



DETROIT FINNISH COOPERATIVE SUMMER CAMP ASSOCIATION

FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

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Lily pads on Sun Lake with the diving tower reflected in the background.

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 Pype (248-926-6219).

DFCSCA Annual Golf Tournament

The Detroit Finnish Cooperative Summer Camp Association's Annual Labor Day Open Invitational Golf Tournament at Hickory Hill Golf Course on Sunday, September 1, will be a scrambles tournament. Tee times are still available. Tee times are from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.: first come, first served. Nominal entry fees plus greens fees and optional cart rental. Open to all members. See or call Mary or Rob Johnson for details and to sign up: 248-624-4568.

Campers' Picnic

Our traditional end-of-season campers' picnic will be Saturday, September 14, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., rain or shine, on the hill above the Clubroom. The Association will as usual provide hotdogs, buns and condiments as well as two tickets per membership that can be used for beverages in the bar. Please bring your own roasting sticks. Come out and share a great time with your fellow members!

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

September

- 1—Annual Golf Tournament, Hickory Hill Golf Course, tee times noon to 2:00 p.m.
- 5—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 14—Campers' Picnic, 7:00–9:00 p.m., gather outside Dance Hall
- 21—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 22—Fall Classic Men's Scramble, 8:00 a.m.
- 22—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon
- 28—Autumn Fest and *Mojakka* Cook-off, 5:00 p.m., Clubroom

October

- 3—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 5—Wine Tasting, 6:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 12—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 19—Adult Halloween Party, Clubroom
- 20—Board meeting, 10 a.m.: no visitors except new members
- 26—Children's Halloween Party, Clubroom
- 27—Semiannual Members' Meeting, 12:00 noon; registration begins at 11:00 a.m.

A 25th Anniversary Invitation

Dear Finn Camp Friends and Family,

Your love and friendship have helped us become who we are; this year we are delighted to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. Please let us thank you. Finn Camp members are invited to join us for a whimsical celebration of love in the Dance Hall, September 21, at 8:00 p.m. Fun tunes, silliness, snacks, libations, flower girls and new memories will abound. All ages welcome.

Dance as you will and dress as you will, although all young ladies are encouraged to wear their party best and be our honorary flower girls.

In the elegant words of Bob's cherished mother, Estelle, on the 25th anniversary of her own wedding to her husband, Bill, "Please respect our wishes that there be no gifts. God has blessed us with all the material goods anyone could need. We ask just for your prayers, and your presence, on this happy day."

For more details, photos, directions, news and to join the guest list, go to our website: www.mywedding.com/bobandmattie (password: mygirl).—Bob and Mattie O'Brien

Fall Classic Men's Golf Scramble

Sunday, September 22, at the River Bank Golf Course, South Lyon, 10 Mile and Currie. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.; tee-off, 9:00 a.m. See Dave Niemi or email him: finncamper@comcast.net.

Sixth Annual Wine Tasting and Pasta Dinner

This year's wine tasting takes us along the Mediterranean from Spain last year to the different winemaking regions of Italy. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 5, in the Clubroom with a light appetizer and a sparkling prosecco. At 7:00 p.m., we can enjoy a pasta dinner, while Bruce Foxworthy plays the newly reconditioned piano for our listening pleasure.

The cost is only \$20 for the full offering of dinner and wine. Limited seating will be available for dinner only, at \$8. Make your reservations by **September 27**. Email Joni Sennhenn at jsennhenn@comcast.net or call her at 248-882-4626. This event is sponsored by the Bar Committee.

Autumn Fest and Mojakka Cook-off

Pull out your stew pots and mark your calendar for 5:00 p.m., Saturday, September 28! It's time for Autumn Fest, including the ever-popular *Mojakka* Cook-off. Proceeds benefit the Finn Camp Scholarship Committee. To date we have a projected six or seven scholarship recipients, so your participation will make a difference. There will be three *mojakka* contest winners, including the People's Choice award. Last year's first-place winner, Joni Sennhenn, won with her first-ever entry. And there will be all the *mojakka* you can sample, along with rolls and bread, refreshments and dessert. So check your pantry, make your list and enter to win—it's a nice way to welcome fall and spend the day with your fellow Finn Campers. Adults are \$5, children 5 to 17 are \$3 and families (parents and children ages 5 to 17) are \$15. We'll have a cash bar and there will be live Finnish folk music by Steve Niemi

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

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

Camp 137, West Side
\$1,600 or best offer
Call Chris Aho:
248-804-2886
Please: No calls from
nonmembers

and fellow musicians. No entrants' fees; no advance sales. Sign up by phoning Millie Packard at 248-554-9998 or emailing her at millie@webcoindustrial.com. Entries will be accepted the day of the event from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Scenes from 36th Annual Finn Fest, August 9–11



Bar Committee members and customers at the beverage tent.



Greg Peltó and Chris Santti keep the kitchen moving during Finn Fest weekend. *Photos by Brian Peltó.*

Next month: A full report on what was certainly one of the best Finn Fests ever.

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

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Contact Mike Honka,
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New Member Profile: Chris Aho

Chris Aho, who joined the association in April, has long-standing ties with the Finn Camp. His father is George Aho, Jr., and his grandfather is the one for whom our league softball diamond, George Aho Memorial Field, is named. Ginger Wing, who with her husband, Gavin, is our caretaking team, is Chris's aunt.

For the last year and a half Chris has been living in the Finn Camp subdivision and in his camp on the west side. Now he's planning a move to the Royal Oak area in an effort to be near the schools he wants his three-year-old son and five-year-old daughter to have access to. Chris recognizes that being farther away from the Finn Camp will likely mean less involvement with all that has meant so much to him and his children over the years, but he hopes to maintain close ties here nevertheless.



Chris Aho and family on Mackinac Island recently.

More Lore: (You Can Never) Finnish Recycling

In last month's issue, we alerted members to the existence of the new recycling bins at the *Kentta* and Sun Lake, and reviewed how to use the Clubroom dumpsters for camp trash, the dumpster at the pole barn for building materials and how to dispose of bulky trash like used furniture at the caretakers' house. This new emphasis on Finn Camp recycling is very much in the spirit of things Finnish. In 2012 alone, Finland recycled enough beverage cans to stretch more than three times around the globe. And about 50,000 tons of glass was recycled there—imagine the bulk of five Eiffel Towers.

According to the August *Finnish American Reporter*, plastic bottles and cans are recycled in Finland at the rate of more than 90 percent. Nearly 100 percent of the used refillable glass bottles are recycled, with one bottle typically being reused an average of 33 times. Comparable U.S. figures aren't yet available—it takes several years for national agencies like the EPA to collate and publish such numbers—but recycling locally is definitely increasing. Wixom recycled at the rate of 166.5 tons per year

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.

of trash in the first six months of 2010. From January through June of 2013, the figure was 335.5 tons per year, or just a bit more than twice as much. On a smaller scale, Walled Lake recycled at the rate of 98 tons per year in the first half of 2010 and 132.5 tons per year in the same period of 2013. (Source: Michael Csapo, RRRASOC.)



Above: Adult female ruby-throated hummingbird near the west-side powerhouse.

Below: Hummingbird chicks.

Photos by Leah Paukovits.



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.

Lakes Area Bait Shop

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2600 Benstein Rd., Wolverine
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LakesArea
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Suppliers to the Finn Camp
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Articles Wanted— Member Spotlight

Do you have a favorite memory of growing up in the Finn Camp you'd like to share? Or an interesting story of Finn Camp history. 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.

Final Softball Standings

Second place: The Regulators.



First place: Merkin Softball.



This was the second year in a row that Merkin Softball beat the Regulators for the Finn Fest championship.

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?

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 last page).

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

Bids have now been closed for the two association camps that had previously been listed.

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 (below). Bids for both will be opened at the October meeting.



We are seeking an interested party to serve on the blue-book committee. If interested please contact the board at board@finncamp.org.

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, Jim Santti or Denny Sennhenn at this email address.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, September 22, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, September 5, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Recreation Committee

Saturday, September 21, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom

Forest Management

Regular monthly meetings start in November. All interested are encouraged to contact Michael Honka (248-860-5109).

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