

# PLEASANT VALLEY VIEWS

August 2008



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## **\*\*Notice\*\***

**This newsletter is acting as notification of a  
General Membership Meeting/Elections  
Scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm**

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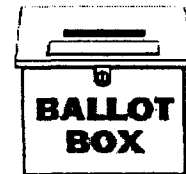
## **PRESIDENT'S DESK**

*By Mary Cummins*

The long lazy days of summer are drawing to a close and soon the sound of school buses will replace the joyful sounds of summer. I would like to take this time to thank the many people who were involved with our community and had a hand in making our varied activities such a success. Thanks to:

- The Board of Trustees for sharing their time and talents to make our community such a nice area. I am deeply grateful for all the work that you all do to help our community.
- Janice and the beach staff for running and maintaining the beach to such a high standard of safety.
- Erin Knighton and all the volunteers who helped at Water Carnival. Without the tireless efforts of these volunteers the day wouldn't have gone as smoothly as it did.
- Pat Kane for keeping a watchful eye on the comings and goings of the beach, ball field and clubhouse.
- All the generous patrons who purchased ice cream this summer. All of the profits will go into our Beach Beautification Fund to continue to help maintain our beach as one of the most beautiful in Vernon.
- Roseanne Norris who helped sell ice cream on the weekends, your help is greatly appreciated.

Please be sure to take note of the enclosed ballot located within this newsletter.



Our Annual General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 7pm at the Clubhouse. Please return your ballot to the PVCC office prior to the meeting.

## **SOCIAL SCENE**

*By Erin DeLuca-Knighton  
& Maegann Struble*

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Appreciation Party**

It's hard to believe that 10 years have passed since our first **Senior Appreciation Gathering** was held at the Clubhouse. The addition of

the pavilion at our beach allowed us to relocate the event and over the years this has grown to be a favorite social event at Pleasant Valley Lake. Many of our volunteers and donors have been with us since the beginning and we couldn't appreciate you more!

This year our guests were treated to a wonderful afternoon of great music, courtesy of **DJ Mike Molloy, of DJ's Du Jour**. Mike had the crowd up on their feet and enjoying a lovely Sunday afternoon. Many guests have asked to have him back again.

*Thanks to all of these volunteers and donors who have helped to make the party enjoyable for our senior members & their guests.*

***The Hunton Family, Dane, Emma & Chloe DeLuca-Knighton, Stella Kolakowski, The Rettigs, The Sabols, The Struble Family, Anne Nielsen, Nick Hampton, Imette Hyman, Patty, Courtney & Katie Weber, Regina Koot, McAfee Hardware, Ronetco ShopRite, Nearly New Consignments, Scenic Farms Golf Course, Skylands Ice World, and Anonymous Donors***

## **Annual Kids Beach Dance**

We started the season off with a great turn out and a perfect night for a favorite summer gathering at the beach, **The Annual Kids Beach Dance**. **DJ Mike Molloy of DJ's Du Jour** played a great selection of dance music and organized fun-filled games and contests. Snacks, drinks and prizes were provided and guards were on duty until dark. The Kids Beach Dance has remained a favorite summertime event for kids of all ages at Pleasant Valley Lake.

## **Water Carnival 2008**

Well, another Water Carnival has come and gone and hopefully all of our volunteers have recuperated from a very long day of hard work in the heat of the scorching July sun.

I want to thank the following volunteers for the exceptional contribution they made to Water Carnival 2008: **Mary & Brian, Connor, TJ & Logan Cummins, Elaine & Carl Rettig, Ed & Jason Nitch, Dave & Stephen Marositz, Herb & Paulette Willey, Mike Ruiz & Marisol Ortiz, Greg Gambutti, Maegann & Floyd Struble, Ron & Debbie Rosana, Terri Pleper (and her daughter), Don & Liz Couser, Mary Martin, Jim Molloy, Emma & Chloe DeLuca, Butch & Audra Hover, Brian & Christine Logue, Jean, Ray and Isaac Delbury, Tom & Michele Cimino, John & Darlene Sabol, Rob Houdersheldt, Luz & Chris Hunton, John & Gina Prause, Pat Moynihan, Sol Calvacca, Julianne Kolakowski, John Blcskel, and any others whom I may have missed.**

The morning set-up crew was phenomenal. Thanks to this great group of volunteers everything was moved from the clubhouse in record time

(under ten minutes.) We are talking, all of the food, the buns & rolls, the freezer, utensils, tables, prizes, cups, **EVERYTHING!** The crew worked like a well-oiled machine. Thanks again to these awesome members.

**Don Couser**, with help from **Jim Molloy**, spent weeks preparing for the annual horseshoe tournament. They raked out and leveled the pits. Don made intricate boards depicting brackets and standings. He hand made the score boards for each pit. He constructed a safe little Horseshoe Village with netting, fencing and tarps and then he spent the whole day, until after 8pm, running this tournament. The amount of creativity and work that went into this tournament was exceptional. **Thank you Don.**

**DJ Neil** and his associates filled in for **Tommy Tunes** and provided great entertainment throughout the afternoon. Neil played a wide-variety of music and kept the Scavenger Hunt moving right along. He ran a great dance contest and his young helpers really "wowed" the crowd. Thanks, **DJ Neil!**

**Christine Logue** created awesome photo boards depicting Tarzan & Jane and a pile of monkeys. Chris' talents are remarkable and once again she out did herself. **Thanks Chris!**

With few exceptions, our Water Carnival volunteers were the same familiar faces we have seen year after year. Many of the volunteers who started the day off completing a litany of chores like running around to pick up kegs of soda, balloons, crates of corn, blocks of ice etc. were the same weary souls who remained steadfast until the very last items were cleaned up & packed away.

412 guests attended this year's Water Carnival and, as usual, little

more than 10% of them volunteered to help in one capacity or another.

### **Attention Members who have yet to volunteer at Water Carnival:**

Some of you may not realize that many of the volunteers who run this event dedicate the **entire day** to serving **you**. These volunteers pay the same amount of money for their tickets as each of you do. Still many of them have yet to actually attend and enjoy a Water Carnival with their families **for more than ten years**. Truthfully, we have the whole set-up and organization of Water Carnival down to a science. Our morning volunteers know exactly what to do and where everything gets set-up. Our grill area volunteers know how to get everything started and they do the very best to keep things moving along. They are amazing.

The problem is that year after year a core group of volunteers never get to leave the grill area. They start there and finish there and one more Water Carnival is a blur. Some have expressed a desire to run Water Carnival as a bi-annual event or even to not have it at all. I'm asking those of you who have enjoyed years of Water Carnival without helping out to please consider how you can get involved. A meeting will be scheduled early next year to decide **how and if** we will schedule Water Carnival for the coming year.

**And the Winner Is...**

### **Horseshoe Tournament Results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place- Jimmy & Mike Molloy**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Don & Dave Couser**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Floyd Struble & Karl Klein**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Place- John Saxton & Jim Molloy\***
- \*The Big Upset\***

### **Chili Cook-off Results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place- Paulette Willey**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Theresa Hines**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Patty Witte**



**Judges: Luz Hunton, Sol Calvacca, Isaac Delbury**

### **Bake-off Results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place- Kerri Rettig & Caltlyn McCall**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Chloe DeLuca**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Amy Linsalata**

**Judges: Brittany Vaszlavik, Steffanie Bicskei**

Congratulations to all of our winners!

### **Water Carnival Horseshoe Tournament** **By Don Couser**

What a beautiful day we had for this year's **Water Carnival** Horseshoe Tournament! The cool breeze wafting off of the lake kept our competitors comfortable throughout the entire event.

Each year we have 22-24 teams of two compete for trophies and tournament bragging rights. This year our teams included five young adults ages 15-17 who competed along with an adult partner. Sometimes their talents outshined the adult competitors as these young participants threw ringer after ringer. It is rewarding to see the next generation take such an interest in the tournament as they grow to be competitive players. Our five female contenders also gave us a run for our money and had some of our participants sweating it out.

All of the competitors, young and old, male and female arrived with the same goal in mind-to beat the reigning champs, **Jim Molloy** and **John Saxton**. Thanks to **John Sabol** and his partner **Ron Broncato** that goal was achieved as they sent Jim and John to the losers bracket.

Four teams made it to the quarterfinals with the final results as follows:

**4<sup>th</sup> Place**, and the big upset, **Jim Molloy and John Saxton**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Floyd Struble and Karl Klein**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Don and Dave Couser**

And...drum roll please...**1st Place**, and the new **Pleasant Valley Lake Champions – Mike and Jimmy Molloy**. Congratulations to all!

I encourage everyone to arrive for an earlier start time next year so that the tournament can conclude and the results can be announced at the closing of Water Carnival.

In closing I would like to send out a big thank you to everyone who helped me run a successful tournament: **Jim Molloy**, for mowing and preparing the pits, **John Saxton**, for his donation of sand for the pits, **Dave Couser and Bob Martin**, for helping keep track of team results when I was busy with other tasks and to everyone who helped clean up the pit area after the end of a very long day. All of your contributions are genuinely appreciated.

I look forward to seeing many familiar faces and new participants at next year's tournament.

## Movies at the Beach

This year we enjoyed **Thursday night movies** at the beach throughout the month of July. Beginning with "**Bad News Bears**" and featuring other family favorites including "**Underdog**", "**The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes**" and "**Goodburger**". **Movies at the Beach** continues to be a favorite summer program.

Special thanks to **Ron Rosana** for arriving early to help set up for Movie Nights. Ron used his sharp attention to detail to tug, pull and staple until the movie screen was perfectly taut and wrinkle-free!

## **Ladies, Start your Machines and Mark your Calendars!** *By Maureen Laslett*

*Do you own a sewing machine (and have for years) but haven't really used it because you're not sure HOW to? Well, get that old workhorse out of the closet and bring it to the clubhouse on Friday evening January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 6-10pm. Let us jump-start you and your machine!*

*Our family has lived in Pleasant Valley for 15 years. My husband **Jon** & I own Pieceful Choices Quilt Shop near the RR tracks on Rt. 94 in McAfee. We love sewing, quilting and meeting new people! We also love our sewing machines and we want to help you get better acquainted with yours!*

*Bring your machine, power cord, foot pedal, manual (if you have it) some scissors, a loaded bobbin, and an open mind, and we'll guide you through the basic functions of your machine as we help you make a small project.*

*We want to rev up your creative engines and get you excited about sewing again! Please RSVP by Jan.9th if you plan to attend! Join Us!*

Pleasant Valley Country Club,  
Inc.  
Presents our 3rd Annual



## **Back-to School Youth Horseshoe Tournament**

Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

2pm at the beach

Ages 12-17

Call the office for  
details

@ 973-209-8066

## **Annual Holiday Family Dinner/Dance**

Our **annual holiday gathering** is scheduled for Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm. This party offers a time for community members to get together for an evening of dancing, dinner and socializing. **Santa** will stop by for a visit and he usually packs his bag with a special treat for each and every child.

This is a potluck style dinner and seating is limited. Therefore we must request that you RSVP no later than November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please let us know how many will attend and what dinner entrée you will bring. PVCC will supply dessert and soft drinks. As always, we will have a great DJ and an area will be available for family photos. We look forward to seeing all of you for our last get-together of 2008.

## **WATERFRONT DIRECTOR**

*By Janice Vaszlavik*

Another summer is behind us. I want to thank everyone for their cooperation and your appreciation for the work the lifeguards and I do. Your comments encourage our young staff to continue their work with pride.

Again, this year the children flourished during swim lessons. They have successfully learned to be good swimmers and lifesavers. The staff and I are so proud of them all.

We provided lessons seven days a week for all ages. We started providing weekend lessons last year. Parents that were not able to get their children down to the lake during the week appreciate these lessons. So keep this in mind for next year and bring your children down for some fun in the sun.

Adults that would like to learn to swim if you did not have the opportunity to do so when you were younger, see me next June. I will help you overcome your fears and teach you the necessary skills. Swimming can be a lot of fun especially when you can do it together with your family. In addition to teaching adults that are non-swimmers, I also can help those of you that would like to perfect your skills. We have a lot of fun during classes, so come on down. Keep in mind that if you work during the day we can make arrangements on the weekend to help you obtain those long awaited swim skills. So do not be shy come see me. I promise I will be your teacher, one adult to another.

Another person who needs thanking is **Floyd Struble**. Every year that we get a shipment of new sand Floyd graciously volunteers to spread it and he always does a fine job. So when you see him, do me a favor, let him know you appreciate his efforts.

In addition, please show your appreciation to **Bela Vaszlavik** and the **Rosanna Family** for all the trips to BJ's for supplies. I am so grateful for their efforts.

This year three of our Lifeguard Staff members are off to college. I know we all wish them the best. **Steffanie Bicskel** will be attending Rutgers University in New Brunswick, **Eugene Santos** is attending Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Ct. and **Brittany Vaszlavik** will be heading out to Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, PA. All three of them graduated with honors from Vernon High School this year. So join me in wishing them the best. We know they will be successful.

The **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Novice Swim Meet** was a great success. The children swam their hearts out and the spectators enjoyed the competition. This event is open to everyone ages three to seventeen. If you enjoy a little friendly competition come on down next year and join in the fun.

## **PVCC 13th ANNUAL SWIM MEET RESULTS**

### **Co-Ed 4 & Under 12 Yd Freestyle**

1st Amelia Meneses 13.60  
2nd Joseph Feibus  
3rd Annie Laurie Carr

### **Girls 5+6 12 Yd Freestyle**

\*1st Emily Nitch 13.72  
2nd Olivia Amorsi  
3rd Rebekah Yanez

### **Boys 5+6 12 Yd Freestyle**

No Entry this year

### **Girls 7+8 25 Yd Freestyle**

1st Ana Oyola 24.53  
2nd Esmeralda Hunton  
3rd MaDelaine Rodriquez

### **Boys 7+8 25 Yd Freestyle**

1st Ethan Metz 23.82

### **Girls 9+10 25 Yd Freestyle**

1st Jessica O'Keefe 22.00  
2nd Victoria Meneses  
3rd Paolo Andrea Tapiero

### **Boys 9+10 25 Yd Freestyle**

1st Elvin Febus 23.09  
2nd Jason Nitch

### **Girls 11+12 25 Yd Freestyle**

1st Abby Couser 17.87  
2nd Barbara Hunton  
3rd Rachel Nitch

### **Boys 11+12 25 Yd Freestyle**

1st Zack Ross 21.15  
2nd Justin Metz  
3rd Riley Keenan

### **Girls 13+14 50 Yd Freestyle**

No Entry this year

### **Boys 13+14 50 Yd Freestyle**

1st Justin Casler 38.20

2nd David Pause  
3rd Javier Galarza  
**Girls 15-17 50 Yd Freestyle**

1st Allison Bicskei  
2nd Brittany Vaszlavik  
3rd Steffanie Bicskei  
**Boys 15-17 50 Yd Freestyle**  
1st Sean Hunton  
2nd Justin Prause  
3rd Peter Yanez

*\*New Record Holder*

### **PVCC SWIM MEET RECORD HOLDERS**

#### **4 & Under Freestyle**

2004 Co-ed- Grace Logue 12.90

#### **5+6 12 Yards Freestyle**

2008 Girls - Emily Nitch 13.72

2005 Boys- Sean Sabol 12.16

#### **7+8 25 Yards Freestyle**

2002 Girls- Alexa Migton- 21.83

2006 Boys- Sean Sabol 19.00

#### **9+10 25 Yards Freestyle**

2004 Girls- Meghan Marositz 12.41

2004 Boys- Andrew Kraus 14.01

#### **11+12 25 Yards Freestyle**

2005 Girls- Emma Deluca &

Meghan Logue 14.52

2006 Boys- Peter Yanez 12.47

#### **13+14 50 Yards Freestyle**

2004 Girls- Brittany Vaszlavik 30.49

2004 Boys- Christopher Hunton 24.74

### **PVCC MOST VALUABLE SWIMMERS**

#### **1997**

Girls-Kate Niemiera

Boys-Clark Curtis

#### **1998**

Girls-Kate Niemiera

Boys-Jimmy Molloy

#### **1999**

Girls-Allison Tully

Boys-Bela John Vaszlavik

#### **2000**

Girls-Jamie Fieldhouse

Boys-Clark Curtis &

Brad Mills

#### **2001**

Girls-Christine Couser

Boys-Ryan Molloy

#### **2002**

Girls-Brittany Vaszlavik

Boys-TJ Cummins

#### **2003**

Girls-Alexa Migton

Boys-Stephen Marositz

#### **2004**

Girls-Brittany Vaszlavik

Boys-Christopher Hunton

#### **2005**

Girls-Meghan Marositz

Boys-Sean Sabol

#### **2006**

Girls-Emma Deluca &

Megan Logue

Boys-Peter Yanez

#### **2007**

Girls-Esmeralda Hunton

Boys-Eamon Logue

#### **2008**

Girls-Emily Nitch

Boys-Ethan Metz

## **SPORTSMEN'S CORNER**

*By Carl Rettig*

Our **Children's Sunny Contest** was a great success thanks to the enthusiasm of our young anglers who caught over 100 sunnies. Trophies were awarded and every child who entered the contest left with a terrific prize.

In the ages 7 and under category **1<sup>st</sup> Place** went to **Jordan Clartzlo** who caught **17 sunnies**. Jordan received a trophy and a new rod and reel. The **2<sup>nd</sup> place** trophy and prize went to **Zachary Welse**, who caught **13 sunnies** and **3<sup>rd</sup> place** was awarded to **Lira Ziba** who caught **11 sunnies**.

In the ages 8-12 category, **1<sup>st</sup> Place** went to **Nina Watson** who caught **27 sunnies**. Nina received

a trophy and a shiny new rod and reel. The **2<sup>nd</sup> place** trophy was awarded to **Stephanie Yanez** who caught **8 sunnies** and **Abby Couser** won **3<sup>rd</sup> place** with **5 sunnies**.

In the ages 13-15 group **1<sup>st</sup> Place** went to **Chloe DeLuca-Knighton** who caught **15 sunnies**. The **2<sup>nd</sup> Place** trophy went to **Emma DeLuca-Knighton** who caught **7 sunnies** and **3<sup>rd</sup> Place** went to **Peter Yanez** who caught **3 sunnies**.

Thanks to all of our energetic volunteers who got up with the sun to prepare for the tournament and who kept things moving along throughout the event: **Dane, Erin & Chloe DeLuca-Knighton & Steve Daley**.

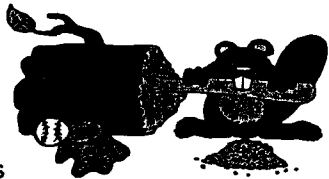
Watch the bulletin boards for details regarding a Fall Trout Tournament scheduled for October.

## LAKE MANAGEMENT

By Ron Rosana

What a great summer we had, the water was warm and the weather couldn't have been better! It seemed that everyday there were always a couple of boats on the water and someone was standing on the boardwalk fishing. It looks as if everyone was having a good time!

Our fish appear to be thriving, the Bass are big and I have seen a lot of fry. The herring are also abundant, as well as the sunnies.



The beavers are becoming more active again so if you see them chewing on your trees, please wrap them with chicken wire, the trees, not the beavers.

### Discouraging Canadian Geese

The key to successfully discouraging geese is persistence. When geese have to spend too much energy avoiding harassment to eat and rest properly, they will go elsewhere. It is easier to drive geese away soon after they arrive in a new area rather than once they have established themselves.

Various scare tactics can be used to discourage Canadian geese. Scarecrows, streamers, flags and windsocks can all be effective. At

least one part of the object must move in the wind and the object must be relocated every couple of days so the geese don't get use to it. Sometimes loud noises and chasing are required.

Because geese are generally lazy and prefer to walk rather than fly and because they also like to have a clear view all around them, a low fence, hedge or other barrier, one to two feet high above the water's edge will often discourage geese from gathering in a particular area.

**Do not feed the geese.** This encourages them to stay in an area and may interfere with their winter migration.

**\*\*Reminder\*\***

**General Membership Meeting /Elections Scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 7pm**

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### Lost & Found

2 Tackle Boxes  
1 Fishing pole

If you have any information about these found items, please contact the PVCC office @ 973.209.8066