

NORMANOCH NEWS

of Culver Lake



A Private Lake Community

Incorporated 1929

Winter 2007-2008

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DUES AND FEES 2008

Due to increases in yearly operating expenses a small increase of \$10.00 is reflected in the 2008 Membership Dues of \$400 and 2008 Capital Assessment of \$200. The NJ State sales tax is \$28.00, bring the basic membership to \$628.00 with boat, winter vehicles stickers additional.

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT

Application and payment must be received/postmarked prior to March 1st to avoid late fees. Remember to read and sign the back of the renewal form. It cannot be accepted if not signed and late fees will apply if after February 29, 2008. If payment is coming from a banking institution you MUST send the renewal form to the office before payment can be processed.

ROW POLICY CHANGES

Current policy concerning dock usage allows members to have sticker-authorized docks whether or not the member has a sticker for a power, sail or rowboat. Those who have in the past, obtained a dock sticker without a boat sticker will be allowed to continue such usage. This policy has been grandfathered.

However, effective January 1, 2008 no stickers for docks will be issued for members wishing to obtain a dock sticker unless a water based boat sticker is authorized except if previously grandfathered.

It is important to note that in the case of a sale of a member home there is no transference of dock placement or usage. In such a case the new policy will prevail.

Should you need any clarification of this change please call the office or Jack Van Pelt at 973-948-0567

WATER QUALITY MEETING

We will have the State of the Lake Address at the Tri-Co Plaza Conference Room, 47 Rt. 206 (next to the car wash) in Augusta. Hosted by the Board of Directors, the meeting will feature presentations from our water quality experts, Dr. Steve Souza of Princeton Hydro and Dr. Robert Kortmann of Ecosystems Consulting Services, Inc. Also present will be past and present members of our board of Directors, and our Water Quality Task Force leaders. Take this opportunity to learn about the current status of water quality and the plan for future improvements from the individuals that are setting the course for our water quality efforts. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6th at 7:00pm, with a snow date set for Wednesday, February 13th. Questions for the consultants should be submitted in advance to the office by January 18th. Those interested in attending should contact the clubhouse at (973) 948-4251 for additional information.

RENEW NORMANOCH MEMBERSHIP NOW

Please review, complete and sign on the back of your 2008 application where necessary. Please read the renewal instructions for complete instructions.

Renewing your membership on time produces the following good results:

1. Members save money by avoiding the late fees.
2. Association achieves positive cash flow.
3. Badges and Stickers are returned promptly.

Please follow these simple guidelines to help us process your application as efficiently as possible:

1. Mail your renewal form to the Association.
2. Sign the back page only of the renewal form. **The renewal cannot be processed until the member signs the application.**
3. Be sure to check for correct addresses or new phone numbers.
4. **Include COPIES of required current Boat Registrations.**
5. Enclose check or money order in the correct amount payable to: Normanoch Association.

Include copy of receipt for septic pumping during 2007 to deduct wastewater-pumping discount of \$50.00.

As a reminder, if you have any changes to your address or phone numbers please indicate so on the renewal application.

LATE FEES FOR 2008

Dues paid after February 29, 2008 must be accompanied by a \$50 late fee. (Month of March = \$50) On the first of April and each succeeding month the late fee increases by \$15. Avoid the late fee and postmark on or before February 29.

MEMBERSHIP BADGES

All persons at the clubhouse, on the ice in winter and at right-a-ways must wear current Normanoch Association badges. Please review the Blue Book for the policy on membership and guest badges.

Upon renewal, badges will be issued for immediately residing family having the same permanent address. Any other badges will be issued when the member visits the office and requests the additional badges.



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Can't make the Water Quality meeting? Need the office phone number? Want to know about a rule or regulation concerning boats? Visit the web site for the most current Water Consultants reports, the current Rules and Regulations, many informative forms to print and use!

RULES AND REGULATIONS UPDATE

The Board of Directors has been reviewing and updated the Rules and Regulations (Blue Book) during the past months. The revised Blue Books will be ready for distribution with the Spring Normanoch News. The Board encourages all members, family, guests, and tenants to review the revised book.

INFLATABLE FLOATS/WATER TRAMPOLINES

Any member that wishes to own a water trampoline and place it in the waters of Culver Lake, the following must transpire before a sticker will be issued. 1. Proof of minimum homeowners liability insurance of \$500,000. 2. A "hold harmless" agreement, in favor of the Normanoch Association, signed by the member (available in the office). 3. The water trampoline must meet the Construction, Placement, Etc. Rules and Regulations as stated in the Blue Book. 4. Such Trampolines cannot be larger than 15 feet.

If you own an inflatable float or water trampoline please contact the office for further information.

OFFICE HOURS

Months of January, February, March, April, and May – Mondays 10am to 12 noon
or by appointment. Please call the office.

WOMENS CLUB NEWS

As our family prepares for the holidays, my mind can't help but drift to the week in between Christmas Day and New Year's because we'll be spending it at the lake! As tradition goes, soon after presents are opened on Christmas morning we begin to pack the car and head 'up' the lake, as we like to say. After having a large Christmas Eve gathering of family and friends at our West Orange home, we spend a nice, relaxing Christmas Day at my parents' house on the North Shore. As the day turns into night, we say our goodbyes and head to the other side of the lake — to Still Point.

I love walking into our chilly, dark lake house and turning on the heat and lights. I automatically start to breathe differently as I walk around getting reacquainted with my surroundings. Of course, all that the kids (and Chris too!) want to know is whether or not the lake has frozen in front of the house and if it is smooth enough for skating and a little hockey. I just want to build a fire, crack open a book and let life at the lake seep back in.

Peace. Love. Joy. I know that our family will be surrounded by all of these during the holiday season as we welcome in a new year at the lake - - and my hope is that yours will be too.

On to Women's Club News

We have a few final thank yous for last season. Lisa Gibble and her crew of dedicated parents, supporters and

sponsors deserve a standing ovation for once again creating a wonderful Theater Camp week for the children of the lake. The cast and crew of Cinderella did an outstanding job; we can't wait to see them on the stage again next year.

Many thanks to Amy Supko and Julie Hoffmann, our Steak-N-Chicken Co-Chairwomen, for working with the Men's Club to create a fabulous event. Gail Kreutz and Judy Nylen did a great job of decorating, and we could never pull the Dinner off without the help of everyone who pitches in to chop, cook, serve, set up and clean up. Way to go!

The season ended on a high note as we partnered with the Windjammers for the Closing Season Dance. Thanks to Gail Kruetz for working with the Windjammers to organize the details. The dance floor was hopping and it was great to see a number of the lake teenagers joining in the festivities!

Robin and I are looking forward to another terrific summer in 2008 and we'll be busy planning a fun-filled calendar of events over the winter.

Until we meet again, may your days be filled with kindness and good health.

A Happy New Year's to all,

Nancy Scocozza
Women's Club Co-President

PATROL NEEDED

The Normanoch Association has openings for mature patrol Staff. The positions are all part-time and scheduling is flexible. NJ Boat Safety Course is required. You need not be a Normanoch member to qualify. Will train. Please call the office at 973-948-4251 for an application.



ROW SURVEYS

ROW surveys have been completed and the ROW Committee has reviewed each ROW for encroachment and/or survey differences. Where the Board feels issues have arisen letters, with a copy of the survey, will be sent in January.

NOTE NEW SPEED LIMIT

The speed limit ALL AROUND THE LAKE is now at 25mph.

WINTER VEHICLES

Effective for the winter of 2007, a "hold harmless" agreement, in favor of the Normanoch Association, must be signed by members that have winter vehicles registered with the Association. Call the office for further details.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

Are you looking for something for your children or grandchildren to do over the summer? Want to get them away from the computer and outside involved in a summer recreational league? Then we have the answer for you!

JOIN THE CULVER LAKE SWIM TEAM!!! AND HERE IS WHY...

We are always looking for new swimmers to join our team!
 We have age groups for those 6 (and even under) to 18!
 You can still join even if you have never swum on a team before!
 You only need to be able to swim 25 meters (or 50 for older age groups) unassisted to join!
 We will work around vacations, etc. – after all it is the summer!
 We enjoy introducing and instructing new strokes to our swimmers!
 We are a recreational league and, therefore, our team members can relax and enjoy themselves!
 Striving to improve your own personal time, no matter how slight, is the only goal we set!
 You will enjoy the benefits of training over the summer (to be ready for those participating in fall sports!)
 You will spend time socializing with old friends and have the opportunity to meet neighbors you may never knew you had!
 You receive a lifelong benefit of being properly trained and equipped to reside in a lake community!

Since we meet during the winter months, please call us **immediately** if you are considering joining our team or have any questions. Our registration packets will be mailed in May of 2008 but we would love to hear from you **now** so we can plan accordingly for our upcoming season!!

Remember, our travel mugs are available and make wonderful gifts! The cost is \$10.00 each. Anyone wishing to purchase them off-season can go to the Normanoch office or contact one of the officers listed below. The money raised from these orders has been very helpful to our team. If you would like to request an order form, please contact the Normanoch office or one of our officers.

Look for further updates in the Spring Normanoch.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

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14th Annual
 Walter Suhaka
 Memorial
Ice Fishing Derby

Sponsored by the Men's Club

January 26th and 27th

\$20 Registration fee

Open to all Normanoch
 members and guests

Sign up 6:30-8 AM both days
 Weigh in between 4 and 5 pm
 both days

5 categories - prizes for
 first and second in each category

You must register to win

Judges decisions are final



Please contact
Chuck Kreutz
 or **Paul Helmer**
 For more information
Wear your lake badges

MENS CLUB NEWS

Earlier today, while sitting at this computer checking e-mails, I was reminded that the Men's Club Winter Normanoch News article is due. For those of you who move away from the lake for the winter, our lake becomes a very quiet, solitary existence when you are away. Oh sure, some folks return for the Thanksgiving weekend, or to "ohh" and "ahh" at the leaves changing on the mountain, or for brief visits with friends. But for most of us who stay, it is a silent grandeur that overtakes the lake. Loons and Barrow Golden Eyed ducks return for a brief sojourn on their journey south. There are a multitude of seagulls that stay for awhile but they too soon move on. Other than that the lake is still. It is in this stillness that I sit pondering how to fill this space. As I ponder, a red and black dotted ladybug makes her way across my ceiling. Now ladybugs (my grand daughter calls them "baby bugs") are always welcome on my ceiling because I have found out that they eat the tiny eggs of the spiders that have visited over the summer. The more they eat, the less spiders we have visiting next year. Anyone who has spent any time here at the lake will admit that this lake is the magic kingdom of spiders. In my lifetime I have never seen or bumped into more spiders. There are spiders in my attic, my cellar, on and under my docks, and in, on and under my boats. Recently, I was visiting my son in Oklahoma. As I walked with my granddaughter we met a tarantula walking down the road. While we have a multitude of spiders here at the lake, 30 of our spiders would have fit on the back of this five inch furry critter. Sometimes I am not the sharpest hook in the tackle box and I thought it might be interesting to catch this spider, put him in a container, and have the grandkids keep it (outside) as a pet. My intention was to

have the spider climb on the end of a five foot stick and stay there until I could walk it back to the house and put it in a container. The spider stopped as I approached with the five foot stick. It appeared congenial and willingly climbed onto my stick. On my first step toward home, the spider heard someone yell "go" and it raced up the stick toward my hand. It is surprising how fast an eight legged, five inch spider can cover a five foot stick. I'm old but I can drop a stick with a five inch spider on it, running toward my hand, as fast as the next guy. I was reconsidering wanting to catch the spider when the spider and the stick hit the ground. My five year old granddaughter, being more intuitive than I, started her sprint toward home. When the tarantula started running toward my foot I knew there was somewhere else I should be. Anyone watching from a distance would have thought I was auditioning for "River Dance" as I tap danced and Irish jigged my way down the street. The spider and I then went our separate ways. I'm sure that spider has told this story to his buddies more than once and had a good laugh. As I sit now and watch the lady bug on my ceiling I'm thankful the spiders around here are smaller and slower. And I'm thankful for ladybugs. Have a safe and Happy New Year. See ya' on the lake.

Chuck Kreutz, President

Fish Talk

Too cold, too windy to fish in a boat. Waiting for the ice.

Coming Events

14th Annual Walter Suhaka Memorial Fishing Contest
Saturday and Sunday, January 26 and 27, 2008. \$20.00 per person.
Sign-ups 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. each day.

PICNIC ENDS THE WINDJAMMERS' SEASON

The Windjammers celebrated the end of the racing season with a Labor Day Picnic/Awards Ceremony at the home of Frank and Lynn Shary.

First place for the season honors went to Allen Bentson, second place was earned by John Weber and Joseph Wuensch, and third place went to Windjammer Commodore Frank Shary.

Allen Bentson was also awarded the Windjammer trophy, donated by Frank Shary, to be displayed at the Normanoch Association in honor of the club's top sailors.

The names of all who sailed in 2007 summer races, volunteered in any way, or participated in Windjammer events were entered into a drawing for an ornamental bowl handcrafted by Harvey Fein from Babinga, a South American tropical hardwood. The lucky winner was John Weber.

2008 officers elected (make that "recruited") are Allen Bentson as Commodore, John Weber as Vice-Commodore, Nancy Hale as Secretary, and Ed Thompson as Treasurer.

Many thanks to the Sharys for sharing their home and to Kents Liquors for their generous donation.

Safe winter, everyone. Keep your jibs furled until we meet again next summer.