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"GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES...." This is the first of our newsletters we plan to publish this year. The objective, simply stated, is to keep property owners better informed about happenings at Bear Creek Lakes... etc. (Volume I Issue No 1, January 1988)"

This was the first newsletter published by Edie Boyer, 30 years ago. Our Bear Creek Lakes community has been saddened by the passing of our dear friend, Edie on April 6, 2018.

Since 1969 when Edie & Randy first came to BCL, being active was never a challenge for Edie. She served on the Board of Directors from 1985 to 1993. One of her many achievements was the editor of the newsletter. The first few issues were typed on a few pages and mailed to the members. The first issue was January 1988 and was titled "Newsletter". The second issue was mailed in April, a 3rd in July and a 4th in November. The membership came up with the name "Echoes Around The Lake" and by the 3rd issue, a new design with the new title along with advertisements from local businesses was being printed. Edie published 3-4 newsletters per year through 2003, then it was twice a year, April & August. In the August 2011 newsletter Edie wrote,

"This issue completes my 23rd year as editor of "Echoes Around the Lake".

While Edie was on the Board of Directors one of her committees was Recreation. Some of her events as Recreation Chair were: Casino Night, Float Trip on Lehigh River, Beach Party, Annual Steak Fry, Covered Dish Supper, Tennis Round Robins, bicycle rides on Saturday mornings, weekly sailboat races, Kids Pool Day, tennis and women's golf. There was Sand Castle Day and Edie painted shells as trophies. One of Edie's favorites, Game Night with Marble Chase (Aggravation). She started the "Mystery Cruises." People followed clues by boat all around the lake and ended up on the beach for a party. Edie started the Ladies luncheons and had everyone meet at South Beach. This way, she made sure everyone had transportation. Randy and Edie took care of all the ordering and selling of BCL t-shirts, sweatshirts for many years. Edie always had her camera for taking pictures at all the BCL recreational events.

Edie was such a giving person. When she had her Christmas parties she had everyone bring food for the food bank or a toy for Toys for Tots, rather than bringing a little hostess gift for her. Randy would deliver the contributions to both places. Edie would put items out at the yard sale and marked everything as a donation to the Make a Wish Foundation for Children.

Spring Informational Meeting

Saturday May 26, 2018 • 10:00 am

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Edie loved Bear Creek Lakes and everyone here. Here are a few quotes from many of our residents:

“She was a big help to me when I was on the board and a big supporter of recreation”; “let’s not forget our bear Frisky that she was so fond of”; “Edie and Randy were the original diplomatic corps of BCL”; “they took us under their wings”; “Edie always made you feel welcome”; “may we all carry Edie’s spirit and spark and share this with all our BCL family, in her memory”; “She was the Mayor of BCL”; “BCL lost a treasured resident”; “She was our Matriarch and will be sadly missed”; “a fun lady with a wonderful sense of humor”; “she was like our girl scout leader, we just followed her around”, “Edie will always be a BCL icon”; “A fireball of enthusiasm was she ,always ready to volunteer”; “terrific bocce player, and a fun lady with a wonderful sense of humor”; “May we never change the image of the BCL bear in memory of Edie”; “Thank you Edie and God bless you”; “Rest in eternal peace Edie”; “she will be missed on the tennis courts”; “RIP, you deserve it....”

A Letter from Your President March 2018

Thanks to all who have offered input in recent months. We are happy to hear positive comments and will learn from the negative. Please come to a board meeting, join a committee and consider running for a board position. As we work to not only maintain the quality of Bear Creek Lakes life, but to continually enhance it, board members discover more and more issues that need to be resolved in a positive manner. Become one of the 15 and work for positive change from within.

In the twenty-two years my family has called Bear Creek Lakes home, we have seen a steady stream of land development activities that can potentially impact the quality of life in our community: of our neighbors in various areas of Penn Forest Township.

In the summer of 2016, the Pennsylvania Game Commission completed construction of a maintenance facility on Behrens Road causing concern to adjacent neighbors on Dogwood Drive. Activity at that site appears to be less intrusive than originally feared by those closest to it and has basically “fallen off our radar”.

In January of this year, The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved the PennEast Pipeline project citing it to be in the public interest. While this proposed project does not directly impact our community, I suspect the consortium’s efforts to utilize eminent domain in some land acquisition cases will make this more of a “hot button” news item in our region.

The Atlantic Wind Farm zoning controversy has now become more complex as a second application has been submitted and the original action is now in the hands of the Carbon County Court. In 2016, your board submitted a position letter to Penn Forest Township reiterating our primary goal or objective as maintaining a recreation, oriented community. Given the ongoing controversy and an indication of board dissatisfaction with that original statement, an Environmental sub-committee was created to review that letter and consider potential revisions to our position.

As this is being written, that subcommittee is completing an extensive review of suspected and/or documented wind farm impacts upon host communities. Our goal is to provide the full board with a draft revision of that document for review, editing and approval. By the time you read this, that revision will be available on the BCLCA website.

In the area of government regulation, we have been advised by the Department of Environmental Protection, that due to changes in the evaluation process followed by its Dam Safety group, we may be required to alter our spillway configuration to ensure an adequate margin of safety. We have retained an engineering firm with extensive dam construction and repair expertise to represent BCLCA and we will be moving ahead in the immediate future with discussions and fact finding. Please read our Lake and Dam Committee report for more detail.

In other areas, the board is currently active in reviewing our available maintenance department service. We have excellent employees in our office and in our maintenance department. However, the increased use of our facilities in the coming summer months and the corresponding increase workload has indicated the need for additional support, including expanded weekend hours. By the time summer activities are in full swing, we intend to have addressed this issue and will have made life a little more pleasant for our members.

I don't think I have submitted a note for the newsletter that didn't include a plea to protect well and lake water, so here is my usual: Please clean up after your pets and where possible, substitute stone for asphalt on your driveways and any other desired durable surface.

Finally, if most of the above reads like a list of committee reports, a lot of it is. As we rotate through a rotation of one third of our committee chairs and see new faces, we are experiencing a shortage in various skill sets. That means some of us are doubling up on committee functions where we have limited experience. In some cases we are relying on former board members to fill a gap on a temporary basis. Please re-read the first paragraph and consider joining the 15.

Hope you're having a great summer!
Ken Levitz

Treasurer's Report **Rich Berger**

I was elected to be the BCLCA Treasurer after the General Meeting last September, taking over from Todd Wagner. The Treasurer is responsible for developing the budget and monitoring compliance during the fiscal year.

Our budget is approved prior to the start of the fiscal year that begins each September and the annual dues are set based on the overall budget and the number of Members and the number of properties. The total budget for the current fiscal year is \$677,000 and the annual dues for a Member owning one property are \$748.

The annual budget has two parts: an operating budget of \$378,000 and an allocation of \$299,000 that goes to the roads and capital reserves. The operating budget is fairly easy to understand – it covers expenses required to provide services at BCL: employee salaries, insurance, security costs, etc.

The annual reserve allocation is based on the study that was completed just before the fiscal year starting in September 2015. For that study, an inventory of all BCL assets (above a certain dollar threshold) was taken. For each asset, estimates were made of (a) when it should be replaced, (b) the cost of replacement and (c) the lifetime of the replacement. From these, the expected annual costs to maintain our assets were developed, over a 30-year projection period. As you would imagine, these costs would vary considerably, year-to-year. The study converted these fluctuating costs to a level annual amount, which was determined to be \$299,000 per year, which is what we use for our budget.

Because expected capital expenditures were lower than the capital reserve allocation in the first few years, a reserve fund is built up. In fact, at the beginning of this fiscal year (September 1, 2017), we had approximately \$778,000 in reserve funds. Our biggest cost is maintenance of our roads; when we begin repaving of sections of the roads, the reserve funds are expected to be drawn down.

As you may expect, it is impossible to know precisely when an asset will need replacement over a 30-year projection and what it will cost. For that reason, reserve studies will be updated every 3-5 years, reflecting what has been replaced and taking any new information into account. The alternatives to having a reserve fund are (a) let our community gradually deteriorate or (b) charge our Members special assessments every time we need to replace BCL assets. Assuming that we want to maintain our community, funding our capital needs through unpredictable special assessments is not very appealing.

Over time, the reserve allocation may go up or down, based on our actual needs. The reserves are an asset of all BCLCA Members, which helps to maintain the value of our properties and make BCL an attractive place to live or vacation, today and in the future.

Editor's Notes **Elizabeth Pushaw**

This edition of the Newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Edie Boyer, who initiated this form of friendly communication in 1988 and was the editor for many years. The cover page is a tribute to Edie's many contributions to the Bear Creek Lakes Community and we will remain forever thankful for her efforts and presence here. The many quotes on the cover page were carefully collected by Barbara Skiffington and her article is appreciated.

Thanks to all who submitted articles for this edition. If anyone has an article, idea or suggestion for the next Newsletter, please contact me:
eapushaw@icloud.com.

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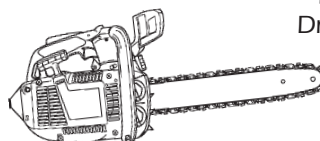
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Pool and Lake Rules

Colleen Bradley

The safety of our members and guests is our main priority, so here are some reminders to make your summer the most memorable and enjoyable:

1. Any types of diapers, including swim diapers, are strictly prohibited in both the pool and lake. There is a wading pool located at the pool for the use of diapered individuals.
2. NEW, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: Smoking on the beachfront is strictly prohibited! Please find a designated 'smoking' location in the parking lot of the beaches, where smoking is allowed. Smoking is also prohibited inside the pool gates. This includes vaping, hookah, and electronic cigarettes.
3. An adult must supervise children under the age of 12 at all times at all BCL facilities.
4. Ball playing in the pool or pool area is prohibited.
5. Glass containers are prohibited at the pool and beaches.
6. In the event of any emergency, the pool or lake will be cleared by a lifeguard or staff member and will reopen when deemed safe for entry again. An incident report must be completed, which can take some time, delaying the opening of the facility.
7. Inner tubes and rafts are prohibited in the pool but ARE allowed at the beaches.
8. Boats are not to be docked or loaded/unloaded at either beach. Kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, and inflatable boats are allowed to be entered/exited via the right side of the beach front in the designated zone. Property adjacent to the beaches is private property and cannot serve as a docking station to unauthorized boats. Please utilize the boat dock for boats, canoes, or other watercraft.
9. Children unable to swim or who are weak swimmers are NOT permitted to enter the diving well.
 - We ask that children who are unable to swim or are weak swimmers to please have a flotation device (NOT an inner tube) on at all times, as well as direct parental supervision.
10. Swimming in the diving well is strictly prohibited. The swimmer must immediately exit the diving well after going off the diving board. One person is allowed in the diving well at all times.
11. Diving or jumping from the sides of the diving well is also prohibited.

On behalf of the entire Lifeguard staff, we thank you for your cooperation, and look forward to a great summer! Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please see a head lifeguard or supervisor for assistance.

Notice: Homeowners who rent out their homes are asked to post this letter in a visible spot for renters to refer to. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated!

Rules
Margo Schaeffer

At the March meeting of the Board of Directors, three new rules were adopted. The new rules are intended to improve the health and safety of our members and our lake.

No smoking, vaping, or electronic cigarettes are allowed in the pool area or on the sand at the beaches. Smoking is allowed outside the pool fence, or within the picnic areas at the beaches.

Docks may not be put in or on the lake before March 15th, and must be removed before December 1st of each year.

Aerators, bubblers, de-icers, or circulators are prohibited.

MAINTENANCE
Bill Gullone

Winter is finally over! This past winter was very challenging for our maintenance staff. With four Nor'easters in March falling 1 per week, it kept the plows on the roads a good bit of the time. Thanks to Jim and John for doing an outstanding job keeping up with it. With that behind us, we look forward to getting started with our spring and summer maintenance schedules.

Security
Bill Malone

As I write this report it's mid March. We have snow on the ground and we're in the middle of a snow squall, but I'm happy to say again we have had a very quiet winter thanks to Security, Crime Watch and the weather.

Remember: if you don't report it we can't help.

Crime Watch
Bill Malone

Crime Watch meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10am in Stewart Hall. "NEW MEMBERS WELCOME"

LAKE AND DAM
Gary Benedick

BCLCA, like numerous other recreational communities, has been targeted by the Department of Environmental Protection for a review of our dam spillway capacity under a program known as the High Hazard Dam Phase I Reassessment Initiative. Your board has hired a new engineering firm with extensive experience in dam maintenance and repairs to represent the community and provide professional engineering services as needed. Following a conference call with DEP and Dam Safety personnel, our engineer will now proceed with a review of the data used and the calculations performed to arrive at DEP's conclusion that our spillway is under-designed. He will then proceed with an additional analysis that may successfully rebut DEP's conclusion, or minimize any required changes in our dam structure. These steps will take some time and we will provide a progress report at the annual meeting this fall. In the meantime, we are in good standing with DEP and anticipate no problem with maintaining the water depth and shoreline we currently enjoy.

On the fish stocking side of things, this past fall three hundred catfish and one thousand walleye were stocked in the lake. This fall, ten thousand Golden Shiners will be stocked. This is the third year of the recommendations from the Fish Survey (can be found on the Members Only page of the web site). The next survey will be performed in 2019. We had a good winter for the lake; water was at pool level all season.

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Pool Committee
Neil Mullen

Spring will be in the air soon and so will summer. As we anticipate the hot weather, the pool will be ready to enjoy! During these cold days we have completed the fencing around the pool area and new entrance gates.

While fencing was down, Jim and John (our maintenance guys) beautifully trimmed all the bushes around the perimeter. New lifeguard stands were purchased, assembled and are ready to go. A new shed was purchased to hold the environmentally friendly chlorine containment tank, and that is ready.

As soon as weather permits, flowers will be planted and we will be ready to open on Memorial Day Weekend!! Looking forward to seeing everyone out and about soon, enjoying all the activities our community has to offer!

Life Guards
Colleen Bradley

Even though winter held on into April this year preparations for this upcoming summer season have been ongoing. Our roster of guards is nearly full with just a few interviews left to complete this first week of April. We will have a nice mix of experienced guards and a few younger guards with family ties to the program.

Some of the highlights of the summer recreation schedule that the guards will be participating in, are Teen night, Adult Pool Party, Pool Day (children under 18), and the DJ Pool Party, open to all ages.

I encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with the rules governing the pool and beaches. Please remember that the life guards do not make the rules but are responsible for your safety while you enjoy our facilities. They simply must enforce the rules as suggested by the American Red Cross and adopted by your Board of Directors.

I want to thank everyone in advance for their anticipated cooperation and on behalf of myself and our life guards I hope everyone has a great summer swim season.

COMMUNICATIONS
TJ McKeon and Mark Donski

The communications team has been busy over the past few months redesigning the BCL website and creating an official Facebook Communication page. To share any feedback on ways we can improve the website and communication process, send an email to bclca.mailer@gmail.com.

Please visit our FB page or website at bclca.org to learn more about Bear Creek Lakes. You can find forms for downloading, read past issues of our newsletter and other things. With a "Members Only" account you can access financial information for the association.

If you are not on our electronic email list but would like to be, please send your name, BCL address, and email address to bclca.mailer@gmail.com. If you are interested in the private Bear Creek Lakes Communication page click "Join" to request access.

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Stewart Hall & Landscaping

Charlie Sgrillo

Stewart Hall Update: Stewart Hall is a great part of our community that hosts dozens of community and family events. Since being assigned Stewart Hall there have been some upgrades. The TV Projector was replaced by the Executive Committee. The water lines had to be replaced and a water neutralizer installed after we had the water tested and found that the water was causing the pipes to spring pin hole leaks. The hall was wired for cable and internet to make using our sound system easier to use for future plans. The Heating/AC thermostat was replaced with a wireless so we can serve our rentals better. We are finalizing bids and as of this article have not awarded a contract to clean, sand and paint the decks around Stewart Hall.

A future proposal will be to install a large flat screen TV or TVs to move Stewart Hall into a more versatile place for our members to host events and enhance our ongoing programs.

Landscaping Update: I had an invite placed on our new facebook page (thanks TJ McKeown) for volunteers for a Landscaping Committee. I have had 7 members volunteer and as of this article we are working on this years proposals for the Pool, Boat Dock, Indian Trail Entrance and Office Triangle. We are looking at other locations to enhance. If you would like to volunteer, it's never too late. Send me an email and we'll get you to work.

New Board Member Comments; As a new board member looking to help and serve our community I can tell you it is a commitment and challenging. I suggest that all members try and make a monthly board meeting, read the minutes and ask questions.

Help and support from all of us will help keep Bear Creek Lakes GREAT!

Recreation

Madeline Ligenza

As a new Board Member, it has been my pleasure to arrange recreational activities for our members. Thus far, we have had a wonderful Halloween party for our children, Wine Tasting, a Home Decorating Contest (with 15 participants) and hoping to have a successful Easter Egg Hunt. Dirty Bingo and Karaoke have been well attended as have Movie Nights and our Walking Program. Our Super Bowl Party was a huge success and we look forward to many more. Maintaining the old and bringing in some new is our goal.

We are looking forward to Pickle Ball! That is what I said: Pickle Ball and a new Stroller Exercise Program for moms and their infants/toddlers.

There will be a Luau on July 21st, 2018 with a twist of bringing a needed item for our military (Valor House). A list will be supplied when tickets are picked up. In lieu of bringing a side dish, toothpaste, deodorant and other small items will be collected at the Luau. There will also be Tahitian dancers for your entertainment. There will be a chicken/brisket dinner on August 18th 2018 with Karaoke to follow.

Suggestions are always welcome. If it is possible and practical, we can always try. Thank you for your vote of confidence.



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Movie Night
Margo Schaefer

Because we all want to get out and enjoy the warmer weather and brighter evenings, Movie Night will go on hiatus for the months of June, July, and August. We will start up again on September 8th.

8th Annual 5k Walk/Run
Dylan Bradley

Hello all! This year I will again be hosting my 8th annual 5k walk/run to benefit Juvenile Arthritis and the Arthritis Foundation. The event will be held on Monday, May 28th, 2018 with registration to begin at 8:30a.m. The walk will begin at 9a.m. and the run will start at 9:15a.m. The start and finish line will be at Stewart Hall. Registration forms are available in the BCLCA office or online at www.BCLCA.org.

Pre-registration for the event is \$25 before May 1st, and includes a t-shirt. Registration on or after May 1st is \$15. A limited number of t-shirts will be available for sale at the event for \$15. Donations are accepted and can be cash or check. All of the funds raised benefit the Arthritis Foundation and the scholarship foundation for Camp JRA, a five-day summer camp for children with rheumatic diseases..

I would like to thank you all in advance for the support and participation in this event! Please contact me should you have any additional questions at dmbradley25@gmail.com

“Juvenile Arthritis, it’s a joint effort!”

Ladies’ Luncheons
Sue Whiteley

The BCL ladies meet for lunch on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Lona Nelson coordinates the luncheons in the summer and Sue Whiteley organizes the Winter luncheons. We try to visit new restaurants as well as some old favorites. We maintain an extensive email list and contact everyone about time and place. If you would like to be included in our email notifications please call Sue at (570) 325-2549 or email at whiteley@ptd.net.

The BCL Library
Sue Whitely

The library is located in the basement of Stewart Hall. A group of volunteers has worked hard at keeping the library organized and tidy! We ask for everyone’s cooperation. Please only bring donated books to the library in March and September. Only donate books that are current, of general interest, and in good condition. We have a small cookbook collection and welcome new additions.

If you have any questions, call Sue Whiteley at 570-325-2549 or email at whiteley@ptd.net.



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Water Aerobics
Elizabeth Pushaw

Yes! Another season of glorious Water Aerobics will begin on Monday, June 11, and all are invited to participate. Sessions are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:00 am to noon at the pool, with a BCL lifeguard on duty. Weather permitting? Unless there is torrential rain or thunder (or snow) the session will be held. This year we have a new workout with energetic, calorie burning exercises as well as toning exercises using “noodles”. Noodles are provided but if you have one of your own, please bring it.

See you at the pool? Hope so!

TGIF
Diana Bochantin

It's been a long winter. The thought of warmer weather is always on our minds, so remember TGIF will start up on the first Friday the pool is open. However, we have had 2 TGIF get togethers during the cooler months. Our Christmas TGIF and the TGIF Spring Fling were both highly successful. So, if you missed these you can join us at the pavilion any Friday this summer when the pool is open. We will be there at 6:00 pm during June and July and 5:00 pm during August.

Just bring an appetizer, salad, main entrée, or dessert for all to share. Also bring your own drinks. All are welcomed. This is a great way to meet new friends and renew former acquaintances. After enjoying some great food, join us playing bocce, or just enjoy visiting with other Bear Creek Lakes residents.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you.

Christmas Decoration Contest 2017
Lisa Ivan

Our first Christmas decorating contest was a hit, with 15 participants. I hope all had a chance to drive around and enjoy.

First place: The Harleman Family for “Candyland”

Second place: The Boyle Family for “Rudolph”

Third place: The Bradley Family for “Santa’s Workshop”

Looking forward to BCL Christmas 2018. Check calendar for registration date.

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. We have a carry in luncheon as part of our December meeting, and we go out to lunch as part of our June meeting. We take turns providing light refreshments for each meeting.

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. This May we will be making our selections for the 2018-19 year. We 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 thought provoking, 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. You are welcome to join us at any time!

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.

CHILDREN’S FISHING CONTEST
Gary and Sandy Benedick

The Children’s Fishing Contest will once again be held the same day, June 16th, as the Adult Contest, only with varied times. Those times will be 8 am – 11am, with refreshments to follow. Ages 2-15 are welcome with an adult in attendance with the child/children please. We are planning to change up the prizes a bit this year, and welcome any feedback regarding this. BCL badges required. Register at the boat dock, and you may register early (7am) if you are heading out on a boat to fish with an adult in the adult contest.

ADULT FISHING CONTEST

Gary and Sandy Benedick

Once again we will be holding the Adult Fishing Contest on the first day of bass season, June 16, 2018. Start time is 7am until 11:30am. There will not be an entry fee and all that is required is your BCL badge, fishing license, BCL sticker on your boat, along with a placard or sticker for your vehicle, AND a trailer sticker, which is a fairly new rule in effect. Come on out and catch the biggest bass (by weight) and win the honor of having your name immortalized on the plaque on the wall in Stewart Hall! As always, this is a catch and release event. Register at the boat dock just prior to start time.

Bike and Golf Cart Parade

Linda Kunkel

Spring has finally arrived and warmer weather is coming. Time to think about our BCL summer events. One of the longest running and most looked forward to event is the annual 4th of July Bicycle and Golf Cart Parade. So get your ideas together, think of new themes and make plans to decorate those bikes and golf carts.

The parade will take place this year on Sat. June 30th, the weekend before the 4th of July holiday. The parade will start promptly at 12:00 noon with registration beginning at 11:00 am. Please note that the judging will take place from 11:15 till 11:45, so plan your time accordingly. Prizes will be given for first, second, and third place and awarded after the parade. Badges must be worn. The rain date for the event will be the next day, Sun. July 1st, same times.

Hot dogs for everyone and games for the kids will follow the parade. If anyone would like to help out in any way, please contact Madeline Ligenza.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Bill Gullone

The annual BCL Golf Tournament will be held at White Birch Golf Course on Friday, June 29th. The tournament is open to all golfers. Breakfast will start at 7:30 am. We will have a shotgun start. Price will be \$55/golfer. This includes green fee, cart, breakfast, and buffet/ refreshments/prizes at Reiley's Pub. Registration form and info will be available at BCLCA office and at bclca.org. Sign up at the office or Reiley's Pub by June 15th. Any questions, contact Bill Gullone: 570-325-2191.

Arts and Crafts Show

Carole Adams

Plan to attend the Arts and Crafts Show being held at Stewart Hall on Saturday, June 30th. Doors will open at 11 am. The show will close at 3pm.

This is an opportunity for everyone to see the many talents and crafts of our Bear Creek Lakes residents. Pieces will be available for sale. So, if you are looking for that one painting or photograph or craft item, this is the place to come. The artists and crafters will be showing water color and acrylic paintings, photographs, quilts, jewelry, doll clothes, and many other fine crafts.

We are inviting all Bear Creek Lake artists, photographers, sculpture artists, quilters, and crafters (handmade) to participate in the show. Please pick up a registration form from the website or the office at Stewart Hall. Fill it out and return it to the office or to Carole Adams or Earlene Russell by June 10th. (more information found on the website and at the office).

Please direct any questions or concerns to Carole Adams (phone: 484 735 6107 or Ladams45@ptd.net) or Earlene Russell (phone: 570 325 9804 or Hemlockd@ptd.net).

So, come out to enjoy the festivities on June 30th (aka July 4th); come browse The Arts and Crafts Show at Stewart Hall while enjoying the pool, The Golf Cart Parade, and socializing with fellow Bear Creekers!

**Connie Kanicki Honored
Assemblywoman Carol Murphy**

Today, Assemblyman **Herb Conaway, MD.** and I had the privilege of presenting Deputy Chief Connie Kanicki with a ceremonial resolution in honor of Women's History Month. For the past 32 years, she has served Burlington County with distinction as an EMT. I'm proud to recognize such an accomplished woman on behalf of the 7th Legislative District.



Obituaries

Edythe T. Asman - 72, of Bear Creek Lakes, Jim Thorpe, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017, at the Gnaden Huetten Hospital, Lehighton. She was the wife of Charles J. Asman Sr. They were married for 52 years on Oct 24, 2016.

Born in Philadelphia, she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Edythe (Keller) Stotz.

Edythe was employed as a hairdresser for many years and most recently was employed by the United States Census Bureau as a recorder of statistics.

She attended Mass at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Jim Thorpe.

A family-oriented person, she enjoyed spending time with her loving family and looked forward to visits from her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Charles Miller Baker - 85, of Orwigsburg, passed away Monday at Seton Manor, Orwigsburg. Charles was born in Pottsville, Aug. 17, 1932, a son of the late John and Orabelle Miller Baker. He was the husband of Mildred Shanely Baker. They were married Jan. 9, 1965. He graduated from Allentown High School in 1951 and attended Moravian Prep from 1949 to 1950. He served in the Navy and was president of Triburner Inc., a company that manufactured a coal stoker of his own invention, which he ran with his friend and business partner, Larry Corindi.

Edith M. (Yocom) Boyer - passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 6th, at Chestnut Knoll, in Boyertown, with family at her side. Born in Douglassville on April 27th, 1930, to Bertha May (Davidheiser) and Isaac Newton Yocom, she was a loving wife, sister, aunt, great-aunt, and a treasured teacher and friend to many. Mrs. Boyer grew up on her family's farm on Yocom Road in Douglassville. She was a faithful member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Pottstown. She graduated from Pottstown High School in 1948. For several years, she taught at Jefferson Elementary School, but she taught at Barth Elementary (formerly West End Elementary) for most of her career, retiring in June 1986. Dedicated to community all her life, she was a leader in the Camp Fire Girls organization. For her Bear Creek Lake Civic Association in Jim Thorpe, PA, she served as head of recreation, initiating countless programs for all. She kept everyone in touch with the BCL Newsletter she founded, and she gathered people together over many luncheons and dinners at her and her husband's home. She brought the same enthusiasm to her winter community of Tala Lake in Port Charlotte, Florida. She was an avid golfer, tennis player, game board player, and a noted photographer, especially of birds and wildlife.

Michael Brennan, Sr. - "Mike" age 79, a longtime resident of Collingdale, passed away peacefully on March 25, 2018 at home. Mike was a graduate of St. John Neumann High School Class of 1956. He owned and operated his family business; Brennan's Bar in Collingdale for many years and formerly worked as a truck driver for Reading Transportation in Philadelphia. He enjoyed his home in the mountains, spending time with his family and friends.

Mark Cantley - Mark "Sparky" Cantley, 64, of Jim Thorpe, passed away on Thursday evening, April 12, in the St. Luke's Hospital-Gnaden Huetten Campus, Lehighton. He was the husband of Myrald (Parks) Cantley. They had been married for 27 years.

He worked most of his career as a truck driver for Plantique Landscaping, and then later worked for Lowe's before retiring.

Born in March 3, 1954, in Allentown, he was a son of the late Samuel and Elsie (Binder) Cantley.

He was a 1971 graduate of Parkland High School, where he was a starter on the varsity basketball team.

He was of the Christian faith.

He enjoyed the Green Bay Packers, helping with the Trinkles Café-Citronia flag football team and coaching Little League Baseball in Orefield. In his younger years, he enjoyed hunting with friends.

Milton James - Milton, formerly of Easton, Maryland passed away 11 November 2017. He was 96 years old. Father of Linda Stewart and father-in-law of Roger Stewart.

Ellen Marie Kattner - 85, of Jim Thorpe, passed away Thursday, April 12, at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest. She was the wife of James Kattner for 44 years.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, she was a daughter of the late John and Bridget (McGuinness) Kelly.

James Kressler - 99, of Jim Thorpe, passed away Saturday, Jan. 6, surrounded by his family. His wife, Lucy (Pearson) Kressler, had passed away Sept. 29, 2005.

Born in Springfield Township, Bucks County, he was a son of the late William and Clara (Mindler) Kressler. He had worked as a farmer and a millright in the Car-penter's Union until retiring at age 65.

He was a member of Christ United Church of Christ, Jim Thorpe.

James worked on farms until age 18. He worked on the turnpike in the 1930s on Ray's Hill and Sideling Hill tunnels. He moved to this area and worked for the Behrens' from 1940-1967.

He met Lucy Kressler and they married in 1942. He worked on many projects such as putting in the power lines from Germantown and up the mountain. He was instrumental in building Bear Creek Lake.

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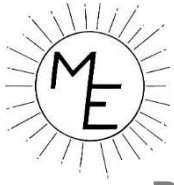
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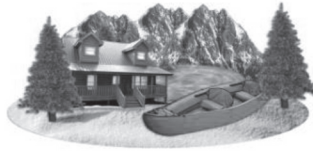
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(Information for the events will be posted on the bulletin boards and www.BCLCA.org)

May

Fri May 4	<u>Karaoke Night</u> - Stewart Hall 7PM to 9 PM
Sat May 12	<u>Movie Night</u> - Stewart Hall 7PM, Free popcorn & soda, check website for details
Tue May 15	<u>Book Club</u> - Stewart Hall 10 AM. Call Leta at 570-325-2121 for information
Sat May 26	<u>Pool opens for season</u> - 11AM-7PM Sat., Sun. & Mon., Mem. Day
Sat May 26	<u>General Meeting</u> - Penn Forest Fire House No.1, Rt. 903, 10AM.
Sat May 26	<u>Hot Dogs & Flea Market</u> - in picnic area behind the pool after the General Meeting. Please provide your own tables for flea market and craft sales.
Sat May 26	<u>Horseshoes & Bocce Ball</u> - Sat. & Sun. 1 PM - the Bocce Ball Court
Sun May 27	<u>Church Services on South Beach</u> - 10:30 AM Please bring chairs -Rev. Brad Leight Light refreshments at Stewart Hall after the service.
Sun May 27	<u>Sand Castle Contest</u> - please contact Marion Domski at mariondomski@gmail.com for more details
Mon May 28	<u>5K Race for Arthritis Foundation</u> - Registration 8:30am at Stewart Hall. Contact Dylan 610-349-8614 - More details @BCLCA.org

June

Fri June 1	<u>TGIF</u> - 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 at Pavillion.
Sat June 2 & 3	<u>Pool opens weekends</u> - 11AM-7PM
Thu June 7	<u>Ladies Luncheon</u> - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698 lona7@msn.com
Sat June 9	<u>Pool opens full time. 12-7 PM weekdays, 11 AM - 7 PM weekends</u>
Mon June 11	<u>Water Aerobics</u> - Mon, Wed, Fri-11 AM, weather permitting Starting June 11
Fri June 15	<u>Teen Night @ the Pool</u> - from 7 to 10pm - TEENS ONLY
Sat June 16	<u>Fishing Tournament-Adults</u> - (16 and over) and kids(must be accompanied by an adult); 7am-11am for adults and 7:30-10:30am for kids. Food and prizes afterwards.
Sat June 16	<u>Adult Night @ the Pool</u> - 7 to 10pm ADULTS ONLY
Sun June 17	<u>Rain date for Fishing Tournament</u>
Sat June 23	<u>Progressive Yard Sale</u> - 9 AM - 3 PM - Look on bulletin boards and website for further information. Call Lisa Ivan 484-464-7155
Fri June 29	<u>Ice Cream Night at the Pool</u> - 6 PM Madeline Ligenza & The Knorr's, rain date Sun 7/1
Fri June 29	<u>Golf Tournament</u> - White Birch Golf Course, Tee off at 9 AM, \$55.00 Sign up at the BCLA Office or by contacting Bill Gullone (bglg@ptd.net , 570-325-2191) by Friday, June 15
Sat June 30	<u>Golf Cart & Bike Parade</u> - Registration 11 - 12 noon, games and food after the parade. Check bulletin boards & website for more details.
Sat June 30	<u>Craft sale</u> - Stewart Hall - 11am - 3pm
Sat June 30	<u>HAWAIIAN Pool Party with DJ</u> - 6-10 pm open to all ages
Sat June 30	<u>4th of July Weekend Pool hours:</u> Sat July 1st 11am to 9pm; Sun July 2nd 11 am to 9 pm; Mon July 3rd to Wed July 5th normal business hours
<u>July</u>	
Wed July 4	<u>INDEPENDENCE DAY - NO Water Aerobics</u>
Wed July 4	<u>Independence Day - Pool open till 9PM</u>
Thu July 5	<u>Pool open late</u> - till 9 PM on Thurs., Fri. & Sat., until Labor Day Weekend.
Thu July 12	<u>Ladies Luncheon</u> - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698 lona7@msn.com
Sat July 14	<u>Children's scavenger Hunt</u> - 1PM @ Paviilion, contact Lisa Ivan

Sat July 21	<u>Pig Roast</u> - 5:00 PM. Further details will be posted on the bulletin boards & website. ALWAYS a lot of fun!
Sat July 28	<u>Moonlit cruise on the lake (weather permitting)</u> - meet at the boat dock at 7:30 pm- Look on bulletin boards and website for further information. Call Lisa Ivan 484-464-7155
Sat July 28	<u>Pool Day</u> - 11-3pm Details on web site
<u>August</u>	
Thu Aug 2	<u>Sign up for Ladies Luncheon</u> - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698 lona7@msn.com
Sat Aug 4	<u>Lake Obstacle Course</u> - 12 - 3 Boat Dock - Contact Lisa Ivan
Sat August 4	<u>Beef 'n Brew on the Beach</u> - 5-9pm - North Beach - check website for details
Thu Aug 9	<u>Ladies Luncheon</u> - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698 lona7@msn.com
Sat August 11	<u>Music Night</u> - 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.
Sat August 18	<u>Chicken Dinner</u> - 5 pm -Further details will be posted on the bulletin boards & website.
<u>September</u>	
Sat Sept 1	<u>General Meeting</u> - Penn Forest Fire House No.1, Rt. 903, 10AM. Elections
Sun Sept 2	<u>BCL Annual 5KRun/3K walk</u> - Registration 8:30 am/Run at 9 am at Stewart Hall-Contact Marty Palmer at mpalmer3875@comcast.net for more details
Sun Sept 2	<u>Church Services on South Beach</u> - 10:00 AM Bring chairs.
Mon Sept 3	<u>Pool closed for season</u> at 7 pm
Sat Sept 8	<u>Movie Night</u> - Stewart Hall 7PM - Free popcorn & soda, check website for details
Thu Sept 13	<u>Ladies Luncheon</u> - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698 lona7@msn.com
Tue Sept 18	<u>Book Club</u> - Stewart Hall 10 AM. Call Leta at 570-325-2121 for information
<u>October</u>	
Thu Oct 11	<u>Ladies Luncheon</u> - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698 lona7@msn.com
Tue Oct 16	<u>Book Club</u> - Stewart Hall 10 AM. Call Leta at 570-325-2121 for information
Sat Oct 27	<u>Halloween Party</u> -Stewart Hall at 2-4pm please contact Marion Donski at mariondonski@gmail.com for more details
<u>November</u>	
Thu Nov 8	<u>Ladies Luncheon</u> - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698 lona7@msn.com
Tue Nov 20	<u>Book Club</u> - Stewart Hall 10 AM. Call Leta at 570-325-2121 for information
<u>December</u>	
Thu Dec 13	<u>Ladies Luncheon</u> - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698 lona7@msn.com
Thu Dec 13	<u>2nd BCL Christmas Decorating Contest Registration</u> - Prizes awarded - Contact Lisa Ivan - 484-464-7155 KAYAKCRZY@gmail.com
Mon Dec 17	<u>Christmas Decoration Judging</u>
Tue Dec 18	<u>Book Club Meeting and Luncheon</u> - Stewart Hall 10:30 AM. Call Leta for information 570-325-2121
<u>Horseshoes & Bocce Ball</u> - Every Sat & Sun 1 PM, weather permitting, at Bocce ball court	
<u>Ladies Bocce</u> - 2 PM every Tues & Thurs - Just show up Starting in June	
<u>TGIF - Fridays</u> - @ the Pavilion, starting June 2 at 6 PM Bring a dish to share along with your own drinks All are	
<u>Quilters</u> - meets Mon. 2:30-4:30 - Stewart Hall If interested, show up and join the group	
<u>Book Club</u> - meets 3rd Tuesday of the month From Sept until June, 10 AM in Stewart Hall Book selections are	
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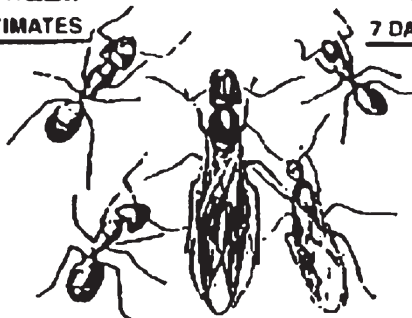
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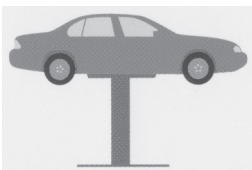
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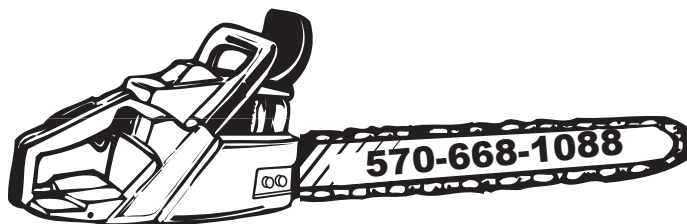
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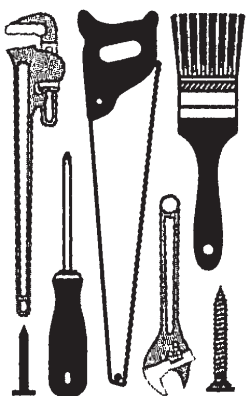
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