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Clara Reksc, Age 10, daughter of Matt and Julie Reksc -

Cottage # 127, enjoying a day of water skiing.

Photo taken by Clara's grandmother, Patty Wieczorek

Butterfield Lake Cottage Owners Association (BLCOA)

President's Report From Joe Pasquini

- On March 5, as I began writing this article, the sun was out and it was 60 degrees! The ice moved from the east shore by Pat's Island toward Sweet Point and on to Elmhurst Island. It was out in one day.
- March 8 was a nice day, so we put the pontoon boat in the water and moved the first dock into place. Unfortunately snow was predicted!
- The geese had been flying about looking for open water which they found on our lake. We put our bird feeder out, and soon the chickadees arrived, followed by the nuthatches and squirrels.
- The first wood ducks and mergansers were flaying about searching for hollow nesting spots in the old maple trees. It was our first time to see mergansers on the lake. Merganser ducks are a very interesting bird. For more information, see https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Common_Merganser/id#.

For more information on wood ducks go to

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/woodduck/overview>

BLCOA 2024 CALENDAR

Board Meetings IRLC Office
Building 9 am May 18, June
15, September 7.

Annual Meeting

Catholic Church, Redwood
Saturday, July 6
Social Hour 8:30am
Meeting 9:00am.

Boat Parade

Saturday, July 6, 4pm Staging
at the Town Dock. Come as
you are or decorate yourselves
and your boat.

Bob Jennejohn Memorial Fishing Derby

July 20 at Sunrise to Noon July 21

BLCOA Annual Picnic

Hosts: Hillbacks and Dings
Camp Linda Vista #29
August 10, 1-4pm/rain date,
August 11.
Music by Lost Resort
Cost: Free; Bring a dish to share.
Hot dogs, beverages and desserts
provided by the BLCOA board.

Two Live Concerts

Concert#1 Nate Lazarchuck's
Band, Another Round, Peter's
Point, cottage #49 Saturday, July
13, 4:00pm/rain date, July 14.

Concert #2

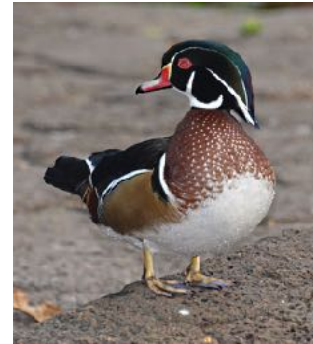
Mark Palinkis' Band, Mother
Cover, The Treehouse, cottage #9
(by the town dock), Saturday,
August 24, 4:00 pm/no rain date.

Ladies Tea June 22, 2:00pm,
Lakeview Lodge, #2. Bring a
Swedish dishcloth for gift
exchange. (See article on ladies
tea for more information.)



Merganser Duck
(Ducks Unlimited)

Wood Duck
Photo by Munish Jauhar



OUR WINTER

- After enjoying the summer months on the lake, we had the fortune to make good on a long overdue (Covid delayed) plan to enjoy an extended visit (from November 14th until February 16th) to Germany. Our oldest son, his wife and our grandchildren live and work in the village of Vaihingen, a suburb of Stuttgart, Germany.
- While in Germany, we traveled extensively, visiting quite a few old medieval villages, experiencing the early times of Germany. We also enjoyed several traditional Christmas markets that date back to the 1600's. The markets are quite busy as friends and relatives get together for food, drink and shopping. It was a thorough sensory experience, and a wonderful taste of the old world. Two of the medieval villages we visited were Rothenburg and Weil der Stadt, both walled to prevent invaders.



Liepziger Christmas Market
Photo by Joe Pasquini

Our Winter Cont'd

- The astronomer, Johannes Kepler, was born and lived in Weil der Stadt, and we visited his home (museum) dating back to the 1570's. He discovered that the planets revolve around the sun (not the earth) and is known as the father of modern astronomy. The picture shows his early understanding of planetary motion.



Photo by Joe Pasquini

To learn more about Johannes Kepler, see: [The History of Johannes Kepler \(nasa.gov\)](#).

PREPAREDNESS

When we arrived back at the lake (February 16th), we found a broken window and the lake-side door open, perhaps from the winter storm of January 9-10.

Fortunately, there was no inside damage. That storm caused lengthy electrical outages and broke a lot of trees and branches. Such outages are a good reminder for all of us to review outage preparedness guidelines from our electric supplier, National Grid and the Red Cross. See [ready.gov](#) and <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/power-outage>.

OUR HOUSE PLAN

- As mentioned in previous articles, we have made Butterfield Lake our permanent home! In June of 2023, we sold our home in Walworth and moved EVERYTHING to our lake houses and storage.
- Living at the lake through February had some challenges. The coldest temperature was 3 degrees and keeping the cottage warm was difficult with no central heat or ceiling insulation. It required tending the wood stoves quite regularly, but living in an uninsulated home is not our long-term plan for living

on the lake. As we experience the spring weather, we are awaiting the arrival of our new home via North Country Storage Barns.

- Our modular home was ordered 16 months ago and is now ready for delivery from New Holland, PA. Being modular, we anticipate the delivery, setup and move-in will be quick this summer. (Watch for the update in the fall newsletter!) To learn more about our North Country home, see: "Log Cabin Builders Prefab Log Cabin Homes For Sale" mycozycabins.com.

DEC NEWS

New York State recently passed a law making it unlawful for an individual to organize, sponsor, conduct, promote or participate in any contest, competition, tournament or derby with the objective of taking or hunting wildlife for prizes, inducements, or entertainment. The law specifically helps prevent the taking of significant numbers of animals (often coyotes, crows, squirrels, and rabbits) in contests held for prizes and entertainment. This law does not affect fishing or hunting as we now know it, and it will not affect our Bob Jennyjohn Memorial Fishing Derby.

THE PASSING OF HAROLD CARPENTER

Long-time Butterfield Lake cottage owner and resident of Clayton, Harold Carpenter, passed away in late February. A wonderful service was held on March 2nd at the Clayton Episcopal Church with a large gathering of friends and relatives attending the service and get together which followed. Harold was a very dynamic individual with many talents and interests, and a deep love of our lake. Please take a few minutes to read about Harold's life: [Obituary for Harold G. "Rip" Carpenter | Cummings Funeral Service, Inc.](#)



Harold
enjoying a ride
on Butterfield
Lake

THE BLCOA ANNUAL PICNIC

An Unsurpassed Good Time by Lori Porte

- Some things have remained the same and many things have changed at the lake, but one thing hasn't changed in about 40 years: our lake picnic is a worthwhile 3 hours of fun every year! The BLCOA annual picnic is an opportunity to create a new lake memory and something to look forward to every year for young and old alike!
- To the best of our knowledge, our picnic is the best lake picnic in the Indian River Lakes Region. One reason is that we follow a formula with specific events to look forward to. Some of these are hot-dogs and pot-luck salads and desserts in abundance, theme basket auction items with items for food lovers, kids, the ladies, and the guys; unique live auction items (watch for the historic lake houses tour this summer), the cake game, door prizes, giant jenga, corn hole, live background music, and the historic balloon toss and piñata!
- Mark your calendar and take note that this year's picnic will be Saturday, August 10 from 1-4. The rain date is Sunday, August 11.



Scenes from annual picnic in 2023

HISTORIC LAKE TOUR

- Is your cottage historic and you'd be willing to show it off as part of our Historic Lake House Tour? If so, please reach out to Lori Porte: Phone: 585-766-0353; Email: LKP279@aol.com.



Shore view of Butterfield Lake with the historic cottage on Elmhurst Island owned by Paul and Brigid Cook. Photo provided by Marty Wysocki

THE WASP IN THE WEB - A Philosophical Article By Bonnie Bezila

Last summer, I was with my brother, Jim Borkman, and other family members at his cottage (#98). It was morning, and we were all sitting around drinking coffee when I spotted a wasp in a web outside the kitchen window. He appeared to be struggling to get free.

Webs are in abundance around the cottage, and they are filled with tiny insects that have been attracted by light from inside and out. At night, you can see them by the hundreds or even thousands, flitting about and getting caught in the webs.

I watched this wasp as he appeared to be struggling, without success, to free himself. I thought it odd because these webs are very flimsy and the wasp very large. Why was he not strong enough to free himself?

The longer I watched, the more I felt compelled to go out and free him. As I contemplated finding something to use as his freedom ticket, he suddenly broke free! I felt relief and we all thought he must be exhausted from his struggle.

Wasp in the Web Cont'd

I gave the scenario no more thought until he reappeared and headed straight back into the web! All who were watching this were shocked! But then we realized that he was not stuck after all; he was eating the insects!

Just then, another wasp appeared and joined him in the repast. This more or less confirmed our newly discovered knowledge of this wasp's feeding habit.

At that point, as we were marveling at the wonders of nature, my knowledgeable nephew entered the room and confirmed that, yes, this particular species of wasp does, indeed, take advantage of the spider's leftover bounty.

This whole scenario got me thinking that it's like some situations in life. To the onlooker, we may seem to be ensnared or trapped in a given situation, when in reality, that very situation may be giving us what we are needing at that moment, and we are where we want to be. Had I tried to "help" the wasp, he might have become quite angry with me, the way humans sometimes respond when receiving unwanted help.

To learn more about wasps, see the very interesting article entitled "Twelve Common Wasps and Hornets in New York" by Scott Keller: birdwatchinghq.com. Scott is making a living with his blogs and bird cams!



TRYING ANOTHER ANNUAL

By Lori Porte

Last year, I shared information about cosmos, known to be simple to grow. I had great success with the ones I planted though the pinks and purples grew to be an astonishing 4-5 feet tall! The yellow and orange behaved themselves, growing a respectable height of 10-12 inches.

Both were great for cutting and displaying in vases. But the surprise came when I decided to sprinkle dwarf zinnia seeds into a spare pot.

I thought it was a bit late to do so in June, but soon I had sprouts, followed by magnificently bright colored buds.



Dwarf Zinnias photo by Lori Porte

I had thought dwarf meant the height when I purchased the seeds, but indeed dwarf indicated the size of the flowers. They received compliments from everyone who came and went!

LADIES TEA TIME

By Lori Porte

- Historically, the ladies on the lake got together for lunches and bridge games, developing bonds and friendships, sharing laughs and occasional hardships. In recent years, the ladies lunches and bridge games dwindled, but they were replaced by a wonderful afternoon tea party, not the kind with hats and party dresses, the kind where you wear what you like and enjoy chatting and laughing, and yes, sharing hardships when a shoulder is needed. The ladies tea is scheduled for Saturday, June 22 from 2:00-4:00. It is hosted by Kay Bolivar and Janet Stamps and is held at Kay's, Cottage #2, by the town dock.
- We have started playing a game each year which requires bringing a new item for exchange. This year, you are asked to bring a Swedish dish cloth.

Ladies Tea Cont'd



Linda MacQueen, Edie Pasquini and Marie Edwards enjoying last summer's Ladies Tea sock gift exchange. Photo by Kay Bolivar

- Swedish dish cloths may be purchased at Walmart, Amazon, or gift shops. (If you are having trouble finding one, text or call Kay Bolivar at 505-412-2885 for assistance.)
- RSVP by to Kay as well by June 12. We look forward to a fun afternoon with you!!

IRLC UPDATE SPRING 2024

By Wylie Huffman

The IRLC is gearing up for another exciting year. This year, we are more focused than ever on protecting water quality on our lakes.

We are looking forward to the Water Quality Conference on June 7th. Highlights include presentations on grant funding to improve water quality, microplastics in our water, the danger of eutrophication of our lakes, and more! Tickets can be purchased at: www.indianriverlakes.org/waterquality2024.

Exciting News

- We have updated our website and with help from our lake representatives, we are currently in the process of developing a web page devoted to each lake, describing its uniqueness, history, challenges, etc. Lake association pages will highlight our partnership with lake associations and how we are working together to protect our lakes.
- We have also applied for a NY Conservation Partnership Program (CPP) grant to fund a survey geared to determine organizational capacity and resource needs for each of the 18 lake communities. We look forward to updating all of

you once we are notified that we have received the grant in early May.

Key IRLC Dates

- April 20: Earth Day Cleanup @ Redwood Hill Preserve, 9am-Noon
- May 4: Birds, Bugs, & Blossoms Hike @ Grand Lake Reserve, 9am-Noon
- June 7: IRLC 7th Annual Water Quality Conference @ Redwood Hill Preserve, 8:30am-4:30pm
- July 9-August 8: WHIRL Summer Intensive for Teens, 9am-3pm (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
- July 16-18: Elizabeth May Duvall Nature Grows Kids Camp @ Redwood Hill 9am-Noon
- August 4: Celebration of the Lakes Fundraising Dinner @ Thousand Islands Winery, 4-8pm

For more information about IRLC events and membership, go to: <https://indianriverlakes.org/> or call 315-482-4757.

PET COLUMN

The two pets in this newsletter edition are great buddies. They are Bob and Alice Andrews' golden retriever named Dixie (right) and Rene and Lori Porte's golden retriever named Cooper (left).



Here they are in this picture enjoying an evening campfire.

The lake is calling and ready for your arrival! Have safe travels and see you soon!

Let's go fishing!!!



2024

Butterfield Lake Cottage Owners

Bob Jennejohn Memorial Fishing Derby

Butterfield Families, Friends & Guests Invited to Enter!

**Sunrise Saturday, July 20th
to NOON Sunday July 21st**

Enter LEGAL size fish to be measured
at the **TOWN DOCK...**

5 to 5:30 PM Saturday & NOON to 12:30 Sun.

Prizes Awarded at BLCOA Picnic three weeks later – 8/10/24
1-4 PM at Linda Vista, Cottage #29 44056 Butterfield Camp Rd.

PRIZES: 25% of Pot Awarded for longest fish in 4 categories: **Bass** (12''+) (large or smallmouth)

Pike (18''+) **Walleye** (18''+) **Panfish:** crappie (min. 10''), perch, rockbass, sunny, or bluegill (any size is legal)

The more who enter, the higher the awards!

Entrants agree to abide by all DEC regulations

RETURN THIS SECTION WITH

\$10.00 entry fee (CASH only)

to Steve Wysocki (267)424-9721 Cottage 65

or pay to enter at 5 PM Measurement 7/20.

Name: _____

Cottage # _____

Phone: _____

ADULT 16+

RETURN THIS SECTION WITH

\$5.00 entry fee (CASH only)

to Steve Wysocki (267)424-9721 Cottage 65

or pay to enter at 5 PM Measurement 7/20

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Cottage # _____

Phone: _____

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