



Pumpkinseed sunfish (*Lepomis gibbosus*) tending her bed in Sun Lake.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### Finn Camp Swim Club 2013

#### The Benefits of Swimming

What a wonderful sport! Not only is swimming fun, it is a healthy, lifetime activity that promotes fitness. It is also a sport that many athletes—even those who compete in other sports—enjoy to gain strength, coordination, and endurance. Drowning can also be prevented. Other rewards of swimming include seeing yourself stretch and grow, and seeing your skills improve!

#### Registration

Registration and an evaluation of swimming skills for the summer swim program will be held July 1, 2 and 3, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30, at Sun Lake. All participants will need to be evaluated for class placement. Lessons will begin July 8 and be held Mondays through Thursdays, with Fridays as make-up days when necessary. The class culminates in the much-anticipated Children's Weekend swim meet on Saturday, August 3, at 1:00 p.m. The times of the swim lessons will be decided by our swim instructor after we know how many registrants there are and their skill levels. All registrants will be notified by a phone call they can expect

## CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

### July

- 6—Sattuma performance, 7:00 p.m., Dance Hall
- 7—Board meeting, noon; visitors at noon
- 7—Board-sponsored breakfast, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., *Ravintola*
- 11—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., boardroom
- 12—Sisterhood Committee, 7:00 p.m., *Ravintola*
- 20—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 21—Future Planning Committee sponsored breakfast, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., *Ravintola*
- 24—Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., no visitors
- 27—Sisterhood Flotilla, noon, Sun Lake

### August

- Board meetings: TBA
- 2—3—Children's Weekend
- 10—12—**Finn Fest**
- 17—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 24—Beer & Tunes Festival, 7:00–9:00, Dance Hall

to receive by the afternoon of July 3.

A sign-up sheet will be posted at the beach. Go ahead and sign up, so we can have an approximate head count.

The costs for lessons will be as follows: Members—\$30 for one child, \$50 with two children, \$65 with three. Nonmembers—\$75 for one child, \$130 with two children, \$180 with three. —*Sponsored by the Recreation Committee*

### Meet Our New Swim Coach, Josh Wood



Josh Wood is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where he attained a degree in secondary education, with a concentration in social studies and a minor in history. He is CPR/First Aid child-and-adult-certified with the Red Cross, as well as Water Safety Instructor and Lifeguard qualified.

Josh started swimming competitively at 12 for the Junior Warriors on the Sarah Banks Middle School team in Wixom and later swam for Walled Lake Western, where he was a four-year varsity letter award winner, two-time Warrior of the Year and cocaptain in his senior year. After graduation, he was hired as an assistant coach for the Junior Vikings Middle School team at Walled Lake Central. Josh is currently a competitive swim coach at Tridents and has been teaching swimming lessons for Walled Lake Community Education for five years. Let's all welcome Josh to the Finn Camp Summer of 2013 Swim Program!

### 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Finn Fest: August 9–11

We are preparing for our annual festival, and need the help and support of our members to have another successful weekend! This is the perfect time to come out and get some of your work hours in, visit with fellow members, family and friends, and cheer on our Voima Boys softball team to victory in the tournament!

The festival will get under way on Friday, August 9, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and will continue throughout the weekend with food and beverages, music and entertainment, raffles and more! Watch for further information and details on the website and in the August newsletter.

This is the major fundraising event of the year and requires member participation. Workers are needed in all areas throughout the entire weekend. Every hour counts, no matter the size of the task! Get your friends and work together selling tickets or in the tent. Please give a few hours of your time and pitch in to help make the festival a success. *The work-hour sign-up sheets will be posted at Sun Lake beach the second week in July.*

For further information, or with questions or suggestions, contact

### You Can Help

What have we been missing—for instance, we've 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](mailto: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 last page).

Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chair, by email at rbjokinen@gmail.com or by cell phone at 810-287-4591.

### **Sattuma**

Sattuma, a family folk music group from Petrozavodsk, in the republic of Karelia in northwestern Russia, started performing in 2003. The band's neofolk style of traditional music and melodies has earned them a huge following here and in Europe. Sattuma will be performing in the Finn Camp Dance Hall on Saturday, July 6, at 7:00 p.m. Advance buttons are \$12/adult and \$5/child, age 17 and under—at the door, buttons are \$15/adult and \$7/child, age 17 and under. For details, contact Carol Melancon at 734-261-3889 or FinnCulture@yahoo.com.

### **Tiili Päällystää: Last Chance July 15**

That's the engraved brick pavers we're wanting to add to the walkway outside the sauna building at Sun Lake. The bricks are \$25 each, checks payable to D.F.C.S.C.A. The bricks can be engraved with either three or four lines of copy, 18 to 21 characters per line. Order sheets can be obtained by emailing Karen Pye at kpype7184@gmail.com.

### **Future Planning Breakfast**

The Future Planning Committee will be hosting Sunday breakfast at the *Ravintola* on July 21 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Do join us!

### **Annual Sun Lake Flotilla**

Ladies, it's that time of year again! Bring your flotation device, sunscreen and a yummy dish to pass. Chicken barbeque, Jell-O shots, Yucca Sisterhood Joy Juice and Rum Runners will be provided. Prizes will be awarded for the best hat, pedicure and ability to dance to Bob Marley music. The Flotilla will be held on Saturday, July 27, at noon at Sun Lake. Prepare to have a fun-filled day with the ladies, floating on the lake, rain or shine!

### **Beer & Tunes Festival**

On Saturday, August 24, come out to the Dance Hall from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to sample a variety of Michigan-made beers, while enjoying the tunes of DJ Rockin' Rob. Admission is \$20 per person in advance (until August 16) and \$25 at the door. Your ticket includes beer tasting and learning fun facts from beer experts. Light food will also be included. The event will also feature a cigar bar, under the stars. Participants must be 21, with ID. Come and enjoy a fun-filled evening! All proceeds benefit the D.F.C.S.C.A.

### **Fishing Derby 2013**

On Sunday, June 9, at least 20 children and as many adults allegedly caught a total of some 300 fish at Sun Lake in our annual fishing derby. Organizers Sue Slaughter and Marty Boatman want to extend their thanks to all who contributed.

### **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.

### **Camps for Sale**

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*Association Camps 89, 129*  
See "Board Notes and Reminders"  
for details on how to submit a bid.



## New Member Profile: Ryan W. Arbour



Finn Camp's newest member, Ryan Arbour, is a 2012 marketing graduate from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo who has been with the Tile Shop in his new hometown of Waterford since college. Ryan has long been familiar with Finn Camp. His mother, Patti Leppi, and stepfather, Jim Leppi, are longtime association members. Ryan also has a brother, Alan (six years older), who is a member. In May, when the camp next to Alan's came on the market, Ryan lost no time in securing it for himself. Ryan has been attending Juhannus and Finn Fest and other such Finn Camp events for some years already, but now he looks forward to being able to enjoy saunas and the lakes and to spend time in his new west-side camp. We all welcome him to membership.

## Men's Spring Scramble Golf Outing



The annual men's spring classic golf outing was held on Sunday, June 2, at the Riverbank Golf Course in South Lyon. Forty-six golfers participated in this event. Cash prizes were disbursed for the

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best score, who came closest to the pin and who made the longest drive. The foursome of Rob and Casey Johnson and Brian and Brad Nedrow came in with the lowest score at eleven under par and also won the contests for coming closest to the pin and making the longest drive. In other words, they won it all! (If there had been an award for golf clothing, they might have taken that too.) Thanks to Dave Niemi for organizing this event.

### **FinnFest USA 2013**

Nagging rain failed to dampen the spirits of the thousands who attended this year's FinnFest USA, but it did affect some events. The first bus on the Friday tour to the 1920s'-era Hanka Homestead bogged down in the farmstead's muddy driveway and had to be pulled out by a tractor. FinnFest Managing Director Susie Landers did not have attendance records, but she said that it "exceeded our expectations." Despite being a logistical nightmare—27 venues on 2 college campuses and other sites from Toivola to Baraga to Calumet—things went relatively well, with just occasional problems like two different times being printed on one tour's tickets.

One highlight was seeing the just-published *Finglish: Finns in North America*, by Helsinki journalist and photographer Vesa Oja and his wife Päivi, who wrote the text. Their Finn Camp 2011 visit is represented by 3 of the book's 180 full-color photos. (So who *is* that seen midair jumping off third?!) Books are available through North Wind Books, 888-285-8363, or [bookstore.finlandia.edu](http://bookstore.finlandia.edu).

Some random personal highlights: hearing teenaged kids speaking Finn; raspberry French toast at Hancock's Kaleva Bakery; and a tour guide's observation that the copper country Finns were typically the most independent of all nationalities, being the first to quit the mines and try farming—yet they were also the most social, forming the farmers' cooperatives, for instance. But maybe the best summation of the true copper country style was described on the very first t-shirt we saw at Finn Fest: "Copper over gold, sauna over spa, pasty over paté." FinnFest 2014 will be a real departure from the events so far: Minneapolis over August 8–10, then a shift to Helsinki for August 28–September 1, followed by an optional 13-day river cruise to St. Petersburg and Moscow and environs. For further information contact Nanette Padero, at 800-848-7120, [npadero@msn.com](mailto:npadero@msn.com) or [www.finevoyages.com/finnfestusacruise](http://www.finevoyages.com/finnfestusacruise).

### **Scholarship Applications**

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](mailto:scholarships@finncamp.org).

### **Camp Reservation Agent**

Denise Niemasz is our new camp reservation agent. She is responsible for seeing that the appropriate fees are paid to the association when any member camp is used by a nonmember. It is the member's responsibility to notify the camp reservation agent when someone is using their camp. Denise can be contacted at [Camps@finncamp.org](mailto:Camps@finncamp.org). For the schedule applicable on member-owned camps. see Blue Book page 44. Rentals: Para. 205.4.1.1.

### **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](mailto:pleppi@att.net).

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### Security Item

The Wixom Police Department reports that items have recently been stolen from cars in the general area of the Finn Camp. Please be careful about locking cars and stowing valuables out of sight.

### BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

We would like to welcome new member Jacob Hill, his wife Kasey and daughter Lucy. Jacob is the nephew of Patti Leppi.

Any golf carts being used on the property need to be approved by the Board of Directors.

Fourth of July is coming up and fireworks are now legal in Michigan. If you are planning on lighting any, please be responsible and use good judgment and common sense. Quiet hours start at 11:00 p.m.

Remember that there is a locked dropbox in the vestibule at the Clubroom should you need to leave any correspondence for the board.

The Works Administrators are looking for people to work on the following projects: the gables on the *kennta*, the railing at the Clubroom, the railing at Sun Lake and building a box for empty pop and beer cans at the ballfield.

The board is accepting bids for a front-mounting snowblower attachment compatible with a 1985 John Deere tractor model 950. Bids are also being accepted for a 12-foot aluminum boat (photo available).

We are seeking an interested party to serve on the blue-book committee. If interested please contact the board at [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org).

The board will be sponsoring a breakfast at the *Ravintola* on July 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

For members who have suggestions, comments or board-related business, please send an email to [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org). You may also contact Works Administrators Kevin Homola, Jim Santti 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, July 7, noon, visitors at noon  
Wednesday, July 24, 7:00 p.m., no visitors  
August dates not set yet

#### Future Planning Committee

Thursday, July 11, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

#### Recreation Committee

Saturday, July 20, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom

#### Sisterhood Committee

Wednesday July 12 7:00 p.m. Clubroom

### 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](mailto:newsletter_editor@finncamp.org). The committee is always seeking fun and interesting stories from members.

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