

NORMANOCH NEWS

of Culver Lake



A Private Lake Community

Incorporated 1929

www.normanoch.org

Spring 2011

NEW GUEST POLICY

Effective January 2011 the Normanoch Association has instituted a new Guest Policy. Normanoch Members may purchase a daily wrist band for guests at a cost of \$2 per day. The wrists bands are made of tyvek paper and are designed to withstand water. Guests are required to wear the wrist band while at the clubhouse, dock, beach, swimming area and other Association properties, Rights-of-way and on the lake when it is frozen. Members are entitled to check out up to 8 guest bands per day. Weekly wrist bands are also available. Guest bands may be purchased from one of our managers in the canteen during normal business hours.



CULVER LAKE MEMORIAL DAY FISHING CONTEST MAY 28TH AND 29TH

Open to All
Members and Their Guests

All New Jersey State
Fishing Rules Apply
No Large or Small Mouth
Bass Allowed
No Hybrids Under 16 Inches

Sign Ups 6am –8am Both Days

Weigh-ins at Clubhouse
5-6 PM Sat.
3-4 PM Sun.

Open to Adults &
13 and Under Group
Trophies, Prizes, And Barbeque
Sunday after weigh-in

\$12 Adults and
\$7 for 13 and under
\$2 additional per guest

OFFICE UPDATE

The office would like to thank the members that properly returned the 2011 Renewal Applications in a timely manner. As a reminder, if you have any changes to your address or phone numbers, please update our files by contacting the office with such new information. There are many members in which the contact phone numbers are no longer in use. If an emergency should occur and contact must be made, it will be very difficult, if not impossible! You may either call the office at (973) 948-4521 or email normanoch@warwick.net your updates.

OPENING DAY

Your Normanoch clubhouse will be opening on Saturday June 25th this year. The staff has been busy cleaning and setting things up. Come on down and enjoy a day of sunshine, swimming and great canteen food. Don't forget your Normanoch Badges!

NORMANOCH NEWS UPDATE

The Normanoch News is going green. The Normanoch News in an effort to reduce the amount of paper printed and reduce costs will no longer be delivered by bulk mail around the lake. If you wish, you can request first class delivery to your home by contacting the office. There is a \$15 fee to cover printing and mailing. The Normanoch News is always available by going to www.normanoch.org. Current and past issues are posted.

WEARING OF PFDS BY CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER

Any child 12 years of age or younger must WEAR a properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD whenever the vessel is underway.

It is also a good idea on a very windy day or if there are rough waters to have all children, regardless of age wearing a PFD.



STICKER VIOLATIONS

In order to improve compliance with rules regarding the placement of stickers on boats, floats, winter vehicles, boat lifts and docks, the Board of Directors has created a schedule of fees for sticker violations. The placement of stickers will be checked early in the season and again throughout the rest of the year. Upon notification by mail to the members permanent address, the member will have two weeks to correct the violation. If after two weeks the violation still exists the member will receive a second notification of the violation with an invoice for the violation fee. Failure to pay the violation fee promptly and properly displaying the sticker will result in that sticker becoming invalid. The member would then be required to register the article. Stickers are required on boats while at moorings, docks or on lifts. Fee for sticker violations:

Float - \$10.00
Dock/Lift - \$10.00
Boat - \$20.00
Winter Vehicles - \$20.00

Boats that are placed on the lake without proper registration with the Association are a more serious violation. Failure to properly register a boat prior to placement on the lake can result in the member being called before the Lake Committee. Failure to comply can result in sanctions up to and including the loss of all lake privileges. The Board has instituted these violation fees to better insure the privacy of our dues paying members. Member cooperation is appreciated.

ATTENTION ROW CAPTAINS

The Board of Directors is asking for your assistance in maintaining records for your ROW's. Captains are asked to submit drawings of the current set up of boats and docks at your ROW. Please give approximate dimensions of docks, boats and space available. Have drawings to the office by July 4th. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

AERATION SYSTEM

No fishing is allowed around the aeration system.

BOATERS

If your non-power or powerboat and/or trailer have been in other bodies of water you must wash both boat and trailer at another location before launching into Culver Lake.

CAPS • MUGS NOTE CARDS

Available for purchase at the Club House!



Note Cards
10 for \$6

Caps \$15
Available in 4 colors



Mugs \$14



MEN'S CLUB

Ice Fishing Contest 2011

Held on President's Day weekend this year, there were 13 participants for the contest, a better showing than last year! Mark your calendars for next year because the new date for the ice fishing contest for 2012 and beyond will be President's weekend. This weekend seems to have more residents "up at the lake" for the holiday weekend, so hopefully we will continue to have a better turn out. First place winner of the ice fishing contest this year was Val Dennis for his 4 lb. ½ oz. pickerel, beating out MY 4 lb. ½ oz. pickerel by a quarter of an inch! A tie goes to the length in these contests. Val won \$260 for his fish-Congratulations Val!!

Coming Events

Memorial Day Fishing Contest
Saturday and Sunday May 28 and 29
13 and under \$7
14 and older \$12
A \$2 fee additional will be charged per guest

Registration will be held at the clubhouse each day from 6-8 am.
Weigh-in on Saturday will be held from 5-6 pm.
Weigh-in on Sunday will be held from 3-4 pm. Sharp. (No fish after 4 pm).
A picnic will be held after the contest for all contest participants.

This year one change is that we are not stocking trout for the Memorial Day Contest. Channel catfish will be stocked instead of the trout due to the poor holdover rate of the trout in the lake in recent years. Channel catfish will be stocked in the 10-12 inch size range. Although 12 inches is legal to keep a channel catfish in New Jersey, a safe return to the lake of these fish would be appreciated. These fish can potentially become very large, so we

want to give them a chance to grow so that future catches of these fish are even more fun and challenging! More information regarding channel catfish will be posted on the Men's Club photo wall at the clubhouse.

Men's Club Meeting

Mark you calendar for Friday evening, June 24 for the first Men's Club meeting of the summer. Please show up to support the club and to get things started. Please bring your fresh ideas and we encourage new participants.

Membership Letters

Please watch your mail for our 2011 membership letter. Our dues remain as \$5 per member. At the bottom of the membership form are spaces to check if you would like to help out at any of our events this year. There is also a space for a Fish Fund donation. Please return these forms, with your check, as soon as possible. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Have a great Spring!

Dave Supko,
Men's Club President

BOAT INSPECTIONS

A powerboat registered on Culver Lake for the first time must be inspected by the Association's lake patrol before it can be issued stickers. Re-inspection will be required upon any change of ownership or motor. All owners and operators must permit lake patrol to inspect their boats upon request. The paperwork required prior to inspection is the following:

- Copy current registration
- Copy NJ Boat Safety Certificate
- Copy current NJ license with a boat endorsement
- Insurance certificate showing the new boat with the specific motor carrying liability of at least \$300,000.
- Payment according to engine size

Boat inspections are not limited to just the above – please review the web site at www.normanoch.com and visit the "office" then Rules and Regulations. Please contact the office for more information. It is the members responsible to obtain the above information.

NORMANOCH ASSOCIATION STOCK

There are certain circumstances where a new stock certificate needs to be issued. They are as follows: Death of a spouse, Name change, Divorce, transfer of Stock due to an Estate or selling of your Culver Lake house. This procedure should be completed as soon as possible to be eligible to vote at the Annual Stockholders Meeting in August. Please contact the office for further instructions and if you have any questions. There is a \$50 fee to change a stock certificate.



4TH ANNUAL PIG ROAST IN HONOR OF TROOPER CURTIS G. ROHEL

**BLUE RIBBON AT CULVER LAKE
JUNE 26th, 2011 | NOON - 8 PM**

**ENTERTAINMENT
THE SNAKE OIL WILLIE BAND
GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD TIMES, GOOD TUNES**



TICKETS

21 & UP \$40 • 12-20 \$15 • Under 12 FREE!

**FOR TICKETS CALL ROB ROHEL AT 973-670-7276
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE TROOPER CURTIS G. ROHEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

SPRING OFFICE HOURS

Starting Saturday May 28th through Saturday June 18th

Saturdays 9am to 12 noon

Sundays 11am to 1 pm

Mondays 10am to 12 noon

Also by Appointment – call the office at 973-948-4251.

BE AWARE

Friends and Neighbors, BAM! Just when we thought that Punksatawny Phil and, yes, Stonewall Jackson. too, might be right, we got hit with another eight inches of that white stuff. Boy! Has this been some winter! But by now, hopefully, we are beginning to see some green blades sprouting up on our lawns. Could it really be grass? Maybe Spring is not that far off. The Culver Lake Crime Watch Team has been watching (even looking for grass). Seriously, the team has had meetings during the winter, keeping each other aware of what we have seen. There is one disturbing fact that has come to our attention. It is that drug activity is apparent at Frankford Township Park. So be aware of this, especially if you have children who enjoy the benefits of this park. We welcome back all our friends and neighbors who go elsewhere for the winter, as well as those who brave it out at the Lake. We are looking forward to a safe and wonderful summer.

WWW.NORMANOCH.ORG

Check out the Normanoch Association's website; www.normanoch.org. It contains just about all the information you'll need and like to know about the lake.

LAKE ROAD SPEED LIMITS

Please note that the speed limit on all roads around our lake is now 25 mph. This includes the East, West and Lower North Shore roads.

Please observe the speed limit to protect our children, walkers, runners and bikers.

ALL NEW JERSEY BOATERS: THE LAW HAS CHANGED

Thank you to the membership for successfully completing the NJ Boater Safety course! Everyone operating a boat in NJ must now possess a certificate. If you still need to take the NJ Boater Safety course please visit www.boatus.com/courseline , www.usps.org , or www.cgaux.org or call 1(800)336-BOAT.

NORMANOCH NEWS

The Normanoch News, sponsored by the Normanoch Association, is published online weekly from late June till late August to inform members of the Culver Lake Community of activities of the lake and to strengthen the sense of community.

Items for the NN may be Emailed (normanochnews@gmail.com), or U.S mailed to:

Normanoch Association
attn. Editor Normanoch News
PO Box 477,
Branchville, NJ 07826.

The deadline for submission is the Thursday morning one week and one day **prior** to the issue date.

PATROL NEWS NORMANOCH ASSOCIATION BOAT SAFETY COURSE

The Culver Lake Boat Safety Course has been scheduled for Saturday, May 28th at 9 am at the clubhouse. This course is mandatory for all new boat operators on Culver Lake. Failure to attend can result in the loss of boating privileges. Please note that the Culver Lake Boat Safety Course is required in addition to the State course. See page 28 of your Blue Book for further clarification. To register, call the office at 948-4251. Other courses will be held Saturday, June 25th at 9 am, Sunday July 17th at 9 am and Saturday, August 20th at 9 am.

Current year stickers must be placed near the top of each side of the boat's hull, about half way between bow and stern before the boat is placed on the lake.

All Culver Lake members should affix Normanoch Association stickers to their rafts and docks immediately for ease of identification.

A series of fines will be imposed if stickers are not properly displayed as was the case last year.

In order to avoid the possibility of contamination of our waters, boaters are required to wash their boat hulls at an off lake location prior to launching their boats in Culver Lake.

CULVER LAKE SWIM TEAM

Spring has arrived at Culver Lake and before we know it, the summer season will be before us. We are very excited about another fun filled swim team season. The Whitecaps will once again host several home swim meets that will provide excitement and entertainment for our entire lake community.

We would like to extend an invitation to any lake member or their immediate family to consider being a part of our team and the wonderful experience it offers. If you are between the ages of 4 and 18, we would love to have you join us this summer. Please call one of the swim team board

officers listed below if you are interested or have any questions. We would be happy to speak with you and answer any questions you may have.

Registration packets will be mailed out shortly. Please complete and return them in a timely manner so we can give the coaches an accurate roster and begin planning for the start of the season which will be the end of June.

A calendar with all of the season's events and practice times will be provided in a follow up communication.

We hope you have a wonder-

ful spring, finish the school year strong and look forward to you joining us this summer!

Again, please feel free to contact any of our board members listed below with any comments or questions. We will work hard to make this season a memorable one.

Board Members:

Maureen Myer, President
948-0870

Joe Crouch, VP
948-7309

Stephanie Liebl, Secy.
948-5544



WINDJAMMERS 2011

Welcome to summer 2011 and the Windjammers' 36th season at Culver Lake!

The traditional Spring Kick-Off Dinner will be held at Culver Lake Blue Ribbon, Saturday, June 11. Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of good food, fun and fellowship and to discuss the summer season plans. If you are not

a current Windjammer member, call Nancy Hale (973-948-6044) to leave your email address/phone number; dinner details will be sent to you.

Give a call also if Santa left a sailboat under your tree or the Easter Bunny hid one among the weeds. We'll give you the number of an experienced sailor who can help

you with rigging and give some sailing hints.

See you on the lake!

Mary Weber, Commodore
John Weber, Vice-Commodore
Nancy Hale, Secretary
Ed Thompson, Treasurer
Allyn Jones, Business Manager

Christ Union Chapel

“The Chapel on the Lake Shore”

100 Years of Service to the Culver Lake Community



Will You Help Fund Our Mission for the Next 100 Years?

For more than a century the non-denominational Christ Union Chapel has been serving the summer residents of Culver Lake, always adhering to the mission on which it was founded – to “...provide a place of meeting and spiritual contact, uplift and meditation for summer sojourners and also residents of the community... Here, regardless of denomination affiliation, all could find a church home, a new and renewing friendship.”

Through the decades the Chapel has held “open to all” Sunday worship services from June to Labor Day, which include both a morning service in the chapel and the unique evening “float service” on beautiful Culver Lake. The Chapel has been the happy site for numerous weddings and baptisms, and the locale for summer Bible School, which provides as many as 80 children with fun and wholesome activities. The annual Chapel Picnic is an eagerly anticipated social event, as are the free concerts hosted by the Chapel during the summer months.

But as is true for all centenarians, Christ Union Chapel, and the pastor’s manse, are beginning to show signs of wear, tear and age. The manse needs a new roof and plumbing upgrade. The Chapel requires kitchen updating and the renovation of a bathroom to allow handicap access.

Accordingly, The Board of Directors of Christ Union Chapel is launching a \$200,000 fundraising campaign this summer to ensure the Chapel will continue as a viable part of the Culver Lake community – and your help is urgently requested.

You will be receiving a brochure in the upcoming weeks that will explain this campaign, and we respectfully ask that you read it...consider our request for financial assistance... and then contribute according to your means.

Christ Union Chapel has provided spiritual support to the residents of Culver Lake for 100 years. Won’t you please consider providing financial support to the Chapel as a “thank you” in return?

Sincerely,
Board of Directors
Christ Union Chapel

Black bears live in this area of New Jersey.

Be a good neighbor

by following the steps on this card to prevent bears from becoming bad neighbors.













Remember!

One person feeding bears can create a problem bear that may affect the entire neighborhood.



Human garbage is attractive to black bears. Black bears that are fed intentionally or unintentionally, learn to associate food with people. This can create potentially dangerous situations.

Be a good neighbor by following these steps:

-   Store garbage in air-tight containers, in a secure area.
-   Keep garbage bins near the inside wall of a garage, basement or in a secure shed.
-   Wash the containers with disinfectant solution at least once a week to eliminate odors.
-   Put garbage out the day of disposal, not the night before.
-   Do not feed the bears! Black bears that are fed intentionally or unintentionally learn to associate food with people. These bears are potentially dangerous and may have to be destroyed. *You can prevent that with responsible actions.*

Contact the Wildlife Services Unit of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife at (908) 735-8793 if you are experiencing problems with black bears.

Visit the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's website for more information about black bears and bear proof garbage containers, at <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com>

**NJ Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Fish & Wildlife**