



FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

September
2021



Matt Kujala with his son Henry completing the Closest to the Pin at the kid's Track Meet

It was quite a different docket this year....
Kiitos to everyone who came to help support the Recreation Committee for Children's Weekend...from the volunteers to the patrons!

If you participated in the tie dye, please submit a picture of your final results....we are putting together a collage of the dyed items (preferably wearing some or all of them) for display. Please send to the **recreation email** or post on the Members Only Face Book page.

Congratulations to all of the Track Meet Contestants!!

Age Group 4 & Under: Henry Kujala (1st)

Age 5-7 Girls: Sophia Pye (1st), Lily Shaheen (2nd) and Amelia Dreisbach (3rd)

Age 5-7 Boys: Donovan Rudzki (1st) and Jacob Kujala (2nd)

Age 8-10 Girls: Kimmie Wiggins (1st)

Age 8-10 Boys: Oliver Honka-Wiggins (1st) and Adrian Tury (2nd).

We have some remaining frozen beef pasties, breakfast pasties and loaves of pulla for sale for \$6 each. Contact Jody Dernberger at 248-819-8964 or recreation@finncamp.org if you are interested in purchasing (pick-up only).

Looking forward to our next event is the kid's Halloween party, always scheduled for the Saturday prior to Halloween, which is October 30th this year.

CALENDAR

September

1—**Scholarship Applications Due**

4—**Goofy Golf**, 11:00 AM, A-Field

5—**Labor Day Golf Outing** Hickory Hill Golf Course

11—**Camper's Picnic**, 7:00 PM

18—**Wine Tasting**, under the Rav, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

26—**Board Meeting**, 9AM, Visitors at 11:00

29—**Future Planning Committee** 6:30 PM Sun Lake

October

3—**Co-Ed Golf Outing**, 9AM

10—**Board Meeting**, 9AM, Visitors at 11:00

23—**Adult Halloween Party**

24—**Semi-Annual Meeting**

27—**Future Planning Committee**, 6:30PM, Sun Lake

30—**Kid's Halloween Party**

**The Clubroom is now open
to Members & Guests**

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.**

***Anyone interested in running this event
can earn their entire 24-hour work
requirement.***

The evening typically starts-off with Trick-or-Treating through West side Camp Country, hay rides, and games/activities/snacks/music either outside (weather permitting) or in the Dancehall. Contact us at recreation@finncamp.org if you are interested in taking on this annual event for our kids.

**"Keep an eye out for a cider mill excursion
in late Sept/early Oct."**



Finn Camp has always been an ideal place for kids! There are swimming lessons, the Children's Weekend, a Halloween party, children's *Pikkujoulu* (kids' Christmas celebration), etc. There was once even a Kids' Clubhouse, as Tina Santti pointed out in one of her emails to me. Fortunately there are still a number of people with vivid memories of their teenage years at Finn Camp who were able to provide me with details about this facility.

I never cease to be amazed by the ambition and foresight of the early Finn Camp founders! Even while they were consumed with the physical challenges of turning woods and farmland into a recreation area complete with swimming lake, diving tower and baseball diamond--as well as building a sauna, *ravintola*, dance hall, etc.--these early members also recognized the importance of education and culture. True to their charter of "promoting social, intellectual, cultural and physical welfare," by 1927 summer school was offered, and by 1929 a school building with outhouses had been built, and teachers were hired to teach athletics, culture, drama, etc. During the 30s the school building was used as a bunkhouse for overnights, and Barb Niemi recalls her mother talking about overnights there with friends. Early pajama parties at Finn Camp!

At some point, the building took on the moniker of "Clubhouse." The "Clubhouse" was a small, white, one-story wood-clad cottage with front and rear doors, located northwest of Lyonia and Creyts Streets at the edge of "Cottage Country." The cottage had three minimally-furnished rooms: one for boys, one for girls and a center room with a piano, ping pong table and bumper pool table. The pool table was a big hit, and Russ Matero remembers being a pretty decent player by the end of the summer! Kids could also amuse themselves here with various board games, toys, books,

paint-by-number pictures, craft supplies and a stack of Boys' Life magazines. Rein Kansman, Harry and Delores' son, who spent summers at Finn Camp, remembers a pop machine at the Clubhouse as being another attraction where you could rid yourself of a little change! There was no kitchen [what? no treats?!] or bathroom (if you had to go, you went to the outhouse across the road. No big deal.)

Given that most kids were involved in swimming lessons all summer, it was never a much-used meeting place (who wanted to be indoors when there was the great outdoors?). But before swimming lessons, on a rainy day, or for planned activities like archery lessons or tennis lessons at Walled Lake, etc., it was a central meeting point. On Wednesdays, kids assembled here for the evening activities like roller skating, horseback riding, or canoeing at Proud Lake.

The Clubhouse was a good place to meet up and hang out for a few hours. Parents could feel comfortable that their kids were being well-supervised: the Recreation Committee hired responsible Finn Camp teens to open, close up and supervise the kids there. Among those who worked there were sisters Barb Niemi and Karen Niemi, Carol Tuorin [Santti], and others. Barb (hired by Delores Kansman of that season's Recreation Committee) remembers earning about \$20/week.

The kids' Clubhouse no longer exists, but its disappearance is (according to my limited research) remains a bit of a mystery. Some members remember it burning, others believe it was demolished. According to Harry Kansman, it burned to the ground and was then destroyed. Apparently it wasn't missed much....

Any early attempts at teaching Finnish never drew much interest. Tina Santti informed me that the only signs in Finnish were originally *ravintola*, *sauna* and *tanssisali*. The rustic wooden signs greeting members and visitors at the Clubhouse--*Tervetuloa!*-- and the sauna/beach area--*Ranta-Sauna*-- were made later by member Ernest Kalist. We're happy to see Gavin Wing II adding some new Finnish vocabulary: the June *Lenkki* (a walk around a trail) and *mäki* (hill), introduced during the most



Thank you 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
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.

**The Finn Camp
Co-Ed Fall Golf Outing Closer**

is Sunday Oct 3rd at Riverbank Golf course.

9am shotgun start • \$10 kickers • Optional \$10 skins
Please register early by e-mailing Chris Nordin
Chris@chrisnordinstudios.com

Or text your group's names to 313-683-3363



recent Children's Weekend.

A big *kiitos* to Tina Santti, Sharon Junnola, Russ Matero, Barb Niemi and Steve Niemi, and to Harry and Rein Kansman for their helpful contributions to this article.



Enjoy a beautiful evening with your friends at the Rav! Several delicious wines around the world have been selected for your enjoyment. Tasty appetizers and dessert available while browsing the amazing raffle table filled with fabulous, must-have treasures!

*Door prize entry included
with your reservation!*

**'Wines Around the World'
10 wines comprising of 5 reds and 5
whites**

**Enjoy Appetizers
Delicious Dessert
Raffle Table
52 Card Board
Grand Prize of Golf & Fun!**

Door Prizes

\$25.00

Space is limited!

RSVP by 9/12/21 to

scholarships@finncamp.org

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

RESERVATIONS *by email only*
EMAIL: scholarships@finncamp.org

Sponsored by The Scholarship Committee

**Calling out current and former
Finn Camp Scholarship Recipients**
your help is needed for a wine tasting event
on September 18, from 3:30 to 9 PM.
Please email scholarships@finncamp.org



Hei Finn Campers,

Thank you to everyone that donated books for our Little Library Boxes. A special thank you to our neighbor on Loon Lake Sherry Pacynski. She generously donated over a 100 books. We are very grateful!

There are Finn Camp Cook Books available to purchase \$5 each.



We still have a couple painting projects in the Butterfly Garden area, if you're looking for hours.

Contact tammie@tammieking.com for further details and Cook Books.

**We're bringing back
an old Labor Day tradition:**

GOOFY GOLF!!

Teams of two will take on each hole in a head to head competition, putting their way through obstacles scattered across the A-field, like water ponds and through the fences. **All ages are welcome!**

Some clubs and hockey sticks will be available, but it would be helpful if you brought your own along.

If we have volunteers for [#workhours](#) the kitchen will be open! Just like a real golf course, a beer cart will be making rounds for your beverage needs (water, pop, beer)!

Fee for Goofy Golf is \$5 per person
Winner of each team of two will receive a \$5 voucher good for use at the kitchen or in the Clubroom.

The player with the overall best score will be awarded the Finn Camp Goofy Golf trophy!!



CORNHOLE **AT THE FINN CAMP!**

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?



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 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."

Work Administrators Update



There are still plenty of projects for work hours. Work hour inquiries can be directed to any of the work administrators: Tony Koski 616-813-5656, Mike Niemasz 248-240-0480 and Becky Wendela 248-762-7282. We are actively trying to increase transparency of projects and project status. Until then please do not hesitate to reach out.

Need tools or supplies? We often have supplies available. If not, we will purchase them or can help to approve costs so you can get what you need to complete the projects. If you see something around the property that needs to be done or you have specialized skills and willing to help with special projects please let us know.

Property Work Needs:

- The bricks of the outdoor dressing room at sun lake need to be cleaned and painted both outside and inside.
- Prepping and painting the indoor sauna dressing room ceiling on the men's side due to paint chipping
- The grills at sun lake need to be cleaned and painted. One grill is broken and we are working on a fix for this grill.
- Sun lake and sauna - outdoor dressing rooms need weed whacking as well as overall

The Sauna will be Open for Normal Operation after Labor Day

On Saturdays and Sundays from 1pm-9pm
(Seniors and high risk only from 1pm-3pm) and on
Wednesdays from 6pm-9pm (no senior hours).

Sunday Saunas will be open only if we have a volunteer to run it. *Do not attend sauna if you are sick, have any COVID-19 symptoms, or have had close contact (within 6ft for 15 minutes) within 14 days of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. If you test positive for COVID-19 and were recently on Finn Camp property, please inform the Board of Directors at board@finncamp.org so we can take the necessary precautions. It is the responsibility of each member to make good choices to help keep everyone safe.* You can sign up to run the sauna for work hours using the links below.

Wednesday Sauna Work Hours:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094BADA728ABF58-wednesday>

Sunday Sauna Work Hours:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094BADA728ABF58-sunday20>

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Work Administrators Update

Continued

grounds clean-up such as weeding around the tress and areas that are overgrown.

- Scrapping off algæ that has accumulated on the ladders and platform at Sun Lake.
- Outside the rav and around the grounds needs weed whacking
- Outside the rav ball field bleachers weed whacking and weed control on both home and visitor sides as well as dugouts and around fence behind home base
- There is some caulking work that needs to be done around the inside entrance to clubroom on the main entry side
- Steps outside dance hall need to be power washed and safety treads need to be placed on the steps to avoid slipping.
- Many picnic tables and benches need to be scrapped and new varnish applied. Small fixes to many are also needed. It would be great to complete this before we put them away for winter storage.
- The clubroom kitchen can be cleaned and organized as well as the back hall in back of the kitchen by the board room
- The vestibules entering the clubroom can also be cleaned.

The woods committee meets regularly and always needs extra people. Contact Mike Honka for special projects relating to woods committee.

Thank you to everyone who keeps this place running all year long!



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

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

Please include a transcript for the school year 2020-21, 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.

Attention Current & Former Scholarship Recipients

your help is needed for a wine tasting event
on September 18, from 3:30 to 9 PM.

To Help Please Email: scholarships@finncamp.org

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or email, Store@finncamp.org.



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I'm Looking for a Handy-Person



*I'd like some help with
a few projects on my camp*

Contact Connie for details: 313-492-8862
or e-mail at: cclynny@aol.com
It's camp #154, Thank You.

Cords of Firewood For sale \$55 for members.

Delivery is extra
to schedule loading and pick up.
Call or text Mike Honka at
248-860-5109

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BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Future Planning

Wednesday, September 29, 6:30 PM, Sun Lake

Board of Directors

Sunday, September 26, 9:00 AM, Visitors at 11:00

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

quickbooks@notification.intuit.com. If you do not receive your invoice by August 12 please email treasurer@finncamp.org.

In Finland



It can be very expensive to drive fast in Finland

The Speeding fines are calculated on the violator's total income.

This means that the rich can face fines of up to \$100,000 when driving faster than the speed limit. In fact, the CEO of Nokia received a fine of \$103,600 after breaking the speed limits.

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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The Finn Camp Co-Ed Fall Golf Outing Closer

is Sunday Oct 3rd, see page 3 for details