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### **THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Todd Laudenschlager

This Summer has been above average in temperature and so it has been nice to see our facilities used without too much interruption from rain. The pool has been at capacity at times and the lake's beaches are also heavily used. When I look out at the lake on weekends there are many members and their guests enjoying the warm water and mostly sunny weather. I hope Old man Winter will be as kind.

The maintenance men and lifeguards have been doing an exceptional job keeping the facilities clean, maintained and safe throughout the Summer.

I have decided it is time for me to step down as president and away from the Board of Directors. I will not be seeking a 4th term. I would like to thank both present and past board members for their devotion to BCL. I would like to thank the office staff for all their assistance (and putting up with me.) Thank you to the Maintenance Crew who have become as close as brothers to me. And of course our many volunteers who give up their free time to assist in our events, etc.

I am looking forward to spending more time enjoying our beautiful lake and facilities.

You will certainly see me as a volunteer on the Roads and Maintenance Committee, I look forward to still being able to serve our community and hope that you will consider running for the board or volunteering a few hours a summer to keep BCL the wonderful place it is.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Todd Wagner

Kathy Wagner, the Treasurer for most of the past two years, resigned in July for personal reasons. The Board initially appointed me to fill the Board spot vacated by Lisa Mills. With the resignation of Kathy, the Board elected me to serve as Treasurer.

## **FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, 10 AM**

**PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

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**ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET**

Over the past two years, Kathy has brought the Accounting in-house, resulting in a considerable savings from the elimination of the outside bookkeeping firm. As you can imagine, this required considerable time and effort by her, all on a volunteer basis. She should be extremely proud of her accomplishments, and the Board appreciates her efforts on behalf on the Community. The Office staff should be recognized as well. Barb and Pat were key members of the team that pulled off the transition, putting in considerable efforts as well, and having to learn several new systems.

I view the role of the Treasurer as having three main components:

- Accounting function – preparing financial statements, paying bills, processing payroll
- Safeguarding the assets of BCLCA
- Customer service

My objective over the next 12 months is to continue to build on the progress Kathy made on the Accounting systems, as well as taking a look at current Accounting policies and procedures and revamping them where necessary. Another focus area for me will be communication and transparency. Kathy began the process by placing certain financial information in the “Members Only” section of the website, and I intend to expand on that.

### Understanding the Finances of BCLCA

From a communication standpoint, it is not practical for me to be able to respond to individual emails – we have over 870 Members. In an effort to accommodate everyone, I plan to implement a regularly scheduled monthly meeting, “Talk with the Treasurer” where Members may attend and ask financial and accounting questions about BCLCA. At some of these meetings I will plan to address a specific topic where we have received a number of Member questions.

At the first “Talk with the Treasurer” session, I plan to discuss the Reserve Study conducted last year. That session is scheduled for Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM at Stewart Hall. Generally I will plan to hold the monthly session at 11:15 AM the second Saturday of the month after the Crime Watch meeting, but the timing may change, so please check the “Members Only” section of the BCLCA website each month for the precise time.

I also plan to develop a Financial FAQ (frequently asked questions) page in the “Members Only” portion of the website. When I see a common theme in emails the Association receives or questions raised during the monthly sessions, I will do my best to post an answer there as well.

At the July Board Meeting, we approved the formation of a Finance Committee to assist the Treasurer in certain key areas. The principal duties of the Finance Committee and its Members are:

- Assistance with Accounting functions
- Development of Accounting policies and procedures
- Assistance in oversight of BCLCA Cash management
- Review of the annual Audit

If you have a Finance, Accounting or Investments background and have interest in becoming a member of the Finance Committee, please email me at: [bclca.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:bclca.treasurer@gmail.com).

## **WIND TURBINE PROJECT**

Sandy Benedick

A Wind Turbine Project is proposed on the Bethlehem Water Authority property near the Municipal Park on Route 903. As proposed, the closest turbines, 37 in all, will sit just on the other side of the turnpike. To those of us in BCL, that is slightly less than 1 mile (as the crow flies) from some of our homes. Many homes are within a 2 mile distance, and still others are within 3 miles. Some will be able to view them from their homes, and also from the lake. The impact on the wildlife of the area may be substantial, especially to our raptors and bats. To humans, the impact may vary from minimal to extreme. Some may or may not be affected by infrasound (which is not actually a sound, but more of a sensation, akin to motion sickness and heart palpitations), and other noises. These include snapping sounds in winter (from chunks of ice breaking off ) to the sound of continual airplanes over head. Some industrial wind areas run at night, and witnesses provide horror stories of sleep deprivation and lights flickering at all hours. Any of these can be experienced up to 3 miles away. At times they catch on fire, which can be extremely dangerous in a woodland area. We have a grassroots movement in place to prevent these behemoths (over 500 ft. tall not counting the blades!) from becoming an intrusion in our lives and potentially destroying our property values. To those who feel Wind projects should be everywhere because they are "green", please educate yourselves. They are manufactured with OIL and COAL, so are they truly green? I researched both sides before making MY decision to fight this. It's up to you... do you want BCL to remain as wonderful as it has been? If so, join us in our efforts. Join us at the Facebook page SAY NO to Bethlehem Water Shed Wind "Farm" Project or at SOAR(Save Our Allegany Ridges). Both sites contain a wealth of information. **Contact Penn Forest Township, Attn: Zoning Board at [pftsec@ptd.net](mailto:pftsec@ptd.net) expressing your opposition.**

## **BCLCA BOARD POSITION ON THE WIND TURBINE FARM**

During the Members' Comment section of the May 2016 General Meeting, several residents raised concerns about the proposed wind turbine farm. Part of the discussion was to understand what BCLCA's position was on the matter. The Board discussed the matter at the June 2016 Board meeting.

The decision was that the Board could not officially represent the Bear Creek Lakes community in opposition to the wind turbines as there are differing points of views within our own community; and therefore any stance taken would be contrary to the views of some within the BCL community. The Board did decide to issue a letter, which is posted on the Members' Only section of the website, to Penn Forest Township. The letter expressed the deep rooted purpose of BCL as a recreational community, and that the close proximity of an industrial facility would be in direct contradiction to achieving that purpose. The letter further went on identify some concerns where the current Zoning requirements are deficient.

We urge all of the Members to fully investigate the issue and use the democratic process to support their position. Potential websites to obtain information on the issue are the following:

- <http://energyinformative.org/wind-energy-pros-and-cons/>
- [www.nap.edu/read/11935/chapter/3](http://www.nap.edu/read/11935/chapter/3)

Penn Forest Township may have further information that can be released to the public from the hearings under the Freedom of Information Act requests.

## FROM THE EDITOR

Rich Berger

This newsletter is being put together in early August as summer is still in force. During the summer, we haven't yet cracked 90 F, as BCL stays much cooler than NYC or Philadelphia, or even Jim Thorpe.

Some things to note in this issue:

- Our new treasurer, Todd Wagner, introduces himself, with an important new initiative for those wanting to understand the finances of BCL
- Information on the Wind Turbine Project from a Member and the BCLCA Board
- Elections for the Board of Directors at the September General Meeting on September 3. We have 9 candidates for the five positions available. Each position is for a three-year term. Please review our "Meet the Candidates" for biographical information on each of the candidates.
- We plan to conduct a survey of our Membership to understand how you get information about our community and Board of Directors. The survey questions are listed at the back of the newsletter. You can fill it in and return it to the office, but soon you will be able to respond via the BCLCA website at [www.bclca.org](http://www.bclca.org) in the Members Only section.
- We have added a calendar of events during the fall/winter 2016-2017.

As usual, if you have any questions or comments about the newsletter, please send me an email at [rberger5@ptd.net](mailto:rberger5@ptd.net).

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## **RULES COMMITTEE**

**Rich Berger**

The Rules Committee is putting the finishing touches on a revision to the current Rule Book; the changes include standardization of the language and a restructuring of vehicle rules. As soon as the revision is completed, the Rule Book will be posted on the BCL website and will be available in the office.

New rules are being drafted to require that property owners provide copies of permits that are required by entities other than BCL, such as Penn Forest Township and the PA Department of Environmental Protection. This will affect Members who own lake front properties, but will also require providing permits for septic systems, among other projects.

## **COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY**

**Margo Schaefer**

Over the past year I have implemented improvements in the Association's electronic communications. The goal is not to replace our legacy modes of communication (such as the printed newsletter and the bulletin board at the Indian Trail entrance), but rather to enhance our information sharing with the members.

The BCL email list was launched in February and now has over 400 members. Over the summer months, a weekly email is sent to remind everyone of the recreation events planned for the week. In the winter when activities slow down, the emails will be less frequent. If you are not on the email list yet, please sign up on the website ([bclca.org](http://bclca.org)) or leave your name and email address on the sign-up sheet at the BCL office.

The website now has a "Members Only" section that we will use to share information of special interest to our members. Only BCL property owners are granted access to this section. Information presented here is for the sole use of Bear Creek Lakes homeowners,

and we ask that those with permission to view the Members Only pages consider the ramifications to our community if that private information is shared with non-members.

*Anyone who publicly disseminates, posts, or shares this information with non-members may be denied future access to the Member Only section of the website.*

We are considering other ways that electronic means can be used to enhance communication and business functions for the BCLCA. Watch your email for details.

## **SECURITY**

**Bill Malone**

As I try to type this note we are nearing the end of July, and I am happy to report I have nothing to report. We have not had any major incidents reported to the security or the office. Speeding citations are up, however; please slow down, as this is a "15mph" recreational community. Please remember your badges and parking stickers at ALL OUR COMMON AREAS. We need Crime Watch volunteers, so please sign up at the general meeting. All boat owners please remember to get your FREE BCL trailer sticker before next year. Thanks to all our Crime Watch volunteers.

## **INTRODUCTION TO NEW TREASURER**

**Todd Wagner**

Now, some of you may be wondering who

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this new Treasurer is. While I know many of you from volunteering and social events, not everyone knows me. Kathy and I have been part-timers since August 2011. I have tried to be active in the community, serving on the Security/Crime Watch committee, Long Range Planning committee, and Lake and Dam committee. Joining the Board and serving as Treasurer allows me to take my "volunteerism" to new level.

From a professional standpoint, I have been a CPA for the past 28 years, having earned my license working for Deloitte, one of the largest Accounting firms in the world. Currently I am Vice President of Financial Management and Business Development for a privately held long-term care company. As part of my job, I provide business and financial consulting services to our clients' Boards. Services I provide to my clients range from presentation of the monthly financial statements, placement of insurance, oversight of the annual budgeting process and coordinating the annual audit to



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managing banking relationships, strategic planning/long range planning and oversight of major expansion and construction projects. Essentially I act as the "CFO" for each of these clients.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Todd Wagner**

We are looking at the current Employee handbook with an eye to updating it to address the many regulatory changes that have taken place since the last re-write. Part of this process may include new forms or revisions to existing forms. In addition, we are reviewing our existing HR Policies and Procedures and revamping as needed.

## **LONG RANGE PLANNING (LRP) COMMITTEE**

**Todd Wagner**

Currently the Long Range Planning (LRP) committee is without a chair with the recent resignation of Lisa Mills. The remaining committee members look forward to the appointment of new Chair in the fall to continue the LRP process we embarked on in 2015. One of the main objectives of LRP was to create additional and easier access points for small boat craft to the lake for the enjoyment of the Members. The Lake and Dam Committee was able to accomplish that this year by adding restricted access areas for small crafts (kayaks, canoes, rafts, etc.) at the two beaches.

Going forward over the next year, a main objective of LRP is to build on the Preventive Maintenance (PM) manuals for Stewart Hall, the Pool, the Dam and Roads created by DW Smith, our consultant who prepared the Reserve Study. These PM manuals will aid the Directors in overseeing the preventive maintenance process and serve as a good resource. In addition, the LRP will begin the development of a survey to the Members for

thoughts or interest on potential additional amenities or services that BCLCA should offer its Members to enhance the enjoyment of our recreational community. This will be the first component of developing a Strategic Plan by LRP.

## LIFEGUARDS AND POOL DAY

Colleen Bradley

It's July 29th and we're reaching the halfway point of summer. Pool day was a huge success as usual even with some questionable weather. Otherwise the weather has been cooperating nicely. We've had 2 in-services so far and they have already paid dividends as there has been 4 saves at the pool already. As part of our continuing training the guards are audited weekly. Our 17 guards are coming together as the veterans have really embraced the new guards. We still have the lifeguard challenge coming up and the guards are excited to show off their skills. Here is to hoping August is full of great weather and a safe and exciting time for all.

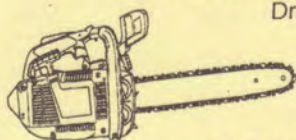
## POOL COMMITTEE

Steve Sosnowski

It is mid-July as I write this update. As we reach the midway point of the swimming season, I am happy to report that the pool availability has been 100% during scheduled operating hours. Many thanks to our maintenance crew who have kept the pools clean and the filtering equipment in tip-top shape.

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## MAINTENANCE AND ROADS

Todd Laudenschlager

The Maintenance crew of Jim and John have been maintaining facilities, cutting grass, maintaining equipment and keeping our pool clean. They have been pruning shrubs and trees and an assortment of other tasks to keep everything tended to as summer progresses.

This Fall and (weather permitting) this Winter they will begin to clear brush along roadways and prepare drainage swales and piping under roads in preparation for next years road surfacing projects. If you see Jim or John out on the roads or at the facilities take a moment to say "thank you" for their hard work all year round.

## LAKE & DAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Steve Sosnowski

Hi, it is a pleasure to see everyone enjoying the lake this summer. On any given day it is not unusual to see folks sailing, fishing, paddling, motoring (electric only of course) or just floating in tubes on the lake. We have seen a growth in popularity of Stand Up Paddleboards (SUP's) which are a great way to quietly enjoy the lake. A question that comes up periodically is "Do we need to register our SUP with BCLCA?" The answer is no. You can if you want to for identification purposes. You do not need to register them with the State either. The only State

requirement is that, similar to all other watercraft, you need to have an approved Personal Floatation Device with you when paddling.

Updates on activities highlighted in the Spring Newsletter:

#### Fisheries Management efforts.

As part of the original long-term vision developed in 2013, we have scheduled a follow-up fish population study to be conducted this fall. The results of this new study will be compared to the baseline 2013 study to gauge the success of our stocking efforts and to provide us with a plan for the next few years.

#### Bathymetric Survey

The survey was performed and you can now view the BCL depth contour map on the Members Only section of the BCL web. A hard copy is also available for inspection in the BCL Office.

#### Additional Paddle Craft launch areas

I am happy to report that mid way through the summer, this program appears to be a success. Many members including yours truly have taken advantage of this. If all goes well for the rest of the summer, we will make this permanent. I will provide an update at the September General Meeting.

Please remember, due to safety concerns, launching of any water craft is ***still prohibited at the Dam Spillway Park.***

#### New Boat Dock

New boat dock was delivered in the Spring.

#### Lake Rangers

This pilot program never gained any momentum so we are not going to proceed any

further at this time. All members are encouraged to help each other out on the lake and if you do notice a rule violation, please notify security.

#### **STEWART HALL/FACILITIES**

Jack Knorr

Rentals at Stewart Hall have been numerous. Members are taking advantage of the great deal they get for their individual parties and celebrations. The \$50 rental fee is a good bargain and if you want to run a community event at the hall, there is no rental fee. Contact the office with your ideas and plans. The hall has been left clean after most of the rentals. Please leave the hall as you found it. My term is up on the Board and I would like to thank you for your continuous support. It has been a pleasure to represent you these past nine years.

**John FIKENTSCHER**

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## **BCL LANDSCAPING**

Michael Brennan

The beautiful natural landscape at BCL continues to evolve. We've planted pachysandra around the tree at Midway and Indian Trail and also in front of the fence at South Beach. The flowers are in full bloom at the pool and boat dock for all to enjoy. Our landscape committee met for the first time in June and enjoyed a great presentation from Michael Gaul on how to use ropes to create a "Come Along". Anyone that uses this useful tool will gain 3 times the strength of any human using it!!! Many thanks to Michael Gaul for lending his time and expertise to help all residents of BCL.

Please remember all Landscape presentations and meetings are open to all BCL residents. We meet the second Saturday of each month in Stewart Hall at 11 AM, some come on out

and learn something new and useful each time. We continue to look for a Street Captain for each road/street in BCL. I'm delighted to report we have our first Street Captain volunteered for Beech Drive. A Street Captain's job/role is to: Improve our community, provide input and feedback to the landscape committee on what's happening on your road/street and give us ideas/feedback on increasing property values through landscape development. Please consider this really easy role that takes almost no time.

We look forward to updating one section of the BCL front entrance in August with remaining budget funds and continue with our Landscape presentations described above, that will be beneficial for all BCL residents.

Last but not least, we will probably ask for an increase to the landscape budget next year to update the common areas at the BCL entrance



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from 903 and the pool drive triangle. Our board of directors will include this in our annual budget that will be submitted for your approval at the General Meeting in September. Thanks to all that will come out and help and a special thanks to all that have contributed.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

Ken Levitz

As we enjoy the final days of another summer, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the passion of our membership in expressing various points of view concerning the outside, third party actions in areas bordering our community (whether it be a maintenance building or a potential turbine facility) and move on to some additional items of potential concern.

### Reminder: Gypsy Moth Infestations

Pennsylvania has announced that the state lacks funding to maintain the financial support program previously in effect for aerial spraying. Given the cost associated with private sector provided services and the potential legal issues that could arise when neighbors on ½ - 1 acre lots disagree on spraying, we recommend that our fellow members address these pests with an individual program, as needed. Please refer to our website for useful information.

## "New Threats"

As incidents of Zika virus infection become more numerous and wide spread, we recommend we each pay strict attention to mosquito control efforts: especially since West Nile Virus issues can still impact us. We have posted several items on the website that will prove useful "bug proofing" your back yard. Please check these out – especially if you are a "weekender" or "vacation only" resident.

## Penn Forest Township Recreation Park Storm Water Issues

Since late June the township park construction site has experienced difficulties with its erosion and sedimentation control performance, leading to silt-laden water running across Blue Jay and Larch Drives. Your environmental and executive committees have responded with a site visit and discussion with the job foreman (June 27th), written complaints to the Carbon County Conservation District (CCD) Manager (June 29th and August 1st) and a follow-up phone conference with the CCD Manager (August 3rd).

CCD has acknowledged the control failures and is working with the site contractor to modify the size and/or configuration of the silt soxx installations that were overtopped with storm runoff the weekend of July 30th. CCD technical staff has made two inspection visits since our initial complaint (with follow-up correspondence to BCLCA on July 12th), with a third to follow in the next several days.

Your board will continue to engage CCD with ongoing correspondence and calls to report and complain of any additional failures. Finally, we will also involve our township supervisors as warranted.

As always, thank you for being a member and neighbor.



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## **SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

Kevin McGrath

We have had a great amount of discussion over the past year about the need to update our community's governing documents. We have also received a great amount of feedback and many good ideas to improve our documents. Last year's budget process raised several issues with our current budget process. Owners asked for a method that would:

- Allow for notice to all members of the proposed budget prior to the meeting
- The opportunity to vote by proxy
- The ability to communicate electronically about important association issues
- Various other good ideas.

The board and the committee have moved the process along and we have discussed the document update project with two attorneys who specialize in this area of the law. (FYI Attorney Nanovic is a great resource for our association, but document rewrites are not his specialty). We are currently at the point where we want to update the documents, to require advance publication of the budget, allow proxy voting, keep the current fee structure in place and bring our documents into compliance with the requirements of Act 180. Our basic goal is to modernize the documents and to have the documents reflect the way the association has operated up to now.

Our next step will be to come to the members at BCLCA and discuss the expected legal cost to move forward. The treasurer will present an expected budget for this project and we will be seeking your input and support at the upcoming General Membership meeting.

## **MEMBER SERVICES**

Kevin McGrath

Once again we want to thank the overwhelming majority of members who pay their dues on time each year and keep the association on sound financial footing. I am pleased to report that our delinquencies are down significantly even in light of the increase in dues. We only have a handful of properties under legal collection and our outstanding accounts receivable are moving in a positive direction. We have had several properties that have been or are about to be foreclosed on by the lenders. In this case the association only receives a portion of the amount owed, however the bank will begin paying all current assessments and hopefully will quickly sell the property and we will have a new member in our community. We also have several members who have entered into payment plans and we are happy to work with any member who needs some assistance in meeting the dues obligations.

BCLCA is what YOU make it!

We are blessed at BCLCA with a great cast of volunteers that work on the board, our many committees and volunteer for other activities that make our association such a great community. However, many of these dedicated members are reaching a point in their lives where they can no longer give all of their time and effort to these volunteer activities. We have many new members moving into BCLCA. We need your help. All volunteers are welcome! We need board members, we need committee members, we need activity volunteers, we need hotdog cookers, fish contest coordinators, flower planting volunteers, just about anything you can imagine! Please consider getting involved. If you think of a good activity, let us know and we will support you in making it happen, but it will not happen without you. Please reach out to the office and let our crack staff know of your interest and we will have someone reach out to you. Without more volunteers, some of our wonderful activities will stop happening. Our existing board can only do so much without your assistance.

Happy Labor Day!

**OFFICE**  
**Barb Godshalk**

The BCL office is on the summer hours schedule and of course, in the middle of a heat wave. Beginning Nov 1<sup>st</sup> our winter hours will be in effect. Keep the cutout included within this newsletter for the office hours, phone numbers, email & web address. The office has a locking "Drop Box" mounted outside on the railing, to use when we are closed. PLEASE, office related items only. Do not put library books in this box.

Remember to use the calendar on the BCL website ([www.bclca.org](http://www.bclca.org)). Not only does the calendar list all the events, pool hours, office open, etc., it also shows when the hall is reserved. So when you are interested in renting Stewart Hall, you can check the calendar to see if it is available. If you see "Hall Reserved" it is not available.

The new 2017 Boat Lottery form is included within this newsletter. Mail or email the form to the office AFTER January 1, 2017. The registration form must be filled out and signed by the member/owner on file. DO NOT send any payment with the form. You will be billed when you receive your rack assignment.

A final reminder, the busiest time for the BCL office is September through November. We process over 1,000 lots with the annual dues and road maintenance fees during this time. Members can pick up their badges for the upcoming year once their dues have been paid. The 2017 badges WILL BE available, so pick them up early to save the trip in the spring. Pat and I have one request: please be patient with us and remember, we don't make the rules but we must enforce them.



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## **Community Activities**

### **INDOOR WALKING PROGRAM – FOR MEN & WOMEN**

This is the start of our third year for the indoor walking program and we are adding a third day to our weekly program. The program uses DVDs produced by Leslie Sansone, who created America's top walking system for fat burning, muscle conditioning and stretching workouts. As the summer faded and the weather turned cold and snowy, we stayed warm and active in Stewart Hall throughout the winter, rarely missing a day as we were all so close to home!

We took a break for the summer and will be starting again soon. Please join us for fun and socializing when we resume walking in September.

PLACE: Stewart Hall  
DATES: Starting September 12, 2016,  
every Monday, Wednesday and  
now Fridays  
TIME: 9:00 – 10:00 AM  
COST: Free

Check [www.bclca.org](http://www.bclca.org) for details.

If you have any questions, call or email Pam Berger (570-732-4245/pamelab@ptd.net) or Madeline Ligenza (610-392-0829/mlballet@ptd.net). We hope our third year will be even better!

### **STEWART HALL LIBRARY NEWS** **Sue Whiteley**

The library in the basement of Stewart Hall is in good shape thanks to a great group of volunteers. There is new lighting thanks to the Board of Directors and it is organized and "sorta" clean!! In order to keep everything in

good order and easier to use, we have decided to accept donated books during the months of SEPTEMBER and MARCH only. Please help by donating books that are CURRENT, CLEAN (not moldy, musty, stained, etc.) and INTERESTING! Do not clean out your basement - we have nowhere to get rid of dirty, old books! Thanks for your cooperation! If you have any questions, call Sue Whiteley at 570 325 2549.

## WINE TASTING

**Pat Ayers**

Members Only 1st Wine and Cheese tasting at Stewart Hall. Looking to meet the wine makers & connoisseurs of the community--- September 24--- 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Bring a bottle and pairing cheese to share --- space is limited to the first 50 people, call to reserve a spot - Pat Ayers 267-872-8548

## BCLCA ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**Bob Skiffington and Larry Erra**

Our Annual Golf Outing was held on Friday July 1st, 2016 at White Birch Golf Course. The weather cooperated with a hazy 80 degree day for the 41 golfers. Most were able to finish and get in the Grove for lunch before the 1:30 PM downpour.

The following are the results:

- 1ST Place won by Mark Donski, Charles Campbell, Dave Stokes and Mike Gruber with a 62. There were 3 teams with a 63. The tie breaker was determined by comparing scores of holes in Handicap order.
- 2ND Place won by Bill English, Bob Bell and Bob Gallagher with a 63.
- Closest to the pin won by Lou Barbone (#2) and Larry Schubert (#13).
- Longest drive for juniors (#16) won by Joe Holleran.
- Longest drive for seniors (#17) won by Bob Bell.
- Straightest drive (#18) won by Sam



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Each golfer received a raffle ticket and when their number was called they picked from the donated prizes (Dom-N-Ali gift certificate, White Birch gift certificate, Paul Rotter and Bob Skiffington camouflage bags or Edie Boyer golf towels). Everyone received a hat/shirt courtesy of Oscars Tavern.

Volunteers interested in helping with this golf outing can contact the BCLCA Office at 570-325-3334 or Bob at [bskiffin@gmail.com](mailto:bskiffin@gmail.com). Next year's golf outing will be held on Friday, June 30, 2017 or Friday, July 7, 2017 depending on course availability.

## LADIES LUNCHEONS

**Lona Nelson and Sue Whiteley**

Calling all BCL ladies to come out for our monthly luncheons. This is a fun activity and a

good way to get acquainted with other Bear Creek Lakes ladies. We meet the second THURSDAY of each month. We go to a different restaurant each month. E-mail Sue at whiteley@ptd.net or Lona at lona7@msn.com, if you have any questions or need a ride. We maintain an e-mail list to notify everyone of time and place for each luncheon. If you would like to be added to the list, let us know. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the luncheons.

### **T.G.I.F. Diana Bochantin**

T.G.I.F. has had another successful summer. We have welcomed many new people as well as welcoming back those who have been "regulars" in the past. All have enjoyed great fellowship and delicious homemade entrees, salads, soups, and desserts. After a sumptuous meal, many played bocce. This summer the women managed to beat the men

several times, once they beat them in a shutout. REMINDER: T.G.I.F. Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 16, 2016 at 6:00 in Stewart Hall. Mark your calendars. More information will follow.

### **ADULT FUNDRAISING FISHING CONTEST Sandy Benedick**

This year, the adult fishing contest was again held on the first day of Bass season, Saturday, June 18th. Thanks to a great turnout and those who just dropped by to donate, we had the best year of donations thus far! Glenn Nelson was the winner in the artificial bait category with a 3 lb. 2 oz Bass, with Jeff Miller a very close second place at 3lb 1 oz! It was a nail biter at the end for sure! There was no winner in the live bait category this year as most entrants fished with artificial bait and the few who had live bait in their boat did not bring any fish in to be weighed. THANK YOU again to all who came out to donate and fish and also to the many who stopped by to drop a donation in the jar! We continue to accept donations at the office, with the check made out to BCLCA and "Fishery management" written in the memo line. Our stocking efforts have resulted in a good many Bass being caught along with quite a few Walleye.

### **CALLING ALL BOOK LOVERS Leta Thompson**

If you love to read books and discuss them with others, then the BCL Book Club is just for you! We meet the third Tuesday of each month, September through June, at 10:00 am in Stewart Hall. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, and we will be discussing Man at the Helm by Nina Stibbe. The selections for the year are posted on the BCL website, so check them out. The books on our list are available at the Dimmick Library in Jim Thorpe. Also, many of them can be borrowed electronically through the Free Public Library of Philadelphia if you have an e-reader.



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F 8 - 5:30  
Sat 8 - 5:30  
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The great thing about our Book Club is that all members have input into our selections for the year. We read both fiction and non fiction books. We also share the role of facilitator throughout the year and have a month devoted to book sharing, where each person tells about a great book they are reading. This gives us additional ideas for "good reads". Our discussions are lively, and our members express a variety of opinions and points of view about the books we are discussing. In this way we learn from each other and broaden our perspectives.

If you have any questions about Book Club, please call me, Leta Thompson, at 570 325-2121, or e-mail me at [drletat@gmail.com](mailto:drletat@gmail.com). I hope to see you at our first meeting in September!

### **6TH ANNUAL 5k WALK/RUN**

Dylan Bradley

After completing my 6th annual 5k walk/run for Juvenile Arthritis this past spring, I am excited to announce that I broke my personal fundraising record for this year's event! All of the funds raised benefited the Arthritis Foundation Eastern PA chapter, and Camp JRA, a week-long summer camp for children with rheumatic diseases. I would like to thank everyone who participated and/or contributed to the success of my event. I hope to see you all back again for my 7th annual next spring! "Juvenile Arthritis, it's a joint effort!"

### **TEEN NIGHT POOL PARTY**

**JP & Denise Evans**

We had a fantastic turn-out for this year's Teen Night Pool Party. We provided the hot dogs, chips, watermelon and dessert, but the 40 kids who joined us provided the fun! The weather was perfect and the pool inviting. Some even played a little tennis and volleyball, too. We can't express how impressed we are with the

awesome bunch of kids we have here in BCL. Funny, outgoing and polite, our kids are the BEST! As hosts, we had so much fun that we were looking forward to the next one even before the night was through. It all inspired big plans for next year. Stay tuned!

### **LABOR DAY WEEKEND LAKESIDE WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Pastor Bill Thompson**

A lakeside worship service is again scheduled for Labor Day Weekend on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am, at South Beach. It is an informal, non-denominational service about a half-hour in length. My wife, Leta, will once again play her guitar for the service. At our service on Memorial Day Weekend we had an excellent turnout and were blessed with perfect weather once again. The service focused on the eagle, and even though we were not favored with an eagle flyover this time, everyone who had a dollar bill saw an

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eagle (on the back of it).

Since our lake is at the center of our community life here at BCL, I have decided to focus on the lake at the center of Jesus' ministry, the Sea (really just a lake) of Galilee. There are a number of stories around and on that lake, and I suspect there are a number of stories (even some fish stories, Gary) on and around our lake, too.

Following the service we will again ascend the hill to Stewart Hall for refreshments and fellowship. Of course, if the weather does not cooperate, we will still worship together in Stewart Hall also.

What a joy it is to worship our creator in our part of God's creation! I hope to see you there.

### **5K RUN/WALK**

**Marty Palmer**

Bear Creek Lakes annual 5K run/walk was held on Saturday, June 11th, 2016. It was a beautiful day for the runners and walkers to partake in this yearly event. I want to personally thank all members of the local boy scout troop 555-Penn Forest Township for coming out and helping out with the event. All proceeds from the race were donated to the troop!

### **KIDS TRIATHLON**

**Marty Palmer**



Several children came out to participate in the Bear Creek Lakes Kids Triathlon held on Saturday, July 16th. These ambitious youngsters swam 2 laps in the pool, rode their

bikes from the pool to south beach and then ran up the recreation path back up to the pavilion. A huge congratulations goes out to Brady Brzowski, Gloria Strohl, Connor Stewart and Gavin Strohl as they all received medals for completing the course! Great job kids!

### **KIDS SCAVENGER HUNT**

**Marty Palmer**



Over 20 children participated in the Bear Creek Lakes Scavenger Hunt held on Saturday, July 16th. The kids hunted and searched in the nature area behind the pavilion to look for many of nature's treasures. Every kid was able to find all the items and each child received a goodie bag for their efforts. Way to go kids!

### **CHILDREN'S FISHING CONTEST**

**Sandy Benedick**

The Children's Fishing Contest was held July 23rd under sunny skies this year. Only 5 kids turned out, (thus no age categories) but they all

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had a great time catching fish, choosing prizes and eating hot dogs! Many also made new friends! The winner was Daniel Hilman with a 9 1/8 inch Bass ( he also had a 9 inch Sunfish!), followed by Ethan Doijka with a 7 5/8 inch Sunfish . Everyone was a winner, with Bruce Pike, Wyatt Kunkel and Madison Atkinson also taking home prizes for their 7 plus inch Sunfish or Perch. Madison was also awarded the Sportsmanship Award, which she appeared thrilled with. We want to thank everyone who assisted us with the contest this year, we appreciate your support!

### **2016 GOLF CART PARADE** **Linda Kunkel**

Saturday, July 2 - a beautiful day, not too hot not too cold, with lots of sunshine, proof that God was shining down on us and all our participants in our annual Golf Cart and Bike Parade. We had 32 golf carts (10 more than last year) and 21 bikes. The parade was led by 2 carts decorated by Dalton Fine and represented by veterans of our Armed Forces: Neil Mullen, Verne Arndt, Allen Heckman, and Pat Ayers. It is a satisfying moment when our BCL community can honor those so proud to serve our country, preserving our freedom. We should always take time to thank a veteran. Our winners of the golf carts were first place the Manoloudis family, second place the Monnig family, and third place the McClosky family. Winners of the bikes were first place Maeve Zeloyle, second place Matt Blake, and

third place Katie Blisard. Prizes were gift certificates from Julio's and donated from proceeds of the snack cart.

We extend special thanks to all our volunteers who have done everything to make our parade a great success; Pat Stasyk for her leadership and organizing her shoppers and cooks who grilled the hot dogs and supplied refreshing beverages; Linda Kunkel and her judges and other volunteers who helped to line up the carts and bikes and organized the parade; Greg Schaffling and his crew for traffic control throughout the parade; and Denise Evans and all her volunteers for planning the games and giving all the children an afternoon of fun. We look forward to next year's parade. And guess what ... it's not too early to plan your golf cart and bike designs.

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### **SNACK CART** **Linda Kunkel**

We are having a very successful year with our snack sales due to a dedicated group of volunteers, gorgeous weather, and, lest we forget, all the wonderful people who support us by purchasing items from the cart. With our profits from this year's sales and funds leftover from last year we were able to purchase a clock, 4 umbrellas, 5 chairs and noodles for the pool; a coffee pot for book club; a \$150 donation to the fishery management; \$180 donation for the kids pool day; the purchase of

gift certificates for the golf cart and bike parade; and a candy donation to all the participants in the kids fishing contest. We also spent money to refurbish the snack cart and purchase chairs for our volunteers to sit on while manning the snack cart.

For those who may not know, we are a self-sustaining group of volunteers, who help by giving back to our community, with our purchases and donations from the sales to make our community a better place. We are also very fortunate to have several new volunteers this year to give of their time to man the snack cart along with several new Sam's Club buyers. We are very grateful to all who help out in any way. We also wish to send along a special thank you to an anonymous donor who reached into their own pocket to purchase several snack items and donated them for sale at the snack cart.

We believe in Bear Creek Lakes; we believe it's the best place to live; we believe in all the people and volunteers who live here, whether it's full or part time - after all, BCL is ... *"the friendly place to live!"*

## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **Norman G. Summers**

Norman G. Summers, 82, of Bear Creek Lakes, Jim Thorpe, passed away Friday, May 27, at Gnaden Huetten Hospital, Lehighton. He was the husband of Reiko Summers. They would have celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on Oct. 25. Born in Philadelphia, he was a son of the late Samuel Garis Summers and Annie (Heath) Summers. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving as a Military Police Corporal during the Korean War. He received an associate degree from Penn State University. He was a salesman for S C Johnson and covered the Philadelphia region. He had retired after 20 years of service. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church of Penn Forest. Norman enjoyed gardening, exercise, the outdoors, animals, especially dogs, going to the Senior Center, bingo and

church. He and Reiko were gold medal winners in the annual Carbon County Senior Games. They enjoyed traveling and cruises. He loved spending time with family, especially his grandchildren.

Besides his wife, he is survived by children, Stephen G. Summers and wife Kathryn, of Perkaspie; Deborah S., wife of Jim Tams of Blakeslee; Craig M. Summers of New Tripoli; and four grandchildren, Andrew, Samantha, Amanda and Lucas Summers. He was predeceased by a grandson, Alexander, and a brother, Robert.

### **Joseph Swaim**

Joseph Swaim passed away July 27, 2016, age 64 years. He was a part-time resident who lived at 61 Piney Woods. Beloved husband of Janet (nee Grabowski). Devoted father of Jacqueline Barger (Edward), Michelle Hynes (Geoffrey) and Joseph (Jennie). Loving Pop of Kyra, Joseph, Scarlett, Mollie, Georgia, Geoffrey, Ryan, Lucy Josephine and Vincent. Brother of Mary Ann Leone, Lawrence (Kathleen) and the late John (Janet).

## **MEET THE CANDIDATES**

### **BCLCA Board Elections**

#### **Gary Benedick**

My wife Sandy and I “discovered” BCL in 1995 while searching for a vacation home/eventual retirement location. Our home was completed in January just after the blizzard of '96. It was quite an initiation to the winters here! We were part timers for 8 years before moving here full time in 2004.

After retiring from Armstrong World Industries after 33 years of employment, I worked at Blue Mountain Health System part time for 6 years. I became involved in the community after retiring from there in 2010. The committees and activities I presently volunteer for are:

- Crime Watch member
- Lake and Dam committee member
- Snack Cart volunteer
- Golf Cart Parade Judge
- Organize and hold the Adult and Children's Fishing contests every summer.
- Fund Raising for Fishery Management(stocking, structure).

I am also an avid fisherman and enjoy going fishing on the lake as much as possible.

#### **Bonnie Berens**

My husband Rich and I were introduced to the amazing BCL community by close friends who purchased here 3 years ago. We just closed on our BCL vacation home last month and anticipate enjoying it much of the year.

In 2015 I retired after 7 years as Co-Administrator of a NJ Homeowners Association. I believe that experience will assist me in serving on the BCLCA Board. Previously, I was Office Operations Manager of Roundabout Theatre on Broadway. I look forward to working for the benefit of our wonderful community.

#### **Bill Gullone**

I am a long time resident of BCL. My parents built a home here in 1968 and have lived in this community for the majority of my life since the age of 6. My wife Lisa and I purchased my family home in 1996 and we have 3 teenage sons. I own and operate Carefree Lawns, a landscape design and construction business, and have been servicing BCL and the local area for over 30 years. I am vested in the well being and safety of our community and ask for your nomination to the Board.

#### **Lisa Ivan**

Hello BCL! I have lived in BCL for 17 years and have watched it change and grow. I love my family oriented community and the lifestyle it gives me. I decided it is time to give something back



and run for the board. As a realtor I see many different communities and can bring insight to some good and bad experiences in our surrounding neighborhoods. I would like to help keep BCL as a family community and not feel like a business. I have no experience on a board of directors, but I am looking forward to the opportunity to speak up for my neighbors and help BCL thrive anyway I can. I appreciate your consideration!

### **Kevin McGrath**

My wife Debbie and I are at 341 Bear Creek Lake Drive. I have enjoyed the pleasure of serving on the board for the past several years.

I currently chair the Member Services and the Special Projects Committees. We have made a great deal of progress in raising awareness of the need to protect our community and our pristine environment and lake. We have been enjoying Bear Creek Lake for 25 years. Debra and I hope to retire at the lake in a few years and I want to do everything I can to maintain and protect our beautiful community. I feel very strongly that we need to maintain our trees and the health of our lake.

I would like the opportunity to continue to work with the board in accomplishing our goals. I manage community Associations professionally in the Philadelphia area and I try to bring my skills and knowledge to BCLCA. The board does a great job and I enjoy working with them. There are a lot of great people who volunteer and help out at BCLCA and I would like your support to continue lending my assistance. Thank you.

### **Neil Mullen**

My wife Julie and I have been part-time residents of Bear Creek Lakes for over 10 years, one and a half years full-time.

I am a retired Philadelphia Fire Fighter. I retired after 17 ½ years with the department. Prior to that, I worked as a Letter Carrier for 27 years.

Always loved Bear Creek Lakes and would like to help keep it a great place to live.

I now have time to give back to our community and would love an opportunity to be on the board.

### **Eric Schippers**

After an extensive search for a vacation home in the Poconos, my wife Kathleen, three kids and I were thrilled when the opportunity arose to purchase our home at 479 Bear Creek Lake Drive in the fall of 2014. We were drawn to the area by the beauty and tranquility of the lake, the friendliness of the community, and the close proximity to our principal residence in Wyomissing, Pa., where I work as Sr. Vice President of Public Affairs and Government Relations for Penn National Gaming, the nation's largest publicly traded racing and gaming company. Like most others, we consider our Bear Creek Lakes home-away-from-home our "Happy Place" and I am hoping to get to know more fellow residents and become more actively involved in the community, while putting my background in regulatory affairs and community relations to good use as a member of the Board of Directors.

## **Charles J Sgrillo**

My wife (Marjorie) and I have been in the Bear Creek Community since 2013.

We are part timers as of now but are planning to be full timers in the future.

We have 4 grown children and 6 grand children who enjoy all the activities in the development.

I am in my 30th year as a Philadelphia Firefighter. I'm asking for your vote for a position on the board to help keep Bear Creek the best community in the Poconos. I hope to use my experiences to be a productive member of the board.

- Philadelphia Firefighter 1987 to Present
- Treasurer AAU Middle Atlantic District 2013 to Present
- Athletic Director Northeast Racquet Club & Fitness Center, 2008 to Present
- USARS Hockey Committee member for USOC , 2010 to Present
- Treasurer Firefighters Local 22 IAFF , 2 years
- Bar Manager Firefighters Local 22 IAFF , 2 years
- Public Relations Director Local 22 IAFF , 2 years

## **Roger G. Stewart**

Although I was born and raised in the suburbs around Washington, DC, I got to know and love this area while working summers at the Bear Creek Dairy farm that was then owned by my uncle, Josiah Behrens. After my parents joined the BCLCA and built their retirement home here in 1971, my sister and I became regular visitors -- swimming, sailing, playing tennis, and bicycling around our Lake. After my parents passed on in 2010, we moved here full-time and re-built our home at 555 Bear Creek Lake Drive. This has helped keep my parents, my sister & I, our four children, and our grandchildren -- all much closer to each other, than if we didn't share our common love for this lake and our wonderful friends here.

My professional background includes Undergraduate and Graduate degrees in Electrical Engineering from Johns Hopkins University and Lehigh University. I have authored 95 technical papers and 110 Patents, founded three start-up companies, and was recently elected as a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical & Electrical Engineers. Although now partially retired, I continue to work part-time as an Expert Witness in international patent litigation. My personal interest in the environment and planning has also led to two terms on the Hillsborough Planning Board in New Jersey, 3 terms on the Hillsborough Environmental Commission, and as Chairman of the New Jersey Governor's Task Force on Wild and Scenic Rivers. While especially interested in planning, environmental, legal, and engineering issues, I would be happy to help in any BCLCA activity where the need is greatest.

**FALL/WINTER BCLCA EVENTS – 2016-2017**  
Check [WWW.BCLCA.ORG](http://WWW.BCLCA.ORG) for the latest information

**Indoor Walking Program** – Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Stewart Hall, starting September 12th

**SEPTEMBER 2016**

Sat, Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b><u>General Meeting</u></b> – 10AM @ Penn Forest Fire Company 1, Rt. 903
Sat, Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Church Services</u></b> – 10 AM @ South Beach. Bring chairs. Light refreshments at Stewart Hall following services.
Thurs., Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Ladies' Luncheon</u></b>
Sat., Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Security Committee</u></b> – 10AM @ Stewart Hall
	<b><u>Landscaping Committee</u></b> – 11AM @ Stewart Hall
	<b><u>Movie Night</u></b> – 7 PM @ Stewart Hall
Sat., Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Board Meeting</u></b> – 9 AM @ Stewart Hall
Tues. Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Book Club</u></b> – 10 AM @ Stewart Hall
Sat., Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Wine &amp; Cheese Tasting</u></b> – 7PM @ Stewart Hall – check website

**OCTOBER**

Sat., Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Security Committee</u></b> – 10AM @ Stewart Hall
	<b><u>Landscaping Committee</u></b> – 11 AM @ Stewart Hall
	<b><u>Movie Night</u></b> – 7 PM @ Stewart Hall
Thurs., Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Ladies' Luncheon</u></b>
Sat., Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Board Meeting</u></b> – 9 AM @ Stewart Hall
Tues. Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Book Club</u></b> – 10 AM @ Stewart Hall

**NOVEMBER**

Thurs., Nov. 10	<b><u>Ladies' Luncheon</u></b>
Sat., Nov. 12th	<b><u>Security Committee</u></b> – 10AM @ Stewart Hall
	<b><u>Landscaping Committee</u></b> – 11 AM @ Stewart Hall
	<b><u>Movie Night</u></b> – 7 PM @ Stewart Hall
Tues., Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Book Club</u></b> – 10 AM @ Stewart Hall
Sat., Nov. 19th	<b><u>Board Meeting</u></b> – 9 AM @ Stewart Hall

**DECEMBER**

Thurs., Dec. 8	<b><u>Ladies' Luncheon</u></b>
Sat., Dec. 10th	<b><u>Security Committee</u></b> – 10AM @ Stewart Hall
	<b><u>Movie Night</u></b> – 7 PM @ Stewart Hall
	<b><u>No Board Meeting in December</u></b>
Friday, Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>TGIF Christmas Party</u></b> – 6PM @ Stewart Hall
Tues., Dec. 20th	<b><u>Book Club</u></b> – 10:30 AM @ Stewart Hall

**JANUARY 2017**

Sunday, Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b><u>First Day to submit Boat Rack Lottery Form</u></b>
Thurs., Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Ladies' Luncheon</u></b>
Sat., Jan. 14th	<b><u>Security Committee</u></b> – 10AM @ Stewart Hall
	<b><u>Movie Night</u></b> – 7 PM @ Stewart Hall
Tues., Jan. 17th	<b><u>Book Club</u></b> – 10 AM @ Stewart Hall
Sat., Jan. 21st	<b><u>Board Meeting</u></b> – 9 AM @ Stewart Hall

## FEBRUARY

Sun., Feb 5<sup>th</sup> **Super Bowl Party** – See website for details  
Thurs., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> **Ladies' Luncheon**  
Sat., Feb. 11th **Security Committee** – 10AM @ Stewart Hall  
**Movie Night** – 7 PM @ Stewart Hall  
Sat., Feb. 18th **Board Meeting** – 9 AM @ Stewart Hall  
Tues., Feb. 21st **Book Club** – 10 AM @ Stewart Hall

## MARCH

Thurs., March 9<sup>th</sup> **Ladies' Luncheon**  
Sat., March 11th **Security Committee** – 10AM @ Stewart Hall  
**Movie Night** – 7 PM @ Stewart Hall  
Sat., March 18th **Board Meeting** – 9 AM @ Stewart Hall  
Tues., March 21st **Book Club** – 10 AM @ Stewart Hall

## APRIL

Sat., April 8th **Security Committee** – 10AM @ Stewart Hall  
**Movie Night** – 7 PM @ Stewart Hall  
Thurs., April 13<sup>th</sup> **Ladies' Luncheon**  
Sat., April 15th **Board Meeting** – 9 AM @ Stewart Hall  
Tues., April 18th **Book Club** – 10 AM @ Stewart Hall

## MAY

Thurs., May 11<sup>th</sup> **Ladies' Luncheon**  
Sat., May 13th **Security Committee** – 10AM @ Stewart Hall  
**Movie Night** – 7 PM @ Stewart Hall  
Tues., May 16th **Book Club** – 10 AM @ Stewart Hall  
Sat., May 20th **Board Meeting** – 9 AM @ Stewart Hall

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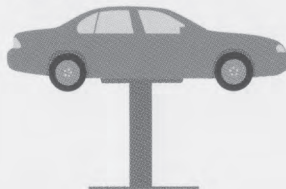
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  - Full time resident
  - Weekender
  - Occasional visitor
- Do you read the newsletter?
  - Yes, I read it all
  - Yes, I read selected articles
  - Yes, I skim it
  - Rarely
  - Not at all
    - If not, why – lack of time, lack of interest, etc.
- Do you visit the BCLCA website ([www.bclca.org](http://www.bclca.org))
  - Regularly (e.g. weekly)
  - Occasionally (e.g., at least a month)
  - Rarely (a few times a year)
  - Never
    - If not, why – lack of interest, never tried, not comfortable with internet
- Do you read the postings on the bulletin boards (pool, beaches, dock, dam)
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  - Never
- Currently the newsletter is hand/delivered or mailed to all members. Would you prefer to receive only a digital version of the newsletter (no printed copy delivered to you)?
  - No, I would prefer to continue to receive a printed copy delivered to me
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- Are you aware of the Bear Creek Lakes e-mail list?
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  - Yes, but I do not subscribe to the list
  - No, I have never heard of the e-mail list
- Have you signed up for “Members Only” access to the Bear Creek Lakes website?
  - Yes
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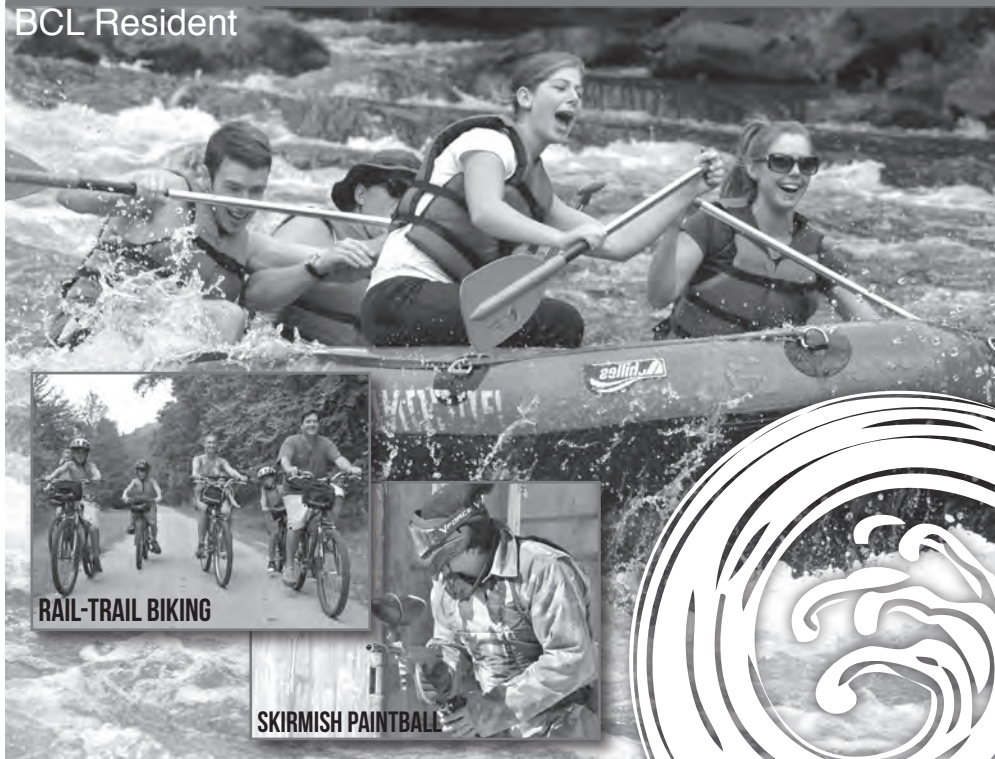
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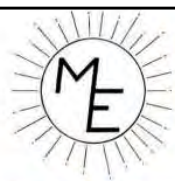
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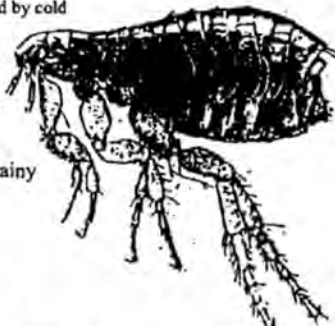


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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

BCL Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-BCL Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

1. Annual boat rack rental fee is \$10.00 payable within 10 days of being notified with your rack assignment.
2. I understand and agree, during any period when the boat is in the boat rack, Bear Creek Lakes Civic Association (hereinafter referred as ("the Association")) is not responsible in any manner if the boat is stolen or damaged and I expressly waive any right whatsoever to seek damages from The Association if the boat is stolen or damaged.
3. I agree to remove my boat from the rack area prior to December 1st of the year identified above.
4. I understand and agree, if my boat is not removed by December 1st of the year identified above, the Association has my expressed permission to remove the boat from the boat rack and store it at a storage charge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per month, which I agree to pay. I also understand and agree, during any period when the boat is stored by the Association, the Association is not responsible in any manner if the boat is stolen or damaged and I expressly waive any right whatsoever to seek damages from the Association if the bot is stolen or damaged.
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6. I understand only one rack will be assigned in the original lottery. Any additional racks may be requested (on separate form) after the Memorial Day weekend of the current year.
7. I agree I am the owner of the property listed above and understand only the member may apply for the boat rack.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Registrant \_\_\_\_\_ Special requests & notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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