



Opening pitch from St. Urho Queen Mattie O'Brien to King Mike Jokinen at Voima Boys' April 19 opening game, Aho Field.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSCA calendars. If you are planning an event and wish to check the availability of a specific facility on a certain date, please call Karen Pye (248-926-6219).

Spring Talkoo

Come out to the *kentta* on Sunday, May 5, at 10:00 a.m., for the annual spring *talkoo* clean-up. Many workers are required to spruce up our grounds and ready our facility for another great season. After the work is completed, *mojakka* will be served and saunas offered to all workers. Be sure to register in the Clubroom to qualify for your free lunch and sauna.

Friday Night Grill

The Friday Night Grill is now open during the softball season every Friday at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy a chicken sandwich, burger, hot dog and soft drinks while you watch a game. See the accompanying Voima Boys' schedule for game times and fields.

Clubroom Summer Hours

On Wednesday, May 29, the Clubroom will switch to summer hours. From that date forward it will be open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to closing.

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

May

- 2—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 5—Spring *Talkoo*, 10:00 a.m., *Kentta*
- 11—Board meeting, 5:00 p.m., visitors at 5:00 p.m.
- 11—Sisterhood Committee, 7:00 p.m., Ravintola
- 11—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 12—Recreation Committee Pancake Breakfast, *Ravintola*, 8:00 a.m. to noon
- 18—Sisterhood Breakfast and Market Craft Day, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., Clubroom and Dancehall

June

- 2—Men's Spring Golf Outing, 8:00 a.m.
- 3—Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., no visitors
- 6—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 9—Fishing Derby, 9:00 a.m.
- 15—Sisterhood potluck, 6:00 p.m., Sun Lake
- 15—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 23—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon. Camp inspections follow.
- 29—Juhannus

Scholarship Recipient: Brittani Kokko Thomas



This profile is the seventh entry in our series of articles highlighting Finn Camp Scholarship Recipients. The Scholarship Committee continues to seek new applicants. See “Board Notes and Reminders” on page 5 for application information.

This month’s scholarship winner recently wrote, from Africa, to update her profile. She said she’s there “right now doing some medical mission work, so my Internet is pretty limited. I graduated from Farmington High School in 2004 and went on to Central Michigan University, where I got my bachelor of science in Athletic Training/Sports Medicine and also finished the premedicine prerequisites. I graduated in December 2008 from CMU. I then began medical school at Michigan State University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine in June 2009, from where I will be graduating May 2. I will be starting my residency in Internal Medicine at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, Michigan, this coming July. Thanks for the help!” —Brittani

You Can Help

What have we been missing—for instance, we’ve just begun asking here for information about new family members and new members (below, in **bold**). What else would you like to hear about? How is the “look and feel” of the newsletter? Are you finding the online edition easily accessible? If you receive the print version, can you suggest any changes, apart from having to print it in black and white?

New Family Members: Have you had a birth or adoption in the family since last month’s newsletter? Let us know the name and parents’ names and supply a photo (optional) so we can welcome the new one.

New Members: We’d like to introduce you properly to the rest of the membership. Could you supply us with a photo, and answer a few basic questions:

Are you the first of your family to become a member?

How did you connect with Finn Camp?

What do you hope to find here—children’s programs, cultural events, outdoor activities?

Do you have a camp, or are you looking for one?

See below on how to reach us.

Condolences: Please supply the name, approximate date of death and information about how the decedent is a member of the Finn Camp community. A returnable photo would be appreciated.

Email the Newsletter Committee at: newsletter_editor@finncamp.org. Or mail to D.F.C.S.C.A., 2524 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom, MI 48393.

Or approach someone on the committee (see page 6). Thank you.

Annual Meeting

On Sunday, April 28, the annual membership meeting was held in the Clubroom. Among the many issues presented at this meeting were extensive updates to the Blue Book (bylaws), the results of which will formally be made available to members in another venue. Finn Camp has received some financial relief from last year's assessment increase to \$250 per member, but has put it to good use for facilities and programs. The women's restroom in the Clubroom has been completely rep paneled and replumbed, and the men's side will soon be redone in the same style. The kitchen work is complete except for some flooring and minor finishing up otherwise. Maintenance and repairs continue around the *Ravintola's* gables and grill area. Completed Sun Lake dockwork and upcoming memorial fence repairs were also highlighted. The association took in some \$1,700 from rentals of private camps and the Finn Camp's own camp, which the members voted to offer up for sale at this meeting. The association's investment portfolio continues to surpass results of standard financial indexes, helping offset persistent challenges in fundraising. Six new members were welcomed.

Recreation Committee Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, May 12, the Recreation Committee will be hosting a pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the *Ravintola*. Come enjoy! All you can eat—pancakes and sausage, fruit, oatmeal, juice and coffee. This event is a fundraiser for the annual fishing derby. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children. (See separate article on that event.) Come out and join your fellow campers for a delicious breakfast! —Martin Boatman

Sisterhood Breakfast/Market Craft Day; Beach Potluck

The Finn Camp Sisterhood is hosting another delicious Breakfast and Market Craft Day, on Saturday, May 18, in the Dancehall, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are looking for vendors to sell homemade crafts and clever treasures. The vendor fee is \$10 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. Please reserve your tables in advance. Contact Tammie at 248-624-6691 for details. Come out and enjoy a day at the Finn Camp!

And on June 15, bring your favorite salad and drink to the Sun Lake Beach at 6:00 p.m. for a fun potluck.

Men's Spring Scramble Golf Outing

The annual men's spring classic golf outing is on Sunday, June 2, at the Riverbank Golf Course, 24095 Currie Rd., South Lyon (10 Mile and Currie). Registration starts at 8:00 a.m., with tee offs at 9:00. See Dave Niemi for more details.

Annual Fishing Derby

Sunday, June 9, could be your lucky day at our annual fishing derby. Come alone, with a friend or bring the family. (This event is for members and their guests only; others are responsible for any nonderby beach fees.) Registration starts at 9:00 a.m., the

Free "CLASSIFIED" Ads

All members are invited to list here any services—for pay or barter—that they would like to advertise. Whether it's a service such as handyman or seamstress or pet care, or seasonal activities like garage sales, we will be listing these in upcoming newsletters. All you have to do is provide—via your business card or information you supply by mail or email to the newsletter editor (see the box on the last page) the following information: The type of service offered; a description of just what you do as the service provider; your price (hourly rate, job rate, to be negotiated, or whatever); your name; and your contact information (preferred method and times: phone, email, etc.). Total length, including spaces, should not exceed 50 words, not counting the headings. (Overlength copy will be edited for fit.) The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the 15th of each month.

Camp for Sale

Camp 101, west side, \$2,300

Contact Ed Kangas:

906-883-3535 or ewkangas@up.net

Camp for Sale

Camp 130 (west side)
Newer paint job. Nice large
wooden porch, screened windows.
Backs up to privacy fence.
Barbeque included. \$3,000.
Contact Mark Hansen:
586-306-9557

Camp for Sale

Camp 106 (west side)
New roof, many extras
Call Tom:
586-770-2156

Association Camps 89, 129 Available

See "Board Notes and Reminders"
on page 6 for details on how to
submit a bid.

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 put in some work hours. Volunteers are always needed. Donations of salad, fruit, veggies or dessert will really be appreciated. For only \$4 per person, how can you go wrong? Look for the sign-up information, which will be at the beach.

More Lore: It's Greek to Me . . .

. . . but Latin poses no problem to certain listeners of the Finnish Broadcasting Company. According to an April 9 *New York Times* story by John Tagliabue, not even Vatican Radio covers events in Latin. But in Helsinki, a 78-year-old retired Latin teacher named Tuomo Pekkanen produces a broadcast in classical Latin as part of the Friday evening news. Recently, you could have heard about "the financial crisis in Cyprus, an unusually brilliant aurora borealis and the election of Pope Francis." (Apparently, this job is not all that time consuming for Pekkanen: he has also translated into Latin all 22,795 verses of the Finnish national epic the *Kalevala*.)

Others have helped promote Latin too—Jukka Ammond, a lecturer in English and German, gave a Latin concert last summer at the Finnish Culture Center in St. Petersburg, singing Elvis Presley standards like "Tenere me ama" ("Love Me Tender") and "Ursus Taddeus" ("Teddy Bear"). So turn on your shortwave for the news in Latin next Friday evening while you're out there on the "campus pilamallei" (golf course).

FinnFest USA 2013

This year's FinnFest, June 19–23 at Finlandia University in Hancock, will feature art displays, interpretive exhibits in the surrounding communities, a lecture series, workshops, demonstrations, numerous musical performances, sporting events, a genealogy focus, a business forum, an education symposium, bonfires, music, food and fun. The basic registration cost is \$100. Then costs per event range from \$5 for dances and musical performances to \$20 for many of the local boat and bus tours, on up to \$50 for longer tours and \$75 for the golf tourney. Detailed prices are given at the website. For more information about the festival and to register for it, visit www.finnfestusa2013.org or call 906-370-3110.

Juhannus

Our annual Juhannus celebration will be held on Saturday, June 29, one week later than usual, to accommodate FinnFest 2013 being held the previous weekend. To schedule work hours, please contact Dick Pye (248-926-6219). Look for sign-up sheets at the sauna building soon.

First Photo-Sharing Day: A Strong Start

The Clubroom was awash with color and black-and-white prints and slides on Sunday, April 21, for the first Finn Camp photo-sharing day.

Sherry's Sweet and Savory Pasties

Beef: \$4 each; Pulla: \$4 per loaf
Call Sherry Kurin to place order:
248-535-6022

Cords of Firewood for Sale

\$50 for members and nonmembers.
Delivery extra.

Slab Wood for Sale

Slab wood for sale for \$5 each
may be found near the pole barn.
Contact Mike Honka,
ph. 248-860-5109.

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248-303-7337.

The biggest draw was Erick Leskinen's large-screen slide show with hundreds of historical and current scenes. Kirsti, Barbara and Steve Niemi laid out a tableful of prints of family and Finn Camp. Kari Aro, who came up with the idea for the event, also had a full spectrum to view. Dave Hall had some 1970s camp(y) slides. Lori Aro and John Solocinski scanned photos and gave out free disks of them to take home. All said that they hoped to start a new Finn Camp tradition with this event, which was cosponsored by the Newsletter Committee.



The recently crowned 2013 St. Urho king and queen Mike Jokinen and Mattie O'Brien pose at the April 19 Voima Boys' softball opening game after the queen threw out the first pitch.

The Scholarship Committee is seeking applicants. Scholarship application forms are available at the beach, in the Clubroom and through Millie Packard (248-554-9998) or emailing the committee at scholarships@finncamp.org.

Wixom Public Library Looking Ahead

On April 1, the Wixom Public Library launched a yearlong Million Penny Project. The library will use the \$10,000 proceeds for technology improvements like new computers, iPads, a printer, a scanner and an e-magazine subscription. Residents, businesses and library patrons are encouraged to stop by the library to pick up prestamped penny rolls and drop off filled coin rolls of any denomination.

Articles Wanted— Member Spotlight

Do you have a favorite memory of growing up in the Finn Camp you'd like to share? Perhaps you have an interesting story of Finn Camp history. Member spotlight articles are especially interesting. Please send a few paragraphs, preferably with a returnable photograph, to newsletter_editor@finncamp.org. The committee is always seeking fun and interesting stories from members.

There's a Lot in Store for You!



Shop the Finn Camp Store, in the Clubroom, whatever the season! We have t-shirts, hats, hoodies, koozies, and Finnish CDs. For access to the store during off hours, call Patti Leppi, at 248-921-1432, or email her at pleppi@att.net.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

We would like to welcome new member Christopher Aho, nephew of Ginger Wing.

The board has hired Lauri and Lindsey Taipala for the 2013 beach manager position.

For members who have suggestions, comments or board-related business, please send an email to board@finncamp.org. You may also contact Works Administrators Kevin Homola, Don Matt or Denny Sennhenn at this email address.

The board is accepting bids for Camps 89 and 129, on the west side. If you would like to submit a bid, please write the amount you would like to bid, the number of the camp, and your name and contact number, and place it in an envelope to the attention of the board of directors. This can be left in the dropbox at the Clubroom or in the Boardroom.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, May 11, 5:00 p.m., visitors at 5:00 p.m..

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Recreation Committee

Saturday, May 11, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom

Sisterhood

Friday, May 11, 7:00 p.m., Clubroom

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