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THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped put on the festivities for the 4th of July this year. A special thank you to **Sue Fish** for helping me out when I was not too mobile. I want to thank **Elise and Emily Myette** for their help in packaging the candy for the Uncle Sam Boat. And where would we be without the many volunteers for the events: **Bob Edelman, Jean and Frank Gardiner, Doug and Julie Geiger, Annette Giacomazzi, Dan Hucke, Jeff Merrill, Polly Rohrbach, Bob Rothschilds and Dick Veldhuis**. Last and certainly the most important are the volunteers who canvased the neighborhood for contributions for the fireworks: **Van Brazier, Lynne Christie, Kathy Davis, Sue Fish, Jean Gardiner, Al Hermann, Ulla Kemman, Sam and Cindy Kerley, Pam McCain, Cheri Merrill, Martha McPherson, Polly Rohrbach, Laura Rothschilds, and Rick Stocks**. A special thank you goes to the **Lake Sawyer Store** for once again allowing us to keep a fireworks donation box at the store, and for their generous contribution, and to **My Favorite Things** for their donation of a huge Uncle Sam banner that we used on the Uncle Sam boat.

JANIE EDELMAN - 4th of July Special Events Coordinator

BEST DECORATED YARD CONTEST

This year's best decorated dock/yard goes to **Gary and Sharon Henrich**. The full size Uncle Sam sitting in a chair on the roof of the boathouse was a big hit with the judges! They were awarded a basket with a barbecue theme for their great efforts.

The competition for next year thickens!

FIREWORKS

Once again **Eagle Fireworks** outdid themselves putting on the fireworks display. That huge, ugly plywood and foam raft outside the Edelman's was the platform. Just towing it was an adventure for **Kevin Esping** and **Bob Edelman**. The fireworks display came off on time and was spectacular as usual. Because of Fire Marshall requirements, the raft was placed in the same place as last year.

TEEN VOLLEYBALL

Cloudy skies did not dampen the spirits of Lake Sawyer Teen Volleyball participants on Saturday, July 3. Two teams from the West Side battled to the finish, with the East Side of the Lake not represented by a single team. In the end, it was the **West Side Riders**, captained by **Matt Cook** that defeated the **Rockettes**, led by **Jac Stocks**, in a best-three-out-of-five competition. Many friends, parents and passersby stopped by to cheer for their favorite team or to visit with neighbors. Once again, a big thanks goes to **Carl Seehorn** for officiating the games with professionalism and good humor. Team members were as follows:

Rockettes: Jac Stocks, Bethany Rasmussen, Sara Davis, Michele Kerley, Breana Burg, Jen Inscore, Michelle Megarrel. West Side Riders: Matt Cook, Paul Hatton, Dave Hatton, Kevin Shaw, Ryan Bolonesi.

ANNETTE GIACOMAZZI

EAST SIDE REIGNS

The day started out gloomy like most of our summer so far, but the sun rose in the East for the Annual July 4th East-West Adult Volleyball tournament with the East Side again capturing the title. For those of you who are counting, the East Side has won six times in a row, and the West Side records four wins before that, as recorded on the traveling trophy.

The teams honed their skills in round robin play to seed them in their bracket for a double-elimination tournament. West Side teams included the **West Side Spikers** and the **Wild Wild West**. **Wild Wild West** members were **Marissa Berg, Jennifer Inscore, Breanna Berg, Carrie Tallman, Scott Kriss, Wendy Shitake and Kathy Cutler**. It was a fun couple of hours with lots of jokes and ribbing going on. Then the final match saw everyone getting serious (yah-right, sure) and found the only East Side team, the **East Beasts** matched against the **West Side Spikers**. **East Beasts** team mates were **Steve Kennedy, Bob Rothschilds, Doug and Julie Geiger, Paul Lewis and Karl Seehorn**. The **West Side Spikers** team had the **Kerley Kommedy Team** composed of **Sam, Wayne and Brian Kerley**, and their team mates **Zach Seehorn, Brad Benson, Shannon and Steve Garvich**. There was discussion of the rules (rule number 1: the trees were there first, so hit around them), family heritage (if you grew up on the West but now live on the east, are you still a westy?), and skills (if you always cover for Doug, is Doug really playing on your team?). But after much hard play and cheering from the great spectators who came to support their teams, the East Side was victorious! And the East will be engraved on the perpetual trophy displayed at the clubhouse.

A special thanks goes to the **Lake Sawyer Community Club** for sponsoring the bottled water and awesome Lake Sawyer hats and t-shirt prizes. Thanks to **Janie Edelman** for helping to

organize and to our fantastic comedic referee **Rosie Glenn**. Everyone who participated received a prize! Join us next year for more fun and frivolity. Geiger's welcome anyone who wants to practice up for next year. Or is the sun going down in the West?

JULIE GEIGER

ZEPHYRS

Three craft met this 4th of July. . . ,
 A catamaran, sail board and another guy.
 The wind was blowing, but not a lot.
 The boats were ready, and it wasn't too hot.

The starter's horn blew one long bark
 and the craft started towards the first mark.
 The sail board tired and headed for home.

The catamaran trailed the sloop around the first mark. . . , then gave up the chase.
 Alone now. . . , the monohull, too, gave up the race.

Dick Veldhuis will not be returning to coordinate the Sailing Race for the 4th of July, 2000, but will gladly participate in one held by you.

DICK VELDHUIS

SHORELINE PARTY

The first shoreline party was held August 8. They came by foot, by car, by power boat and canoe. Even the sun decided to shine after a dismal week. About 40 lake residents were at **Bob and Janie Edelman's and Carol Benson's** to eat hot dogs and hamburgers. Bob was head chef in charge of the barbecues. Special thanks to **Kevin Myette** for the additional barbecue. It was a great opportunity to meet our neighbors, other Lake Sawyer residents, and some of the Community Club Board of Trustees. There was a wonderful selection of salads, baked beans and desserts. Janie and Bob are still eating leftovers!

The next Shoreline Party will be hosted by **David and Noreen Peters and Sam and Cindy Kerley**. It will be held at the Peters' house on **Sunday, September 12, 1999 at 3:30 p.m.** The **Peters** live on the Southwest side of the lake (the new home built last spring, tan, with green trim. 30442 - 227th Pl. S.E.). The dock will be marked with balloons. Come one and all, by land or by sea. Again, beverages will be provided, as will the main course. Guests are asked to bring a salad or dessert, determined by the first letter of your last name.

A-M Salad

N-Z Dessert

LOST & FOUND

- Small silver serving platter originally picked up at the 1998 New Year's Eve party, and recently used by that finder keeper at the recent Shoreline Party. Original loser anywhere? Call Janie Edelman 886-7166.
- A green "Glamour" windbreaker was left at the boat launch following the fun run.

Please call **Janie Edelman** at **360-886-7166**.

CLOSE-OUT SALE

We have a limited number of Lake Sawyer t-shirts and sweatshirts still available. The remaining t-shirts are now \$10 (regularly \$14) and the remaining sweatshirts are now \$20 (regularly \$25). Call **Janie Edelman** at **886-7166** for availability of sizes.

REQUEST FOR NEW LAKE SAWYER LOGO

We would like to come up with a new logo for Lake Sawyer this fall. Please send in your suggestions to LSCC, P.O. Box 191, Black Diamond, Washington 98010. It is hoped that the new logo designs will be available on t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats in time for holiday shopping!

DOCK NUMBERS

Janie and Bob Edelman have been working with the **Black Diamond Marine Patrol** and **City Planner** to place numbers on the docks on Lake Sawyer. These will be assigned starting on the southeast side of the lake going around the north side, and then down the west side. **Kevin Esping**, Black Diamond Police Marine Patrol, has contracted with a firm to make the small disks that he and the **Edelmans** will put on the end of each dock. This system will enable the Marine Patrol to respond to calls on the lake and will be invaluable in cases of emergency. The numbers will also enable lake residents to locate houses from the lake. Call **Janie or Bob Edelman** at **886-7166** for further information.

WATERSKI COMPETITION RESULTS

This year we expanded the competition to include five categories with the first, second and third place finishers shown below. **Paul Hatten** is by far the most improved over his last year's score. A choice of a Lake Sawyer hat, t-shirt or sweatshirt was awarded to all entrants. The competition is scored by counting the number of buoys skied around. If all six buoys and the entrance and exit gates are successfully skied then the speed is increased by two miles per hour starting at 28 mph and up to 36 mph for under 35 years old, and up to 34 mph for 35 and older. Many thanks to **Rick Stocks** for providing a ski course and tournament boat and to **Ron Olness, Rick Stocks, Doug Geiger** and **Bob Rothschilds** for installing the course. **Frank Gardiner** provided much needed coffee for skiers and audience. Ski ya this fall for some more course skiing.

Women Open: 1-**Jacqueline Stocks**, 4 @ 32.

Men under 18: 1-**Paul Hatten**, 2 @ 36

Men 18 to 40: 1 - **Bob Rothschilds**, 4 @ 34

Men 40 to 50: 1-**Doug Geiger**, 4 @ 30; 2-**Steve Garvich**, 2 @ 30; 3-**Mike Hatten**, 2.5 @ 28

Men 50 to 60: 1-**Ron Olness**, 4 @ 30

BOB ROTHSCHILDS

FIRE LEVY

You probably have been visited by one or more of our volunteer firemen providing information

on the upcoming fire levy vote. According to the pamphlet they are providing, the levy will have all Black Diamond residents paying the amount Lake Sawyer folks were paying before the annexation. The purpose of the levy is to obtain new equipment and replace old equipment. We urge each of you to educate yourself on this and all important local issues and to make your voice heard by voting. This vote takes place on September 14. For further information, you can call Kam Cayce, Chairman, Citizens for a Safer Community at 206/229-4991 or Fire Chief Joe Mengore at 360/886-1229.

HANSEN POINT PICNIC

As you may know, Maryanne Tagney Jones and family purchased the old house on Hansen Point. They are hosting a big party on August 28th from noon to 4:00 p.m. The party is for Washington State Democrats and there could be several hundred guests. There could be some unobtrusive security precautions taken because the Governor and other bigwigs may be there.

The good news is we are all invited! If you are as curious as some of the rest of us about this important piece of Lake Sawyer, you will want to be there. Maryanne assures us that you do not have to be of the Democratic persuasion to attend. (Word is that at least one entrenched Republican is not going to miss this opportunity!) If politicians of any stripe offend you, come by after the 4:00 p.m. end of the official party and hang out.

They are doing everything they can to reduce potential parking problems, including the possibility of running shuttles from the Safeway parking lot. We encourage lake residents to attend by boat. If the docking space fills up, our own Brian Kerley will be standing by to shuttle folks if they anchor offshore. So bring an anchor and come be sociable!

WHAT FUTURE FOR THE CLUBHOUSE

Discussions at the last few Board meetings have centered on the future of our clubhouse located on 216th Avenue SE. Two factors prompted these discussions. The first is the fact that for the last few years operating and maintenance costs for the facility have exceeded revenues generated from renting the building. Over the last three years we have averaged \$1,633.33 in costs exceeding revenues. The other factor is that it doesn't seem that the Club and its members have as much interest in using the clubhouse as was the case in past years. In recent years, the primary use has been for the monthly board meetings, which could take place in a private home if necessary. The last two years New Year's Eve parties have been held, but have been sparsely attended. Also, not many members have taken advantage of the opportunity to rent the building (at a great rate if you compare with other facilities). Perhaps many members don't know of its availability.

As a result, the suggestion was made that we investigate the issue of whether the club should consider selling the property and putting the funds to another use for the club. One suggestion was to conservatively invest the proceeds and use the proceeds to fund club events. The board has sought opinions from several members and, as expected, has received a variety of responses. There are some who think that the day of clubhouses has come and gone and we should consider selling. Others feel that the clubhouse is the focal point of our organization and that we risk the continued existence of our club if we sell.

If we are to keep the clubhouse, we have to be able to generate enough revenue so that the members do not have to support its upkeep out of their own pockets. We have taken substantial steps in that direction. We recently renegotiated a lease with our primary tenant, The Maple Ballet School of Ballet, for a substantial increase in rent. The board also voted to increase the fee for members to rent, from \$100 a day to \$125. We are also considering other measures of increasing revenue, such as opening the facility up to anybody to rent on a daily basis (at a higher rate than members). However, before we undertake additional measures to make sure we don't lose money on the clubhouse, the board thinks we should first address the questions: Does

the membership want the clubhouse? Will the membership use the clubhouse?

We need your input! What do you think about keeping or selling the clubhouse? Most importantly, do you have ideas as to how to use the facility for the community and what are you willing to do to make that happen? Remember, there are two ways members can use the building: for club functions, or renting it for private functions like birthday parties. The consensus so far appears to be that the overall best result would be a clubhouse that is being actively used by its members and is bringing in at least enough money to meet expenses. Contact us at Lake Sawyer Community Club, P.O. Box 191, Black Diamond, WA 98010, or by e-mail at peters3@wa.freei.net. It is our goal to generate discussions and ideas and then address the matter at our general meeting next February. That gives us plenty of time to explore the issue. It also gives us time to talk to the ballet school after our decision so that it can make plans beyond this next school year ending in June.

1999 RUN, WALK, RIDE AROUND THE LAKE

Once again we had a great turnout for the 6th Annual Fun Run, Bike, Walk Around The Lake. A great big thanks to the **Black Diamond Police Department** for their support during the race.

Trophies were given to the following:

Run: Women Age 13-34 - **Diana Dominguez**; Women Age 34+ - **Cheri Merrill and her Dog, Ginger**; Men Age 13-34 - **Scott Cleary**; Men Age 34+ - **Kevin McGinnis**; Men Age 12 and under/Special Mention - **Taylor Johnson**.

Walk: Women Age 13 to 34 - **Annie Kulesza**; Women Age 34 and over - **Lisa Freeman**; Men Age 34 and over - **Henry Heeb**.

Bike: Women Age 13 to 25 - **Brenda Murphy**; Women Age 26 and over - **Margaret Murphy**; Men Age 13 to 25 - **Jay Murphy**; Men Age 26 and over - **Chuck Kemman**.

All youth participants who finished the course received a medal.

WANTED

Running Partner. About 10 minute miles, but willing to run as fast or slow as you want. Will run as near or far as you want. Must run early mornings. If interested, call Cheri Merrill at 886-0238.

For more classified ads, see [Classified Ads](#), free posting to LSCC members.