



FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

August 2021



Mark your calendars for September 18th
Wine Tasting Under the Rav
 from 5-8pm.

Fabulous door prizes &
 lots of extra exciting things.

More details to follow.

Sponsored by The Scholarship Committee



HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!

The St. Urho's Committee would like to
 invite you to have breakfast with the St.
 Urho's King and Queen.

We will be serving Breakfast Pasties (from
 Ron's Pasties) with sausage gravey and our
 famous Green Eggs and Ham and Granola
 parfait. The breakfast will be served at the
 Finncamp Rav from 8:30 -11:30.

Sunday August 1, 2021.

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!

Come and have Breakfast with Royalty

Hope to see you there!

CALENDAR

August

- 1—**St Urhos Breakfast** 8:30 - 11:30 AM
- 6—**Voima Boys Softball** 6:00 PM
- 7—**Movie Night** Outside the Dance Hall 8:30 PM
- 7&8—**Children's Weekend**
- 11—**Board Meeting** 5:00 PM, No Visitors
- 15—**Bar Committee breakfast** 8:00 - 11:00 AM
- 25—**Future Planning Committee**
6:30 PM Sun Lake
- 27-29—**Finn Camp Back Yard Games**
- 29—**Board Meeting** 9:00 AM, Visitors at 11:00
- Finn Fest cancelled**

September

- 1—**Scholarship Applications Due**
- 5—**Labor Day Golf Outing** Hickory Hill Golf Course
- 18—**Wine Tasting** under the Rav, 5:00 - 8:00 PM
- TBD—**Board Meeting**
- 29—**Future Planning Committee**
6:30 PM Sun Lake

• The Clubroom

*is now open to Members & Guests
 on Wednesday, Friday & Saturday Nights
 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM*

• Sauna Hours:

Saturdays & Sundays: 1-3pm for Seniors &
 High Health Risk Individuals. 3-9pm is open for
 anyone.

Wednesdays: 3pm-9pm for anyone
 (there are no senior hours on Wednesdays)

UPCOMING EVENTS;

*Note: Not all events are listed on this and other
 DFCSA calendars. If you are planning an event,
 check availability of the specific facility on a
 certain date, please call 248-882-4626*

**All newsletter material is due
 on the 15th of each month.**

Member Invoices for Property Taxes

Your annual membership Finn Camp bill
 for property taxes will be sent on August
 1st and is due by September 1st. Members
 who do not pay their invoices by
 September 1st will be added to the
 delinquent list and denied use of all the
 facilities. If you chose to receive your
 invoice via email you will not receive a
 paper copy in the mail and it will be
 emailed from Intuit E-Commerce Services
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 do not receive your invoice by August 12
 please email treasurer@finncamp.org.



A SNAPSHOT OF SUMMER IN THE 60s

by Madeline Salonen

Just one look at Lyn Aro's face [second picture] and you know that summer's always been special at the Finn Camp! Russ Matero dug into his archives and pulled out these photos of summer fun on Loon Lake in the 60s. Do you spot any differences from then til now? For starters, the concrete boat launch-- which was installed some 20 years ago by Ray Malila--is missing from the picture. Prior to the sturdier cement boat launch, many cars and trucks used to get stuck while launching boats. Camp colors have changed over the years, a swing or two appear to be missing, the vehicle models shown here are now vintage. But in many respects, our Finn Camp has remained true to its roots.



Lyn Aro
with the old west-side bathroom in the background.

Until the 60s Finn Camp had serene Loon Lake mostly to itself for swimming, fishing and bathing. While these days it's not uncommon to see pleasure boats crisscross Loon Lake

whenever the sun's shining, it wasn't always like that. In the early 1960s it was Russ Matero's family speedboat that was one of the first to rile the waters of the tranquil lake. Picture Nordic faces, eyes squinted against the brilliant sun--skimming the waters on lacquered wooden skis, outstretched arms holding tightly onto the taut line--as the boat magically traversed the choppy little waves left by the wake. Another teenager's dream: captaining the boat on the empty lake, spritzing the squealing passengers as the wake is crossed, again and again.



From left to right: Karen Solin, Marilyn Matero, Cheryl Connally, Janet Matero, Eric Holm, Jim Leppi, Karl Aro, Chris Rentola, Delle Aro
[Russ' best guess at names.]

What an enviable childhood: Finn Camp kids hanging out all summer at Loon Lake, an idyllic summer of water-skiing, sun-bathing and friendship-making. Note the changes to the far side of the lake: homes dot the perimeter where the old farmhouse once stood, and there are now high voltage lines going across that end of the lake.

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A SNAPSHOT OF SUMMER IN THE 60s

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Finn Camp kids posing on tractor from left to right are Ron Morris, Marilyn Matero, Janet Matero, Diane Morris and Russ Matero.

When you live in Michigan, summer fun comes to an end sooner than you'd like. In this fall photo from 1964, the old Finn Camp tractor ended up having to pull Matero's boat out of the lake at the end of that season.

--A big shout-out to Russ Matero for sharing these great photos!

Scholarship Committee News



Just a reminder that the deadline to submit a scholarship application is September 1.

The application can be found on the Finn Camp website, along with the list of required documentation. www.finncamp.org

As in the past, please include a transcript for the school year 2020-2021, including fall grades. Minimum GPA is 3.0.

Email the Board of Directors or the Works Administrator if you are looking for more work hours.



Hei Everyone,

The monarch caterpillars have finally appeared in the Butterfly Garden; the way you can tell is the milkweed leaves have irregular-shaped holes. The caterpillars are eating the leaves, allowing them to reach their growth potential. The chrysalis phase will be next, and in a few weeks we will have monarch butterflies fluttering about.

The Herb Garden is full of delicious fresh herbs. Please help yourself. Something has been eating the tops tomato plants, so our tomato crop this year will be slight.

Just wanted to give a shout out to our current St. Urho's King, Scott Taipala, for clearing the wooded area on the Loon Lake front corner of our property. For the last couple of years he has worked tirelessly removing poison ivy, bittersweet vines, dead trees and branches.

He also has been burning out an old tree stump that was infested with millions of ants. Mike Honka advised burning it out instead of using the stump grinder and allowing the ants to disperse. Eventually we would like to build a butterfly garden in that area. So thanks again, Scott, for taking the initiative to tackle a job that no one had the SISU to do.

Thank you to everyone that donated the variety of books to the Little Library Boxes. The books must have been good ones because we are getting low again. If anyone has some books to share with our fellow Finn campers, please drop them off in the Little Library Boxes at the Butterfly Garden area and the Westside Bathroom building. Our book worms would appreciate it very much!



Finn Camp Back Yard Games

August 27th - 29th

Hello folks!

We are putting together a weekend of back yard games and various other events. The first thing on the slate will be a Saturday Morning Yoga session lead by our very own Jaymie Ziegler. The kitchen will also be open serving Mimosas and Bloody Mary's with breakfast. Dinner will be offered later in the day as well. Sunday the kitchen will open for breakfast again with a morning alethic class or yoga session, that is TBD.

More details on the specific day events will be released later but expect them to include pool, darts, cornhole, horseshoes, pickleball and kickball.

Watch your email or Facebook
for more information soon!



Looking for something to do!
Well, Pickleball is it!
We have several paddles and balls available
in the shed by the ball field.
The net is always up and ready to play.
Go and enjoy one of the
fastest growing games in the USA!



BOARD NOTES & REMINDERS

New work hour cards are now located at the sauna building and the clubroom.

The Board would like to remind all members that the use of heavy equipment must only be done with approval of the mechanical committee. Rob Zewatsky is the mechanical committee chair. Contact Rob or the board for permission to use the equipment.

Members with suggestions, comments or board-related business are asked to e-mail board@finncamp.org. General questions may be answered by visiting www.finncamp.org.

Attention all committees: The Board would like for you to communicate with us regarding events, projects and fund-raises you are planning. We would like to support your endeavors and projects and would like to make sure that multiple committees are not planning on tackling the same area to prevent overlapping, or we can connect those committees so they can work together. The social director should also be contacted prior to scheduling events to prevent conflicts with other events or activities.

Trash Rules: Dumpsters are for members use only! Do not put in large or long items that may wedge or jam the dumpster when being tipped into the garbage truck. No major dumping on festival weekends. No overfilling. No furniture, propane tanks, wood, construction materials or other large items are to be left in, by or around the dumpster. Large items can be placed at roadside near the tractor garage on Tuesdays for

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Last fall Amber & Rob Pisha built two sets of Cornhole Game Boards. One set will be at Sun Lake Beach and the other will be at Loon Lake. This spring Amanda and Israel Nordin worked their creative magic and did a sweet urban camouflage paint job. Amanda also sewed together sets of the bean bags for both locations. Bean bags will be stored in the Sauna building Office. At Loon Lake we will store the bean bags in the Little Library Box on the Westside Bathroom building. We can only afford to provide the first set of bean bags. Amanda Nordin will be making more bean bags if you would like to buy a set for your personal use. We hope you enjoy some Cornhole Fun! --another project idea of *The Sisu Sisters*

UP FOR A GAME?

Detroit: The Bowling Capital of the World.

There are far more sanctioned league bowlers in the Metro Detroit area than any other city. Most, if not all, of us were introduced to the game at an early age by our parents. We would wobble up to the foul line with our multi-colored 6 lb. ball and, with two hands, dump it out onto the lane, watching with glee as the ball would slowly roll towards the pins. Most times it would end up in either of the two gutters. Final scores of 11, 6, or worse would be the norm, until bowling centers came up with bumpers in the gutters. This enabled all bowlers to keep their balls on the lanes, ensuring the knocking down of at least a few pins with each attempt. Some of us were hooked and went on to join a league or two, wanting to get better, using only our dominant arm. That concept has worked in the sport for years until a new craze hit the lanes: two-handed bowling. A young Australian, Jason Belmonte, revolutionized the game a dozen years ago with his unorthodox two-handed approach. Using just the fingers on his right hand (no thumb) with the left hand resting on top of the ball, "Belmo" was able to create incredible revolutions on the ball resulting in powerful strikes, unseen by many observers. He became the best bowler on the planet. His style became a trend as many youngsters would copy it with mixed results. There are many on the tour today. One such bowler was Osku Palermaa.



A native of Espoo, Finland, Palermaa quickly established himself as a legitimate contender on the PBA tour, winning the 2011 PBA World Championship in 2011, just three years after joining the circuit. He's

gone on to win four other titles and has 52 perfect games to his credit. One of the other talents he has on the lanes is his incredible ability to generate speed as well as power. Most bowlers throw the ball hard at one pin spares, mostly the corner pins. A normal speed for the pros is around 20 m.p.h. Osku however has been clocked at almost 30 m.p.h! Using just his right hand, Osku has made several of the deadly 7-10 splits. This split cannot be made by sliding one pin over to the other. One pin must be hit so hard that it jumps out of the pit and careens over to the other pin. On one such occasion, the TV commentator predicted that he would convert the split during competition. Osku did not let the audience down. BANG! You can Google his name and check out some of his other accomplishments. Two handed bowling. Who knew?

by Gary Delavan,

BOARD NOTES & REMINDERS

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Wednesday pickup. The dumpster at Sun Lake is for Finn Camp projects only. No personal or camp debris is allowed.

Facility Reservations: Any member interested in renting the clubroom, dancehall, ravintola, or beach should contact the social director, Joni Sennhenn, at 248-882-4626. Also, all committees should verify venue availability with the social director prior to scheduling events as private rentals may conflict.

Camp rentals are handled through the Board of Directors. Any member looking to rent their camp should complete a camp rental form and submit it to the Board prior to the rental date.

Email board@finncamp.org.

The Finn Camp has a member's only group on Facebook. If you are not a member of the group and would like to be added contact Linda Gooden at gooden_71@hotmail.com with your email address and she will add you to the group. This group will include private members only events. Work projects can be another form of communication to our members.

You can now pay your Finn Camp bill online with PayPal by using treasurer@finncamp.org.

You must select "Transfer to friends & family" and pay directly from your PayPal or bank account to avoid a fee. All fees incurred by Finn Camp will be charged to that member's account. Fees will be charged if paying with a credit card or selecting "transfer for goods or services."

Labor Day Golf Outing

at Hickory Hill

Thank you to Mary and Rob Johnson for supporting this event throughout the years. This has been a great tradition and we are happy to continue this event.

Finn Camp's Annual Labor Day Open Invitational Golf Tournament at Hickory Hill Golf Course will be Sunday, September 5th, 2021.

- This is a scrambles tournament.
- Tee times are from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. First come first served.
- There will be nominal entry fees plus greens fees and optional cart rental.
- This event is open to all members.
- BBQ after tournament at Sun Lake.

Please see or text:
Becky Wendela (248-762-7282) or
Jeff Pype (248-675-9578) to sign up.



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PICKLEBALL

FOR ALL!

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To kick-off Children's Weekend we have several activities & games in the works. (maybe even a parade...) From Noon to Whenever (this will be in lieu of the Swim Meet)

also:

Saturday, August 7th

- 1 pm - Watermelon at Sun Lake
- 4 to 7 pm - Games/Activities at The Hill
- Kenta open for business. menu TBD. (Piirakkas will be available!!)
- 4 to 8:30 pm - Music/Dancing/Karaoke. at the Dancehall
- 8:30pm. Family Movie Night. Dancehall, Outside at the horseshoes area.

Sunday, August 8th:

- 8am to 11. Kenta will be open for breakfast.
- Noon to 2-ish. Children's Track Meet. Ravintola.

Children's Weekend work hour opportunities:

August 7th and 8th. (Saturday) Watermelon duty/Activity/game set-up and take-down, running activities/games, kitchen help; (Sunday) kitchen help, track meet set-up and take-down. For helping in the kitchen, expect work hours to start an hour before serving and an hour afterward. If you are interested in supporting the Recreation Committee to obtain some work hours or would like more information regarding duties, please contact us: recreation@finncamp.org.



Finn Camp Store



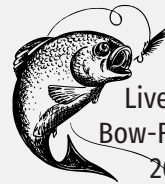
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BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Future Planning

August 25, 6:30 PM Sun Lake

Board of Directors

Wednesday, August 11, 5:00 PM, no visitors

Sunday, August 29, 9:00 AM, Visitors at 11:00



In Finland

There are 187,888 Lakes within Finnish Territory
Finland "The Land of a Thousands Lakes".

Congratulations to Tim and Amber Martin on their new baby girl



Helina Lee Martin

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. All you have to do is provide 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. (Over 50 word copy will be edited to fit.)
- The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the 15th of each month.

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Wine Tasting

September 18th

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