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Commodore's Comments

It's always exciting to see the transition from winter to spring at Indian Lake as our lake, slowly at first, starts to build in activity until Memorial Day is upon us and we go full speed into The Best Summer Ever!!!

Behind the scenes, your ILYC Board and Officers have been working to ensure we can continue to host the events that have become a part of our culture on the lake. Mark your calendars for our pancake breakfasts, Cardboard Boat Races, Music on the Lake, Ladies of the Lake, and our bi-monthly game nights. For history buffs, our new history club will meet twice a month at the Yacht Club. Please read the article in this week's Bilge, and look for regular articles throughout the summer. The ILYC schedule has a lot more going on than just the hours that our fuel pump is open!!

There are a lot of great ideas in our community, and we are always looking for people to help their fellow Indian Lakers. There are opportunities to serve as Board Members and Officers, on committees, or as volunteers. The Board meeting schedule is printed in the Bilge, and all members are welcome to attend.

We have new bylaws for the Yacht Club; the changes are significant. The effort to update the bylaws started with a resolution at the end of the 2022 season, with the intent of bringing our bylaws into compliance with Michigan law and to better serve the membership. If you have any questions about them, reach out to one of your Directors. In the future, these bylaws will be posted on a members-only portion of our website. Until then, you can request a copy of the bylaws by emailing our ilycdowagiac@gmail.com account (please note that only paid members will receive a copy).

None of this could happen without the hardworking group of volunteers that give their time for the Lake community. This past week, we lost one of our Directors, a friend, mentor, and pillar of our lake community in the passing of Christine Prillwitz-Huber. Her love of this community and selfless dedication to making it better for others was an example for all that knew her; our prayers are with Christine's family.

I wish everyone a safe holiday weekend spent with those you love!

Dave Delgado
Commodore, Indian Lake Yacht Club

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 25 ILYC Board Meeting 9:00am
June 8 ILYC Board Meeting 9:00am
June 12 Game Night 6:30pm
June 14 History Club 7:00pm
June 16 Pancake Breakfast
8:30am – 12:00pm
June 21 History Club 7:00pm
June 22 ILYC Board Meeting 9:00am
June 26 Game Night 6:30pm
June 27 Ladies of the Lake Coffee
9:37am
July 4 Indian Lake Pontoon Parade
11:00am
July 5 History Club 7:00pm
July 6 Cardboard Boat Races and
Ice Cream Social 10:30am – 1:00pm
July 10 Game Night 6:30pm
July 13 ILYC Board Meeting 9:00am
July 19 History Club 7:00pm
July 21 Pancake Breakfast
8:30am – 12:00pm
July 24 Open Grill Night 5:30pm
July 24 Game Night 6:30pm
July 25 Ladies of the Lake Coffee
9:37am
July 27 ILYC Board Meeting 9:00am
July 27 Music on the Lake Family Fun
6:00pm
August 2 History Club 7:00pm
August 3 Courtesy Reminder: Don
Blackmond Memorial Beer/Wine Tasting
Event 6:00pm – 9:00pm
August 7 Cocktail Bingo 6:00pm
August 10 ILYC Board Meeting 9:00am
August 16 History Club 7:00pm

August 21 Game Night 6:30pm

August 22 Ladies of the Lake Salad
Luncheon 11:37am

August 24 ILYC Board Meeting 9:00am

August 30 History Club 7:00pm

Sept. 1 Dinner and Annual Meeting 6:00pm

HOLIDAY GAS SCHEDULE

Friday, May 24 12:00pm – 6:00pm

Saturday, Sunday, & Monday, May 25, 26, &
27 10:00am – 5:00pm

LAKE ACTIVITIES

Welcome Back!

We are so excited for another fun filled summer here on Indian Lake! Game Night will begin Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. We will start the season with Trivia! Bring your family, your neighbors, or just yourself and we'll make sure you have a blast with old friends and new.

We have also planned Open Grill Night on July 24! An annual fun event starting at 5:30 to be followed by Trivia. Our other planned Game Night dates are June 26 and July 10. We will cap it all off on August 7 with the infamous Linda and Turp North Bingo Night! If you can only make it to one event, make sure it's this one!

Also mark your calendars for July 27 for our Annual Summer Fling! We have the award-winning Moonshot Band booked to entertain us with music we all know and love! More details to follow!

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

Delia Snediker

Ladies of the Lake

Welcome back to our happy place! ILYC will be planning a good deal of social events this summer so keep checking the Bilge each week for upcoming events.

LADIES Of THE LAKE will meet in June and July for our morning coffees, and in August we have scheduled our always tasty salad luncheon. For those new to Indian Lake, we are a group of enthusiastic women who gather to enjoy getting to know one another in the casual setting of our ILYC clubhouse. Our agenda is always getting acquainted.

Jan Romey has spent a good deal of time over the past months gathering and organizing historical facts about our Indian Lake. We can look forward to learning more about life at the lake in years gone by during our time together this summer.

Dates and times of our coffees and luncheon are on the calendar and listed in the Bilge. Should you have a neighbor that has not joined us previously, please bring her along to our events. See you soon!

Linda North

The History Corner

Welcome to the start of another summer season at the lake! I've spent the winter doing a deep dive (no pun intended!) into Indian Lake history. I have lots of fun and interesting stories to share, and I'm very excited to do so.

Did you know that in 1899 at the Indian Lake Club, the last bath house was removed from the lakefront and the first telephone was installed? Did you know that it was reported by the local paper in August of 1913 that an alligator was captured at the lake and killed by two men with clubs? (This is not the infamous sea serpent!) Did you know that the west side of the lake from The Point on up towards the golf course was the

last area to be developed?

Did you know that I am starting the Indian Lake History Club and the ILYC Board of Directors has graciously approved the History Club to meet on Friday evenings at the clubhouse? Our first meeting will be **Friday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m.** Please come with something to share, if you would like, and questions to ask. Feel free to bring your own snack and/or beverage. Any questions? Please don't hesitate to contact me. See you on June 14th!

Jan Romey

Pickleball Fence Fundraiser

Happy Spring Indian Lake Family and Friends! Hoping that your winter was a good and safe one!

We need your help! We are almost there!! I am reaching out to give you an update on the Pickleball Fence Fundraising numbers. As of today, all of you have collectively and generously donated \$10,729.49 to help construct a fence around the courts. We still need \$3180.01 to be able to sign the contract and get our fence up. With your help, we are hoping that it can happen just as pickleball season goes into full swing.

Our quote from Milestone Fence of \$13,909.50 is about to expire and I am pretty sure that the 2024 rates will be going up if I reapply for a new quote, so time is of the essence.

I am so grateful and know that you have already generously donated to many things on the lake including the pickleball court resurfacing/upgrading and this fence. I am wondering if you would please be able to add this effort to your list of 2024 donations so that we can complete this project.

Whether you play yourself or your children, grandchildren, and friends do, please know that you/they will have fun at our 3 very own

Indian Lake pickleball courts. The fact that we will actually have a fence around the courts will be so wonderful!!

Thank you so much to our Indian Lake Golf Course owners and family for allowing us to repurpose the former tennis courts!

How to easily donate:

Write a check to: "Carol Rubino" You can mail it to our home at 33454 Ridenour Road, Dowagiac, 49047. Please write "Pickleball Fence Project" in the memo area and "For Deposit Only" on the back of the check.

You can go to "Go Fund Me" and donate but please remember that they ask for a tip. Here is the link:
https://www.gofundme.com/f/pickleball-court-improvement-project-part-ii/donate?modal=share&source=btn_story_donate

You can Venmo: @Carol-Rubino-2 Please write "Pickleball Fence" in the memo area

You can Zelle to: Carol Rubino (952-250-1248 or carol.rubino@gmail.com)

Thank you so much for sharing your gifts of time to read this and then your treasures to make this a reality!! See you at the courts!!

Carol Rubino and all of the Indian Lake Picklers

LAKE NEWS

From Indian Lake Improvement Association

The ILIA cordially invites you to join them for a continental breakfast prior to their general membership meeting on June 8, 2024 at the Indian Lake Fire Department, 33104 Old M 62, Dowagiac, MI 49047. Breakfast will be available at 8 AM EST and the general

membership meeting will follow at 9 AM EST. During the meeting they will update the membership on the progress to date and the challenges they still face. Meeting attendees that are current ILIA members have the opportunity to win door prizes this year!

In addition to the June 8 ILIA meeting, please plan to attend the Indian Lake Governmental Lake Board meeting at 5:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, May 31, 2024 at the Indian Lake Fire Department. Joe Bischoff of Barr Engineering will be presenting his yearly report on the "State of the Lake" report, and then he will stay after the GLB meeting for a continued conversation with Indian Lake residents.

ILIA Board of Directors and Officers

CLASSIFIED ADS

Wanted

I'm looking to purchase a used kayak. One that you sit in with foot rests about 10 feet long. I will use it on the lake or Dowagiac River. Please call Jeff Karstrand at 708-238-1290.

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 next Bilge newsletter will be delivered to your house on Friday, June 14. **Please send all items by Monday, June 10 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**

Deb Raffin