



CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

April

- 1 – Camp Country opening, depending on weather
- 1 – Future Planning Committee, 7:30, Boardroom
- 10 – **Gene Holappa Memorial**, 2 p.m., Clubroom
- 11 – Board Meeting, 10 a.m., visitors at noon
- 11 – Forest Management Committee, 10 a.m., Pole Barn
- 14 – Sisterhood Committee, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 15 – Newsletter items are due
- 17 – Bar Committee, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 17 – **1970s Dance**, 8 p.m., Clubroom, \$3 cover
- 25 – **Annual Meeting**, noon, registration starts at 11 a.m.

May

- 1 – **Fishing Derby Fundraiser**, 8 p.m., Clubroom
- 2 – **Annual Spring Talkoo**, 10 a.m., Kentta.
- 15 – **Sun Lake Cleanup**, noon, Sun Lake
- 30 – **Welcome Back Dinner**, 7 p.m., Clubroom

June

- 6 – **Spring Classic Men's Scramble**, 8 a.m.
- 13 – **Fishing Derby**, 9 a.m. registration, Sun Lake, \$4
- 19 – **Juhannus and Car Show**

See "Upcoming Events" section for more details.

The New St. Urho King and Queen



Gavin Wing and Lauri Taipala are the new St. Urho king and queen. Thank you to all who attended the St. Urho party and to everyone that brought food.

Spring Softball Endangered?

Rey Mustonen, possessor of perhaps the longest memory of anyone around the Finn Camp, recalled recently how softball has long been a vibrant part of the summer scene here. From earliest days the team has been known as the Voima Boys, voima meaning "strength." (The Voima marker at the parking lot entrance to the *kentta* is a memorial to those from among our number who served in World War II.)

But now is it possible that the game may be getting too expensive for us? A preliminary draft of a planning document is now circulating for comment from the Oklahoma City head office of the Amateur Softball Association of America, the national governing body of softball. Their so-called Bollinger Insurance plan that protects softball field owners by providing "coverage for all player lawsuits, regardless of whether the player has signed a waiver," now carries a price tag of \$1,100 annually. However, a recent quadrupling of injuries has led the ASA to consider raising the yearly premiums to \$4,400. If that happens, will we still be able to afford to hold our cherished softball tournaments?

As this Finn Camp newsletter went to press, the resolution of this question awaited the issuing of a final memo from the ASA, which was expected on

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Condolences

Jim Dernberger, 77, died Tuesday, March 9, from complications after surgery in November. Jim loved the Finn Camp, which he joined when he married Norma (Sam) Mustonen in 1971. He served on the board for four years in the early 1980s. Jim was active with the Loon Lake Singers and the Loon Lake Players. Jim is survived by his wife, Norma; a son, Wade Cupps; daughters Jackie (husband Jeff) Waters, Kristen (Christopher) Tury and Jody Dernberger, as well as by 6 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. A sister, Carol Tsuha, and brother, George (wife Carol) Dernberger, live in Illinois.

A celebration of Jim's life was held on Saturday, March 27, in the Clubroom.

New Member

We have a new member, who spent her childhood at the Finn Camp and is now a full member. Welcome, Rebecca Wendela, to the Finn Camp!

**Wixom Fire Department Trains at Sun Lake**

The Wixom Fire Department was out on Sunday, March 14, to perform water rescue exercises at our Sun Lake beach. For the past two years they used the Hickory Hill Association's beach on Loon Lake, but this year they asked the Finn Camp if they could use Sun Lake beach. On the training day, the weather was warmer than usual and the ice started melting away from the beach. The fire department likes these conditions, because that is typically when accidents happen in the spring. The added difficulties posed by ice breaking from under your feet enhance the training. Everyone in the department rotated going into the water, being rescued and then rescuing the victim.

This is an essential training drill for the Fire Department, and the Finn Camp was more than willing to help—you never know when we might need their services.

Camp Numbers

Camp owners must have their camp numbers posted on the side of the camp facing the road by June 1 or there will be a \$100 fine. This is a requirement to be in compliance with a police and fire departments ordinance.

Beach Manager

It's that time of year and the board is soliciting applications for Beach Manager. The position starts Memorial Day weekend and continues through Labor Day weekend. If you are interested, please submit an application to the Board of Directors.

Recreation Committee News

On Saturday, March 6, we held our first annual sledding day. We met at Gilbert Willis Park, at the V.F.W. hall, and enjoyed a beautiful day of sunshine. The snow coated the hill with a thin layer of ice, which made for fast sledding runs. Someone had built two small jumps on the run, providing a lot of laughter. The kids had a wonderful time. If you missed this fun event please join us for our next activity, which will be posted in next month's newsletter.

—Kathy Bretschneider

Attention, Please, All Committee Chairs

Our auditors are requesting that all of the committees that are budgeted (Recreation, Scholarship, Sisterhood, etc.) submit a report of their income and expenses for the fiscal year March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2010, indicating as well the amount of cash on hand, if any. We need the information before April 3! Please send your information to:

ATTN: AUDITORS
DFCSCA
2524 LOON LAKE RD
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Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The Voima Boys

The Finn Camp's Voima Boys' softball team, associated with the Wixom "35 and Over" softball league, plays on Friday evenings, Finn Fest weekend and may have a rain make-up day. They have a blast all summer long. If you like playing softball and would like to be on the team, contact Jeff Pye at 248-438-6358.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Gene Holappa Memorial

Come and commemorate Gene's life with his brother Tom, Saturday, April 10, 2 p.m. in the Clubroom. A luncheon will follow.

Camp Country

Camp Country is scheduled to open around April 1. Depending on the weather, it may open as early as March 27.

1970s Party

Sponsored by The Sisterhood

April 17, 8 p.m., Clubroom. Music is by Pure Grain. Wear your favorite, 70s look, from hippie to disco! \$3 cover.

Annual Meeting

April 25, noon, Clubroom, registration at 11 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend this very important annual meeting. Many key issues will be discussed and voted on. If you wish to have your voice heard, you need to attend. We are a cooperative organization and thus need everyone to contribute to the discussion and voting to make Finn Camp a better place.

Fishing Derby Fundraiser

Saturday, May 1, 8 p.m., Clubroom
Austrian crystal jewelry, earrings, necklaces, bracelets. Come support the program for the children.

Annual Spring Talkoo

Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m., meet at the Kentta. The spring *talkoo* is Finn Camp's annual tradition of members coming together to help prepare the grounds for the summer season. Please come out for this special event. All ages are encouraged to join in. Perennial flowers are needed as donations; please bring them to the *talkoo* for planting near the Clubroom. *Mojakka* and beverages will be served to workers. Enjoy a free sauna after the *talkoo*. Workers need to sign the sign-in sheet in the Clubroom before they go to take advantage of the free sauna. Workers whose names are not on the sheet will be asked to pay for their sauna.

Sun Lake Clean-up

Saturday, May 15, meet at Sun Lake at noon.

Get your work hours in early! Bring gloves, rakes and shovels. We'll supply flats of flowers to plant. If you would like to donate any perennials that need splitting, please bring them. Join us in spring cleaning the beach area and helping beautify it for our summer enjoyment.

—Sponsored by the Sisterhood Committee

Welcome Back Dinner and Games

Sunday, May 30, 7 p.m., Clubroom.

The Clubroom will be open the Sunday before Memorial Day so that you can enjoy dinner and games with fellow DFCSCA members. Bring a favorite dish to share for the first summer potluck of 2010. There will be a euchre tournament (\$3 entry fee) starting at 8:00, with registration at 7:00. There's limited space, so come early. Bring any other games you'd like to play on this long-awaited weekend that marks the beginning of summer.

Spring Classic Men's Scramble

Sunday, June 6, at the River Bank Golf Course, South Lyon, 10 Mile and Currie. Registration start at 8 a.m., tee-off at 9 a.m. Contact Dave Niemi.

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South Lyon,
10 Mile and Currie
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Dave Niemi
HOW TO PLAY THE
1001 TOUGHEST SHOTS

DETROIT FINNISH COOPERATIVE SUMMER CAMP ASSOCIATION



JUNE 13, 2010

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 13: it could be your lucky day. Come alone, with a friend or bring the family. Registration starts at 9 a.m., the fishing begins at ten and lunch is about noon. Fish for hours, enjoy a freshly cooked fish-and-chip lunch—and maybe even win a great prize! There will be games and raffles for young and old. If you're not into fishing, come and volunteer, to gain some work hours. Donations of salad, fruit, veggies or dessert will really be appreciated to round out what will already be a great meal. For only \$4 per person, how can you go wrong?

Sign-up boards for volunteers and lunch donations will be at the beach closer to derby time.

Contact Susan Slaughter for more information: 586-206-5756 or FishingDerby@finncamp.org (specify "Derby: as subject").

Juhannus

Saturday, June 19

Plan to attend our annual Juhannus celebration, the traditional welcoming-in of summer. Some of the events are the fourth annual car show (see below), a raffle 50–50, music for dancing in the newly revamped dance hall, entertainment by Don Reinholm, and of course our famous *kokko* (bonfire) at 10 p.m., with Finnish music by Don Reinholm. The kitchen will be open all day, 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Breakfast will be served 8–12 a.m. Saturday morning and again Sunday morning at the same hours. To work hours in the kitchen on Juhannus, please see the sign-up sheets that will soon be located at the Sun Lake office.

If you would like to work hours other than in the kitchen, please call Dick Pye at 248-926-6219. To make this event a success, we need everyone to come forward and help! Our thanks for managing this event go to Dick Pye, chairman.



Kokko Master Mike Honka, Juhannus 2009.

Annual Finn Camp Car Show

Rain or shine, the fourth annual Finn Camp Car Show will take place on June 19, tying in with Juhannus. Registration is from 10 a.m. to noon; show time, noon to 5 p.m. Award and raffle time is 4 p.m. There is a \$5 registration fee at the gate. Goodie bags will be available for the first 50 cars. There will be food on site, music and a cash bar, with later the lighting of the *kokko* (bonfire), something you do not want to miss. Come one, come all, and bring your classic car.

Contact Mike or Mary Barie at 248-698-8296 or FinnCampCarShow@yahoo.com for information.

Finn Grand Fest 2010



This year's Finn Grand Fest will be July 28 through August 1 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada.

For more information: www.finngrandfest2010.com.

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CANADA



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April 1 and will no doubt say, "April Fool!"

The April Fool's Day tradition arrived in Finland from Sweden in the late 1700s. Subtlety was not the order of the day: you might have received a package of rotten fish. By the late 20th century, media broadcasters were making the most of the day by advertising certain non-existent free products or unusual weather phenomena that kept people staring at the sky to see an impossible event. The poem of the day in Finland goes "Aprillia, aprillia, syö silliiä ja juo kuravettä päälle!" Or "April fool, April fool, eat some herring and drink muddy water on top of it!"

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, April 11 at 10 a.m. Visitors must sign in at the Clubroom at noon. New members can visit at any meeting.

Future Planning Committee

They meet every first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Boardroom.

Forest Management Committee

The Woods Committee meets every second Sunday of the month at 10 a.m. at the pole barn.

Sisterhood Committee

Wednesday, April 14, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom.

Bar Committee

Saturday, April 17, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom.



Jim and Donna Aro with cute grasshopper hats during the St. Urho party.

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or emailing to newsletter_editor@finncamp.org. Or place in the Newsletter Committee mailbox in the Clubroom.

Notices of current or former Finn Camp members who have recently passed away are especially welcomed if they can include a recent photo, or one dated as exactly as possible. All reasonable care will be taken with originals.

Copy Deadline: All items for inclusion in future newsletters must be received by the 15th day of the month preceding the date of the issue being prepared. For instance, the deadline for a May issue would be April 15.



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South Ostrobothnia Folk High School
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ILMAJOKI, FINLAND

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Do you have Finnish roots?

SEARCHING THE ROOTS

in Finland 7/26–8/6, 2010

Now it's your chance to experience the Finnish culture, language, and nature by taking part in Searching the Roots in Finland next summer. An empirical acquaintance to the Finnish culture and language as well as to your roots. The course is for people with Finnish background, living or having lived abroad.

The participants need no knowledge of Finnish language because all tuition is in English. During the weekend of 1st and 2nd of August there is no class, which means you have the possibility to visit relatives or friends.

Course fee: 590 euros including tuition, meals and accommodation in a double room. Fares to and from Opisto are not included in the price; participants make their own arrangements.

Enrollment deadline June 14.

Tel. +358-6-4256 171, Education Planner Pia Niemelä, kurssit@epopisto.fi, www.epopisto.fi

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