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## Summer at Indian Lake

Welcome to the Lake for the 2022 Season! Have fun out there!

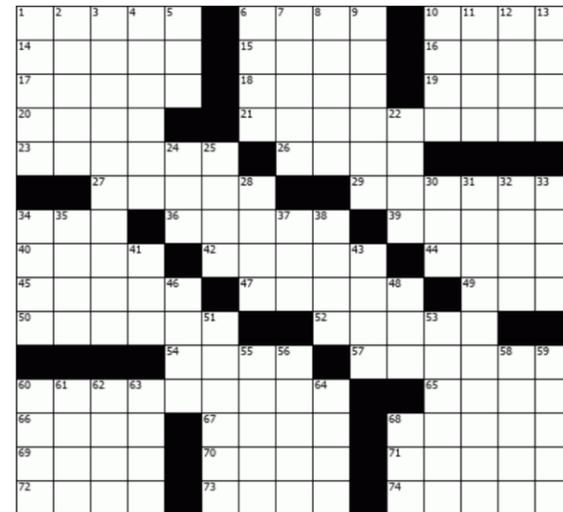
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- Across**
- Run after
  - \_\_\_ transit
  - Engrave with acid
  - Actress \_\_\_ Hayes
  - Voice range
  - Horse command
  - Stakes
  - Shredded cabbage
  - Aristocrat
  - Frozen
  - Actress \_\_\_ Hepburn
  - Peruse again
  - Approach
  - Directional symbol
  - Outburst
  - Tantrum
  - Dentist's concern
  - Ventilated
  - Japan's continent
  - Married again
  - Obey
  - Splash
  - Seoul's country
  - Messy place
  - Gets uptight
  - Lease again
  - Shakespearean monarch
  - Fill again
  - Sudden rushes of cattle
  - Top
  - Horseback game
  - Aria
  - Rooster's walk
  - Kind of exam
  - Like the Sahara
  - Taunt
  - Try out
  - Moistens
  - Daisylike flower



- Down**
- Rocking \_\_\_
  - From this place
  - Change
  - Sower
  - Naval officer (abbr.)
  - Halloween purchase
  - Edgar \_\_\_ Poe
  - Say
  - "Who cares?" (2 wds.)
  - Water container
  - Bangkok native
  - Maize
  - Healthy
  - Opera highlight
  - Gallery contents
  - Go-getter
  - Seven days
  - Edge
  - Member of the nobility
  - Fender damage
  - Water whirl
  - Speedy
  - Capri or Wight
  - A couple
  - German mister
  - Pack animal
  - Stag
  - SOS!
  - Pub offering
  - Teeter-totter
  - Makes very happy
  - Love to pieces
  - Kindled again
  - Entertain
  - Prevent
  - Location
  - Ripped
  - Poetic lament
  - Lose feathers
  - Repairs lawns
  - Amtrak terminal (abbr.)



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## NOTES FROM THE COMMODORE

As Commodore of the Indian Lake Yacht Club, I would like to welcome Indian Lakers to the 2022 summer season! It's been a colder than average spring, and everyone is in a rush trying to get ready for Memorial Day weekend. I'm sure warmer days are in our future.

We are sending out the first Bilge Memorial Day weekend so we can get our scheduled events calendar out to everyone before Father's Day weekend, on which we have the first of two scheduled pancake breakfasts. The Yacht Club is planning the popular Cardboard Boat Race and Ice Cream Social to be held in July, and we are also hosting a multi-lake sailing regatta. In August we'll have music on the lake featuring RPM so there is plenty to look forward to.

With the price of gasoline increasing dramatically, I'm hoping sailing will make a comeback. If anyone has any interest in learning how to sail, we have 3 boats available: 2 Sunfish and 1 MC Scow.

The ILYC has updated its website. There you can find our calendar of scheduled events, Bilge archives, and posted pictures. You can now register, renew, and pay for your membership online. Check it out at [indianlakeyachtclub.org](http://indianlakeyachtclub.org)

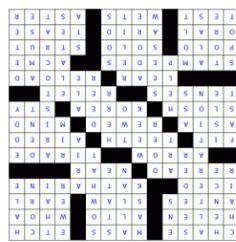
Have a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend!

Vaughn J. Kubert



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 15** 9:37am  
Ladies of the Lake Coffee/Tea
- June 19** 8:30am-12:00pm  
Pancake Breakfast
- June 25** Boater Safety Class\*
- July 2** 10:30am Cardboard Boat  
Races and Ice Cream Social
- July 13** 5:37pm  
Open Grill Night
- July 20** 9:37am  
Ladies of the Lake Coffee/Tea
- July 31** 8:30am-12:00pm  
Pancake Breakfast
- August 10** 6:00pm  
Cocktail Bingo
- August 13** 7:00pm  
Music on the Lake featuring RPM
- August 17** 11:37am  
Ladies of the Lake Salad Luncheon
- September 4** 6:00pm  
Annual Meeting and Dinner

We are providing you with a sneak peek of this summer's calendar of events. All activities are held at the Indian Lake Yacht Club. Further details for each event will be available in the June 17 Bilge.

\*Tentative date, time to be determined

## FUEL SERVICE

Memorial Day Weekend Gas Schedule

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday  
from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The ILYC accepts credit card, cash, or check payments for its marine-grade gas sales. Ice, candy, and cold drinks are also available at the yacht club.



## SAILING

We're planning to sail every weekend this year. We'll start on June 12 with a Skipper's Meeting at 11am at ILYC and two practice races at 1pm that day. Our Seasonal series will start on Sunday, June 19. While our general start time will be 1pm, it worked well last year to be flexible on the start time to accommodate the weather so actual start time is TBD.

We'll have our 5-race regattas on Saturday and Sunday of the 4th of July and Labor Day weekends, and ILYC is hosting the rotating Interlake Regatta, christened the Don Blackmond Memorial Regatta, on Saturday, July 23. This Regatta was sailed at Diamond Lake last year and includes sailors from 5 lakes in SW Michigan (Indian, Diamond, Eagle, Corey, and Birch) as well as some others. Look for a

see our registered colony on Indian Lake with another on Magician Lake.

- Kevin & Renae Skibinski

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- ❖ Each classified ad should include one item only. An exception will be made for garage sales.
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- ❖ The cost for a classified ad with text and one business card size picture is \$25.00.
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Payment for Classified Ads should be sent to:

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## Editor's Note

Hello, and welcome to another season of the Bilge-Water Bulletin at Indian Lake. Thank you to those who sent articles for the first issue.

The Indian Lake Yacht Club and Bilge-Water Bulletin are community efforts, and we want you to be a part of the community.

Please feel free to share stories of your family history and home on the lake, special events happening in your family or lake neighborhood, recipes, boating, lake life, jokes, or any other topics of interest.

The **next Bilge** newsletter will be at your house on **Friday, June 17. Please send all items by Monday, June 13 at 12:00 noon.** Please email articles or attach as Word documents for editing. Photos can also be emailed. The email address is [ilycbilge@gmail.com](mailto:ilycbilge@gmail.com)

I look forward to hearing from you.

-Deb Raffin



Landlord Jim Archbold lowering his Purple Martin feeder to add food and nesting materials.

Jim is lowering the feeder to add meal worms, oyster shells (for calcium), and some nesting materials. He likes giving these birds a head start to the season. Even our neighbors, Michael and Kimberly Carter, have been known to whip up a scrambled egg and put it on the feeder. It's definitely a team effort.

We mentioned in our first Bilge article last summer that 2021 was shaping up to our best year with 9 pairs and 47 eggs. Not all hatched or made it through for numerous reasons, but we ended up fledging 38 new babies (81% fledge rate). By the end of the summer, the Martins were fully grown and working on building their strength to prepare for their long trip back to Brazil where they spend their winters. Just before sunset every day, it was always a ritual for them to come back and create some "free entertainment" for their landlords. Watching them in graceful flight and listening to their beautiful gurgling and chattering song created a

relaxing atmosphere for everyone present.



Last year's Purple Martin colony in late summer just before sunset.

We look forward to another fun year. As of late April, we already have 4 pairs back and hopefully more from last year's brood are still on their way. Experts do say the Martins exhibit site fidelity, which means that as long as they had a successful breeding season the year before, they will return to that same nesting site.

If you want to become a landlord or simply learn more about Purple Martins, check out the organization dedicated to educating and helping landlords take care of these birds at <https://www.purplemartin.org/>. You can also email Kevin/Jim at [kski1000@aol.com](mailto:kski1000@aol.com) if you have any questions or need help starting a colony.

If you want to specifically look at the Purple Martin colonies in the Michigan area, or if you have a colony and want to register it, there's a website called Michigan Audubon <https://www.michiganaudubon.org/bfc/puma/> where you can see the registered colonies in the state of Michigan. You'll

separate email from me on planning for the Regatta; we will need lots of hands on deck! Please note that while gas sales will be open on July 23, the launch ramp will be closed as we'll have lots going on at ILYC.

I would like to encourage anyone interested in sailing to pay attention to notices about classes at ILYC and also Junior Yacht Club activities. ILYC does have 2 Sunfish sailboats and 1 MC Scow available for usage. If you'd like to go out with one of our sailors for racing any weekend, please let me know. It would be a great opportunity to learn about sailboat racing!

-John Smith, Fleet Captain

## LAKE ACTIVITIES

### **Ladies Of The Lake**

Our summer on Indian Lake is about to begin! My family and I are looking forward to the familiar sights and sounds that are part of every summer day living on the lake: screen doors banging, children in our homes or nearby homes laughing, beloved dogs, friendly hellos, halyards banging on the masts of sailboats, and the bang that lets us know Sunday sailboat races are about to begin! Turn on your imagination and dream of all that you can look forward to.

For those of you new to our lake and our Indian Lake Yacht Club, please know that the three Ladies of the Lake events listed below are for all of us that live on or around Indian Lake. Our group meets three times during the summer. In addition, the Yacht Club offers

various opportunities throughout the summer for your families to enjoy. Although membership to the ILYC is not required to attend our morning gatherings, we will have Membership forms available for you to complete should you wish to join but have not done so as yet.

The purpose of our Ladies of the Lake Group is to have a cup of coffee or tea, enjoy the conversation, share news of the lake, and often we identify a project in need of contributions that would be appreciative of our support.

The dates and times of our gatherings are:

\* Wednesday, June 15 at 9:37 am

\*Wednesday, July 20 at 9:37 am

\* Wednesday, August 17 at 11:37 am (Salad Luncheon)

We meet at our Indian Lake Yacht Club for all of our events.

I can be reached at 847-308-5421 (text also). Please reach out if you have any questions. I am looking forward to seeing you on June 15.

-Linda North, Social Events Organizer

### **Pickleball**

A huge THANK YOU to everyone that contributed to the resurfacing of the pickleball courts. Our courts will be resurfaced when the club house parking lot is surfaced. Those of us that play will have to make some adjustments to our game because the cracks will no longer be in play.

Extra thanks to Carol and Jim Rubino and their commitment to raising enough money to accomplish this goal. They have been a driving force during this project. Thank you!!

During the winter months you have kept your game sharp by playing at different locations: some in Florida, others indoors, and some have rested and prepared mentally for the upcoming fun season. We invite all people that have not played to join the fun and check this new game out. All players are welcome. We hope to have regular times for play on Tuesday at 9:00am, Thursday evening (time to be determined), and Saturday at 9:00am.

To learn about the game, go to Google and type in Pickleball for a wonderful introduction of rules, court size, net structure, and general information. You will be fascinated by the explanations, stories, and videos of this game.

I want to thank Steve and Lynn Miller and their daughter Suzy for making this activity available to the Indian Lake residents. We are grateful for your generosity.

The courts are available at all times so when your guests and family are together go to the club house, get the equipment, and play. This will be one of the best summers of Indian Lake Hills Pickleball EVER so be a part of it.

See you on the court!!

-Turp North

## LAKE NEWS

### Beachwood

#### Opening Day for Purple Martins

As with any opening day, significant prep work occurred to prepare for the 2022 Purple Martin season. There were many activities that needed to be done but most importantly was the timeliness of re-installing the Purple Martin house. Installing too early, you'll fight those pesky house sparrows trying to take it over and once a house sparrow takes over, the chances of attracting Purple Martins significantly diminish. Installing the house up too late means you could miss the window of opportunity to attract the Purple Martins to your site. We've learned here on Indian Lake that if we put it up by Easter every year, we are typically in pretty good shape.

To assist in better understanding the arrivals of Purple Martins, there is an excellent online tool from the Purple Martin Conservation Association that tracks Purple Martin sightings as they make their journey back from South America. All the colonies and Purple Martin landlords throughout the USA will report when they start to see their first Purple Martin. This data is graphically shown on the website and is very helpful for people who have a colony site on their property. You can actually zoom in to see exactly where they are showing up in your area. Fact: Did you know Purple Martins can actually travel up to 300 miles per day on their journey back to North America?



Purple Martin Conservation Association website tracking the progress of Purple Martins as they journey up from South America.

Another key preseason activity is preparing pre-nesting materials for every room. We like to sprinkle a layer of cedar chips on the very bottom of every room and then add a handful of dried white pine needles on top. From our research, these are the best materials to use for pre-nesting since almost every Purple Martin nest is made out of white pine needles with green leaves on top to help regulate the temperature and moisture of the eggs. Plus in the early spring, the pre-nesting material helps keep them warm on some of those very cold spring evenings.



Pre-nesting trays all ready to go inside each room of the Purple Martin house. Cedar

chips on the bottom and dry white pine needles on top.

Craig Boyd and Jim Archbold, longtime Indian Lake residents, were instrumental in helping install the pole/house in the same location as it was last year. It is a bit awkward to install with one person so having both of them for the install was very helpful.



Focused Craig Boyd and Jim Archbold with the meticulous install of this year's pole/house. Yes, it was a bit cold!

No question Jim Archbold is one of the best Purple Martin landlords out there. He actually has what they call a "bed & breakfast" feeder on his pier for the Purple Martins. This is very important for early in the season since insects are not abundant due to the cool weather.