 29
- Thurs. July 3 **Sign up for Ladies Luncheon** - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698
- Thurs. July 3 **Men's Golf** - White Birch Golf Course, Tee off 9 AM, \$50.00 Contact Bob Skiffington 570-732-4139 or Larry Erra at 570-325-2730.
- Thurs. July 3 **Bunco** - Stewart Hall - 7-9 PM
- Fri. July 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- Fri. July 4 **Ice Cream Night** at the Pool - Ice cream & toppings, make your own. 6 PM
- Sat. July 5 **Golf Cart & Bike Parade** - Registration 11 - 12 noon, games and food after the parade. Check bulletin boards & website for more details.
- Thurs. July 10 **Ladies Luncheon** - Meet at South Beach 12:30pm
- Fri. July 11 **Adult Night** at the Pool - 7 - 10pm
- Sat. July 12  **tubing on the Lake** - Meet 9:45 at South Beach. Life vests are required. Tubes, floats or kayaks are necessary. Will tube to the boat ramp where we will have Hot Dogs & Sodas for the participants.
- Sat. July 12 **Movie Night** - Stewart Hall 7PM, Free popcorn & soda, check website for details

- Sat. July 19 **Pig Roast** - Further details will be posted on the bulletin boards & website. ALWAYS a lot of fun!
- Sat. July 26 **Pool Day** open to **children and their guardians ONLY**. Pool will be closed to all others until 4:30. Wading pool open for very young children. Registration starts at 12 noon. Games commence at 12:30 till 3:30. Pool will close at 3:30 till 4:30 for cleaning. Pool will open from 4:30 till 9 for the entire community. Weather permitting. Please utilize our beautiful beaches during the time the pool is closed to all but our children. There will be no swimming by observers as there are no lifeguards observing the pool and the pool may be used for games with the children.
- Sat. Aug. 2 **Music Night** - NightWind in concert at the Pavilion - 6 to 10pm Free admin. Enjoy a night of music from the 80's & 90's as NightWind rocks the Pavilion! This is a BYOB event. (Bring money for 50/50)
- Tues. Aug 5 **Lifeguard Challenge** - Pool will be closed until 1:30 PM, come observe your lifeguards challenge each other in relay races, volleyball, diving exhibitions, etc. Cheer on your favorites.
- Thurs. Aug 7 **Sign up for Ladies Luncheon** - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698
- Thurs. Aug 7 **Bunco** - Stewart Hall - 7-9 PM
- Aug. 8,9 10 **50th Anniversary Weekend** - Check website for updates & details
- Thurs. Aug. 14 **Ladies Luncheon** - Meet at South Beach 12:30pm
- Sat. Aug. 16 **Movie Night** - Stewart Hall 7PM, Free popcorn & soda, check website for details
- Sat. Aug. 23 **5K Run, 3K Walk** - Registration 8:30 AM at Stewart Hall
- Sat. Aug. 30 **General Meeting** - Penn Forest Fire House No.1, Rt. 903, 10AM. Elections
- Thurs. Sept. 4 **Sign up for Ladies Luncheon** - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698
- Thurs. Sept. 4 **Bunco** - Stewart Hall - 7-9 PM
- Thurs. Sept. 11 **Ladies Luncheon** - Meet at South Beach 12:30pm
- Sat. Sept. 13 **Movie Night** - Stewart Hall 7PM, Free popcorn & soda, check website for details
- Tues. Sept. 16 **Book Club** - Stewart Hall 10 AM. Call Leta at 570-325-2121 for information
- Thurs. Oct. 2 **Sign up for Ladies Luncheon** - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698
- Thurs. Oct. 9 **Ladies Luncheon** - Meet at South Beach 12:30pm
- Tues. Oct. 21 **Book Club** - Stewart Hall 10 AM. Call Leta at 570-325-2121 for information
- Oct. 2014 **Children's Halloween Party** - Watch bulletin boards and website for details
- Tues. Nov. 18 **Book Club** - Stewart Hall 10 AM. Call Leta at 570-325-2121 for information
- Tues. Dec. 16 **Book Club Meeting and Luncheon** - Stewart Hall 10:30 AM. Call Leta for information
- Mon. Dec. 31 **Adult New Year's Eve Party** - Watch bulletin boards and website for details.

**Horseshoes & Bocce Ball** Every Sat. & Sun. at 1 PM, weather permitting, at Bocce ball court

**Ladies Bocce** - 2 PM every Tues. & Thurs. - Just show up. Starting in June

**TGIF** - Fridays @ the Pavilion, starting June 6 at 6 PM. Bring a dish to share along with your own drinks. All are welcome.

**Quilters** - meets Mon. evenings 6:30 till 9 PM - Stewart Hall. If interested, show up and join the group. (During winter months, check website for day & time)

**Book Club** - meets 3rd Tuesday of the month. From Sept. until June. 10 AM in Stewart Hall. Book selections are posted in Library and the website.

**Aquarobics** - Mon., Wed., Fri. - 11 AM at the pool, weather permitting. Starting Mon. June 16th

**Movie night** - Second Saturday each month - Check website for movie details

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Note: The office WILL NOT BE OPEN on Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> until AFTER the General Meeting at the Fire House. Any changes in time will be listed on our website.

On Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>, the office will be open BY APPOINTMENT ONLY to pick up BADGES ONLY, NO EXCEPTIONS.

If you would like to take advantage of this special time, then fill out the appropriate form below and return it to the office. (No Phone requests please)

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The office will be open Sunday May 18th 1pm - 3pm for **BADGES ONLY**

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!!!!

Complete & mail this form to the office by Wednesday May 14th.

Or Email your request to BCLCA@PTD.net

(No Phone requests please)

Last Name	Lot#	BCL Address							
<u>Preferred time: (Must circle one)</u>	1:00	1:15	1:30	1:45	2:00	2:15	2:30	2:45	3:00

Times will be confirmed by:

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The office will be open Friday evening May 23rd 6:30pm - 8pm for **BADGES ONLY**

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!!!!

Complete & mail this form to the office by Monday May 19th.

Or Email your request to BCLCA@PTD.net

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Last Name	Lot#	BCL Address					
<u>Preferred time: (Must circle one)</u>	6:30	6:45	7:00	7:15	7:30	7:45	8:00

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