



NEWSLETTER

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*For
Santa Claus
Is Coming*

T'was
days
before
Christmas
Upon sleepy
old Lake
Sawyer

A fresh north breeze
was blowing but no
waves were rolling

We had just laid down for a long
winter's nap
When we heard across
the lake a sudden 'crack'
I jumped into my boots and
grabbed my boat hook,
Roused the children with "St. Nick is
near, let us go look!"

We rushed to the door and down to the dock!
Full moon hung in that misty night like a rock
Across the lake we heard the jingle of sleigh bells ring....
The children were all laughing, giggling
and running

FOR SANTA CLAUS IS COMING

As Santa came near, his sleigh was afloat
His reindeer were flying through that misty cloak ~ so many
gifts on that tiny sleigh
If you didn't before, you believed on this day!

And there he appeared, Dear Santa himself!
Eyes blue as the sky, Cheeks rosy red
Tossed candy canes to the kids, did that jolly old Elf
my boat hook in hand to the dock I pulled his sled
Santa leapt from his sleigh, landing on my dock with nary a sway
Carrying presents under each arm, greeted each child and asked

"Has goodness filled your heart?" and presented a gift.
Then a wink to my wife that wonderful Elf leapt back
to his sleigh

Singing MERRY CHRISTMAS Lake Sawyer and Goodnight!

Adaptation by the Kulesza family

Santa Boat Sails Again!

Santa Claus will take his annual cruise around the lake to spread cheer and deliver gifts to all the good little girls and boys on Sunday, December 15th.

Frank Gardiner & Cheri Merrill will be acting as Santa & Mrs. Claus. Our Elf is Katie Kulesza, Jeff Merrill is driving the sleigh with Anthony Martinez as the dock man.

The Christmas voyage will begin the joyful journey at 3:00 from dock #268 (Eby's) traveling clockwise. You will be able to track Santa's sleigh on Sunday again this year on Facebook; search for Lake Sawyer Santa and "like" it so you will get automatic posts and updates.

If you would like to surprise a child with a visit from the Santa Boat, please contact Sheila Hoefig (360) 886-5011 to arrange drop off to 23204 SE 312th St by Saturday noon, December 14th. Please place the gift in a water proof plastic bag clearly marked with the child's name and dock number in bold, legible print.

If you need help figuring out a dock number, call Monica Stewart at 253-653-5408. Gifts will be accepted from and delivered to current LSCC members.

Please, one gift per child and gifts must be smaller than a bread box. (What's a bread box?) Since Rudolph is saving his red nose wattage for the night sky, it would really help Santa if you put a light on your dock to guide him in. If inclement weather prevents delivery by boat, expect Santa to appear at your front door!

The Santa Boat will be accepting non-perishable food items, and/or checks made out to the Black Diamond Community Center for the Black Diamond Food Bank.



****see the LSCC donation challenge article – make us pay!***

Black Diamond Community Center Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is back at the Lake Sawyer Grocery Store! Thanks to Trevi Eichelberger and the Black Diamond Community Center for organizing this for our neighbors in need.

Children & seniors in our area will benefit from your donations. Visit Ted & Debbie Strand at the Lake Sawyer Grocery and choose a tag from the tree. Each tag tells the age, gender, and gift wished for. Please bring the unwrapped gift back to the store with the original tag attached, no later than December 17. Thank you for your continuing generosity.



Note from the President

Members, Neighbors and Friends

2013 has been another very successful year for the Lake Sawyer Community Club. Our membership stands at a 179 strong. We had a record fireworks fund raising effort resulting in over \$17,500. The clubhouse rental activity is on the increase and the club finances are in very good shape. Participation in our many activities throughout the year was good. None of this could have been accomplished without the excellent support from your current Board of Trustees: Monica Stewart, Vice President; Bruce Earley, Treasurer; Sue Waller, Secretary; Trustees, Cheri Merrill, Gary Henrich, Anthony Martinez, Sue Sherer, and Alan Gangl. The board was assisted by numerous volunteers, please see the list of names and if you recognize the name of a neighbor or a friend make sure you give them a big thanks for another great year on Lake Sawyer.

Our final event of the year is the members Santa Boat on Sunday December 15th. Get your presents in soon. See detailed article in this newsletter.

The LSCC Membership Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22nd 2014 at the clubhouse. Doors open at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

We will have several guest speakers and will be proposing some bylaw changes.

We will also be electing next year's slate of officers and trustees. You have to be a current 2014 member to vote. Included in this newsletter is a 2014 membership form. If you get to the meeting early enough you can also join at the meeting. The clubs success rests solely with the support of the residents on the lake. Being a board member is a great way to meet people, and the board always benefits from new ideas. We need more volunteers to run for next year's board of trustees.

During my 3 years on the board it seems like many of the people I have met served as a board member in prior years. If you haven't served yet, this is your year! If you served before

you can do a second term! Don't hesitate to get in touch with any board member if you are interested. See you at the annual meeting.

Steve Frank
LSCC 2013
President



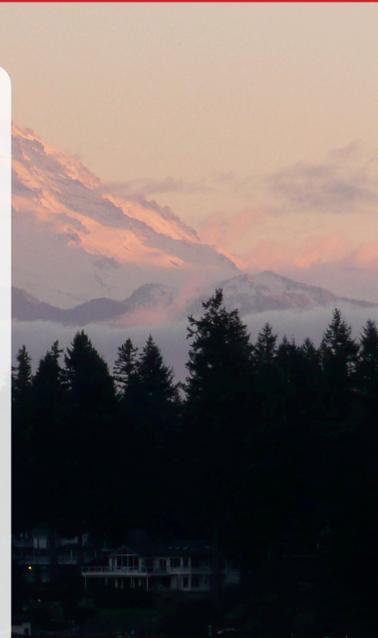
OKTOBERFEST 2013

Oktoberfest II Our second annual Oktoberfest had delicious food and beautiful decorations. The clubhouse looked and smelled great! Unfortunately, the event was not well attended. Reasons for the low attendance could have had to do with a Husky game, or folks may have been tied up with Halloween type festivities. We will try again next year, perhaps holding Oktoberfest on a week night, when LSCC members might be more excited to come enjoy a meal prepared for them. Stay tuned and don't be shy for Oktoberfest III.



Derelict Docks

The LSCC receives calls from time to time regarding abandoned, barely floating docks that need to be removed before they sink completely. The board is organizing a “catch and release” event to round these up and remove them from Lake Sawyer. We would appreciate some volunteer help during the event; if you have such a dock in your vicinity, you and your neighbors get together and tow it to the “release” site. Please let us know if you can lend a back hoe, ideas, some muscle and a garbage container. We will communicate a more detailed plan some time this summer.



Candidate Forum

Candidate Forum It was nice to have a full clubhouse for the candidate forum. Open to the public, it was standing room only! We thank ALL the candidates and interested members of the community for taking the time to be there. The LSCC is glad to offer the clubhouse for such an important event.



Donation Match CHALLENGE!

The LSCC donates \$1000 a year to the Black Diamond Community Center Food Bank each year.

The LSCC board has decided to do a little more this year with YOUR help. We are putting a challenge out to the community to donate to the Black Diamond Food Bank between now and the end of the year.

We will match your donations up to a maximum of \$1000. Just make your check out to the Black Diamond Food Bank and send it to LSCC PO Box 191 and we will match your contribution and send both checks to BDCC for this important cause.



Recognition to all the 2013 LSCC Volunteers and THANK YOU!

2013 LSCC Board

Bart & Christy Selz, Alan & Joan Gangl -*Top Gun for Fireworks donation*

Jean & Frank Gardiner – *4th of July boat race organizers*

Frank Gardiner and Cheri Merrill – *Santa Boat Mr. and Mrs. Claus*

Katie Kulesza – *as Santa's Elf*

Jeff Merrill – *driver of the Santa boat*

Anthony Martinez – *gaff hook, dock hand for Santa Boat*

Kurt Eby – *Santa Boat storage and sleigh assembly*

Mark Davidson – *organizing the 4th of July Fun Run*

Bill Kombol- *Access to Palmer Coking land for the fun run*

Trevi Eichelberger – *coordinating the Giving Tree with BDCC*

Alf and Lois Ladderrud – *Oil Tank business, road clean up & clubhouse watch*

Jeff Merrill – *Website maintenance*

Sherer family *for dockside 4th of July fundraising*

Perkins family – *sponsoring the fishing derby*

Steve Frank – *Clubhouse manager*

Brian Hoefig – *As Uncle Sam*

Sheila Hoefig – *Santa Boat Seamstress and Top 4th of July Fundraiser*

Henrich Family- *food donations to Oktoberfest and Dock Parties*

Jackie Merrill- *Car Wash fireworks fund raiser and new LSCC website design*

Bob Rothschilds and Glen Ross – *coordinating water sampling and testing.*

Leah Grant and Julie Frank - *Easter egg stuffers*

Wes Butt Jr. and Sr. and family – *4th of July Volleyball tournament and prizes*

Holly Nichols – *coordinates road crew on LSCC spring clean up*

Doug Geiger – *loaning & setting up sound system for LSCC events*

Fred and Patty Weston – *Judging and sponsoring the 4th of July boat parade*

Deb and Don Minklein, Al Hess, Ken and Cindy Smith

– *all donated the use of their floating docks for the LSCC fireworks display*

Joe and Brenda Riordan and Anthony Martinez *sponsoring dock parties*

Dawn Johnston- *gifting LSCC membership for new lake residents*

Lake Sawyer Grocery Ted & Debbie Strand and Family *club support year around*

Sorry if we have missed any voluteers from this list and want to see your name on this list next year.

***Your name here** – *We'd love to add some new names to this list.*

Lake Sawyer Community Club

"Building Community"

The purpose of the Lake Sawyer Community Club is to bring together all Members in good standing to inform and discuss mutual problems, concerns and interests affecting our community, the lake and our surrounding environment.

Lake Sawyer Community Club (LSCC) Membership Form 2014

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

E-mail _____

Mailing address (if different) _____

Dock Number _____ 2014 Dock Stickers Will Be Mailed to Members. Do you need a dock plate? Yes No

LSCC Membership Dues (\$50) _____

July 4th Donation: _____

Platinum:	\$500+
Gold:	\$200-\$499
Silver:	\$100-\$199
Bronze:	\$1-\$99

Please mail payment and form to LSCC, PO Box 191, Black Diamond, WA 98010

Membership in LSCC provides a sense of community and opportunities to meet neighbors and participate in the variety of events we hold every year.

LSCC Member Benefits:

- Preferred rates to rent the newly remodeled clubhouse for special events.
- Year round Newsletter, if you are not a member, you miss out on the later editions such as:
 - 4th of July special edition newsletter detailing the week long list of fun family activities.
- Free admission to family nights at dock parties & Oktoberfest with food and refreshments provided.
- The Santa Boat!
 - Exclusive dock side gift delivery from Santa, Mrs. Claus and crew of Elves and 8 Reindeer!
- Members can vote on issues brought up at the annual meeting.

Membership fees also support the Black Diamond community as well. The Black Diamond Food Bank receives quarterly donations. Funds go toward buoy maintenance and replacement, lake water quality testing and reports. The LSCC holds an Easter Egg Hunt open to the public at Boat Launch Park and supports the BDCC with a Holiday Giving Tree at the Lake Sawyer Grocery.

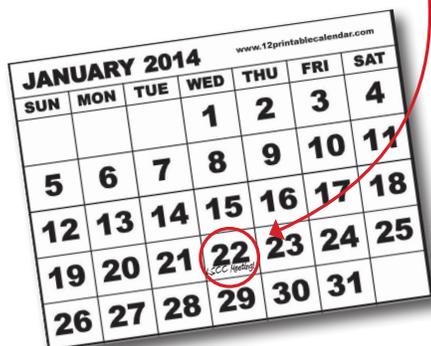
If you have any special skills you would like to offer, or to volunteer with the LSCC, please feel free to contact any board member and don't forget to visit our web site at www.lakesawyer.org

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Save The Date!

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