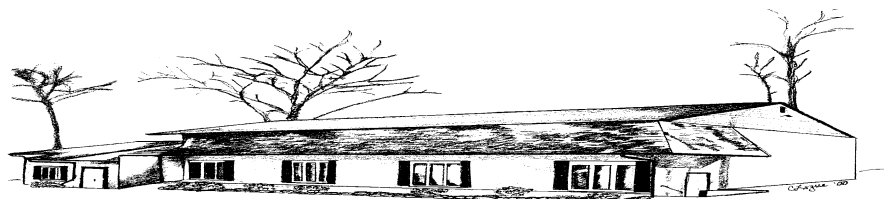


PLEASANT VALLEY VIEWS



June 2010

PRESIDENT'S DESK

By Mary Cummins

As the weather improves with each passing day and our thoughts turn from books and blackboards to sand and sun, we here in Pleasant Valley eagerly await another fun-filled summer at the lake. And, as we welcome a new beach season, please join me in welcoming our newest board member, **Dawn Moynihan**.

Dawn was recently appointed as PVCC's Social Alternate Trustee and she has already taken a hands-on approach to her new role. Dawn volunteered at the Junior Trout Tournament and is busy working on preparations for this summer's Water Carnival and other beach activities. We are very pleased to have Dawn aboard and wish her much success in her new position.

Dawn is replacing **Maegann Struble** who stepped down after several years of volunteering within Pleasant Valley. Maegann's job as an Occupational Therapist in the Kinnelon School District and her active family-life has made volunteering as the Social Trustee difficult. We appreciate the years of service that Maegann gave to the community and wish her well in the future.

The return of warm weather brings our members out of their homes and out into the community.

Let's all take advantage of our beautiful beach, clear lake and the many activities that will be taking place here over the summer months and please consider how you may help out at any of this years events, especially Water Carnival. Pleasant Valley loves our volunteers!

Speaking of volunteers, special thanks go out to **Regina Koot** for helping to keep the community clean. Regina regularly rids our community roads of trash and recyclables helping to keep Pleasant Valley looking its best. **Regina**, with the help of her husband **Jack**, also works tirelessly to beautify and maintain our gardens at the clubhouse and lake. How lucky we are that Regina shares her eye for beauty and her expertise to give a much-needed face-lift to our community after the long winter.



Thanks again to **Rich Balestrino** for cleaning up the fishing area by the boat ramp and boardwalk and for getting the area all spruced up in time for the spring fishing season. The fishermen and community members really appreciate Rich's diligence.

Nominations

It's that time of year again when the nominating committee will be seeking names of members who would like to run for a Board of Trustee position.

The following 2-year positions will be open.

- (1) Treasurer**
- (2) Trustees**
- (1) Social Alternate Trustee**

If you are interested in running for any of the above positions please notify us by July 6th.

Sportsmen's Update

By Carl Rettig

I'd like to begin by welcoming **Dawn Moynihan** to the PVCC Board of Trustees. I am looking forward to working with her.

This long, cold winter provided us with plenty of ice fishing and a good deal of trout, bass, crappie and pickerel were reportedly taken through the ice.

1st Annual Shawn Damstra Winter Classic Ice Fishing Tournament

What a great success it was! There was a gathering of more than a hundred friends, family and lake members who turned out to make this a huge success. The day could be compared to *Water Carnival on Ice*. Out on the lake as far as one could see, there were fisherman enjoying the day with friends and family. Some really large pickerel and a nice bass were weighed in. Everybody joined together for the event donating food, fire barrels, and wood to make this a very special event. As well as many great prizes that were donated and raffled off. At the end of the day, **Jane** and **Jim Damstra** donated \$725.00 back to the

lake to be used for fish stocking. Thanks to Jim and Jane for their very generous donation.

Spring Trout Stocking

Thanks to **Pat Kane** for another great trout stocking this spring. There was a huge turnout of excited spectators watching as **Pat Kane, Pat Kane Jr., Ron Rosana, Steve & Dan Daley, Rich Balestrino & Dave Ptasznik** stocked the lake. This year in addition to what was stocked by Pleasant Valley we were able to include nineteen large fish measuring between 19" and 28" long that were purchased and donated by lake members. Very special thanks go out to the **generous members** who donated trout.

Monster Trout Derby

We are currently running a **Monster Trout Derby** running from opening day, **April 10th, thru December 31st**. Anyone who catches a tagged trout that was stocked this year will be eligible to participate in a drawing for prizes. If you catch a tagged trout please contact Pat Kane, the PVCC office, or Carl Rettig so we can record the information and enter you in the contest.

Opening Day Trout Tournament

We hosted our **Opening Day Trout Tournament** on April 10th, which was, as usual, a cold, damp and windy day. The social committee provided pizza, trophies & prizes. A total of fifty-seven anglers entered the contest with sixteen of them weighing in trout. Each of the sixteen walked away with a nice prize. **Jim Damstra** caught the biggest fish of the day; a 7 lb. 5oz tagged Rainbow Trout, which was a holdover from last fall. Jim won a 1st place trophy and a gift card to Gander Mountain. Jim also won the pool and donated it back for the fall stocking. Thank you for your generous donation Jim. 2nd place went to **Art Montayne** for a 4 lb 9oz Rainbow Trout, Art

received a 2nd place trophy and Gander Mountain gift card plus a \$50 gift card that was donated by Charlie Heidt. 3rd place went to **Pat Kane Jr.** for a 4 lb 2oz Tiger Trout; Pat received a 3rd place trophy and a Gander Mountain gift card. Despite the weather it was quite an enjoyable day thanks to our volunteers and generous members. We would like to thank **John & Sara Petronchak, Pat Kane, and Steve & Dan Daley** for their assistance in the organization of this event.

Junior Trout Contest

On Sunday May 2nd, we held a **Junior Trout Contest**. This year we had a better than expected turn out with seventeen junior anglers participating and catching a total of four trout. 1st place was awarded to **Katie DeGroat** for reeling-in a 2 lb 1/4oz Rainbow. Katie was awarded a nice trophy and a Rod & Reel. 2nd place went to **Justine DeGroat** with a 1 lb 11 1/4 oz Rainbow. Justine received a nice trophy and a Rod & Reel. 3rd place went to **Alicia Marmora** for a 14 1/2oz Rainbow. Alicia received a trophy and a Rod & Reel. All of the junior contestants received a prize for their participation.

Thanks to the **Social Committee** for funding the event and to our volunteers, **Pat Kane, Steve Daley, Butch Hover, Jane Damstra, Dawn Moynihan, Elaine Rettig and the Yanez Family.**



Kids Sunny Contest

The **Kids Sunny Contest** has been scheduled for **Sunday June 27th** from 9:30am-11:30am. Children up to and including age 15 may participate. Breakfast will be served and trophies and prizes will be awarded to the winners. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please come join us.

Ladies Fishing Contest

We are also planning a **Ladies Fishing Contest**. It will be an evening contest with trophies for the winners and the men will be cooking, serving and cleaning up dinner too! Keep an eye on the boards for more information and other upcoming events.

Fishing Club

On April 28th we had a Fishing Club meeting at the clubhouse. It was an informal meeting to discuss fishing related topics. We discussed future stockings, tournaments and a variety of subjects. Watch the boards for dates of future meetings. We look forward to seeing all of our community anglers join us and we welcome your input.

SHAWN DAMSTRA WINTER CLASSIC 2010

By Jane Damstra

*Thanks for all who participated in the **Shawn Damstra Winter Classic 2010**. What a wonderful tribute to Shawn!*

Whether you made a donation, fished in the contest, brought some delicious food to share, or came out to show your support (some of you traveling great distances to do so) on that bitterly cold day. We truly appreciate it.

*Thank you to PVCC for sponsoring the "Classic" ice fishing contest and for providing so much that made it such a success. We have been so fortunate to reside in this community for almost 25 years. A special thank you to **Elaine and Carl Rettig** and to **Pat Kane** for unstinting time and effort and also to **Steve and Dan Daley** for cooking all day long!*

Thank you also to Ed Wulinski Jr. for donating your winnings back to the scholarship fund.

*To the “sons of our hearts”, **Justin Runne** and **Tim Nish**, we cannot thank you enough and are proud of the fine young men you are!*

We thank all of our friends for your donations and support. We would also like to thank the following businesses for their support and generous contributions:

The Vernon Inn, McAfee Hardware, The Lampost Inn, Little Anthony’s Pizza, Rigatony’s, The Irish Cottage, Upper Sports Deck, Diane’s Place, Sussex A&P, The Vernon Diner-Pancake House, The George Inn, Highland Flowers, Select A Ticket, Jaime Baldwin and Mazzarone Construction and Dave Talmadge’s Trees Plus.

If we have forgotten anyone, please forgive us, and know that we appreciate your contribution.



*Because of your kindness and generosity, we are able to award two \$1000 scholarships to deserving graduates this year and are planning to endow the **Shawn K. Damstra Memorial Scholarship Fund** in succeeding years.*

Once again, our heartfelt thanks go out to each and every one of you. Your love for Shawn and our family has truly touched and honored us.

*See you next year!
The Damstra Family*

SOCIAL SCENE

By Dawn Moynihan

Kids Beach Dance

Our annual Kids Beach Dance will be held on **Monday June 28th from 6:30pm-9:30pm.** Children of all ages are welcome.

Pleasant Valley’s own **Dave Willer** will be our DJ. Drinks and snacks will be served and lifeguards will be on duty. Badges are required. Cost is \$3 per child at the gate. There is no charge for adults. **Rain date will be Tuesday June 29th.**

Games & Activities at the Beach

Water games, BINGO, a scavenger hunt, and crafts are just some of the daily activities we have planned for our children at the beach this summer. So kids, check the agenda and join us at the beach for some fun in the sun.

Movie Night at the Beach

July 19th and August 5th 8: 30 pm (or when it’s dark enough) see the beach bulletin board for movie listings.

Water Carnival 2010

This years Water Carnival will be held on **Saturday July 31st** beginning at **1pm** and will have a carnival atmosphere. Join us on the Midway for some old-fashioned games. Adults can compete in the annual adult horseshoe

tournament. There will be a bounce house for the little ones and the ever-popular dunk tank will be back too. Once again enter the Annual Water Carnival Chili Cook-off or the Bake-off. And of course if you prefer, you can just soak up the sun and enjoy the sounds of our DJ, Pleasant Valley's own, and the very popular, multi-talented ...**Dave Willer!**

Tickets are available now at the clubhouse. Advance tickets purchase only. **Tickets will not be sold at the gate.** Rain date is Sunday August 1st. See flyer for details.

Annual Senior Appreciation BBQ

Our 12th annual celebration of Pleasant Valley's seniors will be held on **August 15th at 2pm** at the pavilion on the beach. We have a nice afternoon designed especially for our guests including entertainment and plenty of delicious food.

We are asking our members to participate in this special party **by donating potluck dinner entrees and desserts for our guests. Chicken dishes, pasta of all types, salads, or your favorite specialty will all be much appreciated. Please call the office and let us know what you will be bringing.** If you are not a cook but would like to help, would you consider donating a door prize? **Our senior guests are always thrilled with the gifts they receive. Gift certificates, plants or something nice that you select just for them are some ideas.** Let us know if you can help.

Children in the community are invited to help serve our guests. We need to know in advance if you are going to volunteer. If you can help in any capacity please call us @ 973-209-8066.

Please note that in the event of uncooperative weather this party will be held at the clubhouse.

Seniors, please RSVP by 8/6/10.

Spring Beach Report by Ed Nitch

It is hard to believe that with nearly freezing temperatures as I write this article, we find ourselves ready to start the 2010 beach season. So far this spring we have experienced degrees in the low 30's, highs in the 90's and not a week goes by that one of my kids doesn't ask, "Can we go to the beach today?" regardless of what the temperature currently is. Patience my little ones, that time is coming soon!

It's also just as hard to believe that it is my 17th year living in PVL and already my 3rd as a trustee. Where DO those years go... In that time, I have witnessed the addition of a playground, a reconstructed dam, the building of a fishing dock/boardwalk, construction of a pavilion, and the addition of a PVL website. A website now so popular, it even has its own footnote in Wikipedia. If you haven't been one of the 400+ visitors every month, we recommend you do so at www.pleasantvalleylake.com

So, within a few weeks my kids will get their daily wish and be regular visitors to the soft white sandy beach of PVL and we look forward to seeing all of our fellow residents at one or more of the many PVL functions to be held there this year. As always, I thank all of our new and returning lifeguards for keeping a watchful eye on us and a special thank you to our Waterfront Director, **Janice Vaszlavik** for her continued hard work and organization at the beach for the 2010 season. See you there!

Beach Report

By Janice Vaszlavik

Opening Day at the Beach will be June 28th. Come join in the fun! Hot Dogs! Crafts! Games and Activities! In addition an **Adult Basic Lifesaving Class** will be held. The class will be given once in the morning and repeated again in the afternoon.

Swim Lessons

It's that time of year again when we offer our members the opportunity to learn to swim. Your staff is dedicated to teaching everyone in Pleasant Valley, ages 3 to 99 years old, how to swim. Registration will run from **June 20th through June 27th from 1:00pm to 4:45pm.**

Weekday Lessons will begin on **Monday, June 28th** and **Weekend Lessons** will begin **Saturday, June 26th**. Due to the growing number of families whose parents work all week we began swim lessons on the weekends a few years ago. I encourage you all to bring your children to as many lessons as possible. If you work part time during the week feel free to bring the children a few days during the week and on the weekend as well.

If you have any extenuating circumstances that may keep your children from participating please speak with me so that we may be able to work something out. In addition, if you see a new neighbor move in during the month of July, let them know that it isn't too late to sign up for lessons.

Adult Swim Lessons

For adults who have never learned to swim, or who need to fine-tune their swimming skills, lessons will begin on July 5th and continue

through July 15, Monday thru Thursday. I will teach all adult lessons, one adult to another. **We must have at least five adults sign up in order to run this class.**

Preparation for Lifeguarding

Classes for children ages 12 and up are designed to give an early start in developing the skills needed to become a lifeguard. This class will run during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th weeks of lessons.



Lifeguard Course

This year's lifeguard course will run from June 21st to June 25th. If you are at least 15 years old and are interested in becoming a lifeguard please contact the office at 973-209-8066.

Beach Reminders

- Swim lessons are for children ages 3 and up. If your three year old child does not want to participate by himself after the third or fourth day we will need to discuss an alternative plan.
- Bring a current badge when visiting the beach and registering for swim lessons.
- No child under the age of 12 shall be permitted on a **guarded** beach without a parent or guardian age 14 and older.
- No child under the age of 14 shall be permitted on an **unguarded** beach without parent or guardian age 18 and older.

- Please use ashtrays for extinguishing all tobacco products. Please do not use the sand or place sand into ashtrays to extinguish tobacco products
- The NJ State Board of Health regulations states; **all children in diapers must wear plastic pants on top of their diapers.** The Disposable Swim pants must be worn under the plastic pants. Be advised that you may not use a regular disposable diaper. Regular disposable diapers become extremely heavy. The weight of it on your baby's bottom is not safe. In addition, the regular disposable diapers have a tendency to explode, thus polluting the lake and/or beach. Also please do not rinse diapers in the lake. We all must work together to keep our lake clean and healthy. Please help by making it a priority.
- Please make sure when **choosing a location on the beach** that you're party and all of your belongings (example: chairs, blankets, umbrellas, toys, etc.) are not within a 5-foot radius of the guard chairs or in the lifeguard run.

Please take note that all policies apply whether or not the facility is being staffed. Remember that the policies are there for your safety and to keep the facility clean. A copy of all policies can be picked up at the Clubhouse or Beach Office.

Please Drive Slow!!!!

Members getting their daily exercise by walking, riding their bikes or taking a jog around the lake often occupies our roads. Frequently young moms take a stroll with toddlers in tow and newborns in their strollers. Members can be seen walking their dogs at any given time of day. We are an active community. **Please drive SLOW when operating any vehicle on PVCC roads.**

Parents, please discuss the safe and lawful operation of ATV's with your children. You are ultimately responsible for their safety and for

whatever mishaps occur as a result of their operating an ATV.

NJ state law mandates the following with regard to ATV use:

- All riders (operators and passengers) must wear a helmet
- All ATVs used on public roads and land must be registered, with renewal once a year
- No one under age 18 may operate an ATV on public lands without completing a safety course and the certificate of completion must be carried by the operator at all times
- No one under age 14 may operate an ATV on public land or cross roads
- No one under age 16 may operate an ATV over 90 cc on public lands or across a highway
- ATV use on public roads and highways is prohibited, except to cross these roads
- No person shall operate an ATV on the property of another without receiving the consent of the owner of the property and the person who has the contractual right to use the property

Fines for violating these rules start at \$250 and can be as much as \$1000. In addition, the DEP and can impound ATVs that have caused damage to public land until the fines are paid.

More information regarding the safe and legal use of ATV's can be found at www.atvsafety.gov/state/newjersey.html and at www.nynjtc.org and at www.njmvs.com.

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