



Spring 2012 – Final Edition

From the Board President:

They tell me it's Spring. Boats went back in at my sailing club in Wales at the end of March but we had a foot of snow two weeks later. I haven't yet been brave enough to take my boat out into the still-cold waters of Bala Lake. So I'm very much looking forward to a long upwind tack to the South bay of a balmy Higgins Lake this July. (Need to replace that broken mast first, though. Anyone have a spare Hobie 17 mast lying around?) Our flights are booked and the countdown has begun.

The Dining Hall opens for dinner on Friday, June 22. Kathy has once again agreed to make us welcome and keep us well fed. The official notice of Pinewoods Annual Meeting was posted mid-May. It will be held on Saturday, July 28th at Spike's Keg O' Nails...just kidding: At the Dining Hall, of course.

We hope that this is the last time all notifications must be sent by post. The membership will be asked to vote at this year's meeting on the proposal to amend the bylaws and allow *most* notifications to be sent by email saving the board time and the camp money. The text of the proposed amendment (which just adds the words "or email address") can be found at www.pinewoodscamp.org. There you can also find our 2011 Balance Sheet and Operating Statement which I'm sure you will all want to review in detail prior to the Annual Meeting. If not, our treasurer (Phil) summarizes: "Pinewood's financial position at the end of 2011 improved substantially when compared to 2010. In round numbers, the total cash balance increased by \$13,000. Accounts receivable dropped from 19,000 to 10,000. Net operating income was \$6,000 compared to \$400 in 2010. Total cash is \$43,000 against accumulated depreciation of \$31,000. The accumulated depreciation can be thought of as a reserve for major repairs and replacements. The dining hall billed 10,198 meals against 10,194 the previous year. The budget for next year is designed to cover inflation and assumes 10,000 meals. To simplify bookkeeping and funds management, we have consolidated the dining hall fund and the general fund into one account."

Over the past year, the board has opted to let the dust settle on all the recent financial changes. Our only significant decision was to maintain our improved position and proactively keep up with inflation by increasing membership dues (per share), caretaking dues (per cottage) and board rates (per meal) by 3 to 4%. Smith and Associates, our accountants, sent out the Spring Billing in April, mostly by email. If you have not received a bill, please send a note to treasurer@pinewoodscamp.org and we will let them know. This will help us verify our contact data.

I wish you smooth sailing, canoeing, kayaking, rowing, wind surfing, water skiing, wake boarding, pontooning, kite surfing, and SUPP-ing. (Did I miss anything?)

Erik Geupel, President

From Kathy Piehl and Alice:

*Kathy and Alice would like to know
When you're coming, and when you'll go.
Having guests, how long they'll stay,
Please be courteous, it's the
Pinewoods way!*

From Louisa Lawrence....

Pinewoodsers: You are invited to our **second annual "Let the Summer Begin" Cocktail Party** on Saturday, June 23. Please come at "first bell".

From Kathy Lawrence...

Wine Tasting Fundraiser at the Dell on July 14th (5-7pm). All proceeds will benefit Higgins Lake; half to the Higgins Lake Foundation and half to the Endowment Funds that benefit Higgins Lake, held by the Roscommon County Community Foundation. HLF and RCCF are acting as Preservation Partners to generate the funds needed for active management to ensure that the lake remain pristine for future generations. Our wine supplier is Jeff Oppermann from Cottage Grove. Of note, this is a Tri-Camp event only (no attendees from outside the Camps) and will cost \$45/person. Tickets are available from Kathy Lawrence (248.396.5976) and Vicki Springstead of HLF (248.761.7816).

From Frank Cochran...

PINEWOODS LIBRARY

Pinewoods needs a new committee. Last fall a few of Pinewoods dedicated vacation readers proposed establishment of a Library in the old Dining Hall manager's quarters. Marian and Blake Wattenbarger and other denizens of the Cochran Cottage have

pledged much of the cost and proposed the Library as a memorial to Lee Cochran, a longtime member of the vacation reading and dozing society of East Pinewoods. Ed Babcock expects to have shelving and deck constructed early in the season.

Marian and Lucy Cochran have volunteered to form a Library Committee, and are looking for a few good (wo)men to join them. Issues and volunteer opportunities abound such as cataloguing, shelving, cleaning, limiting the contributions of the overzealous, multigenerational sharing of modest space, and choosing a name. Please email Lucy. lucyrainbows@yahoo.com

From Louisa Lawrence...



Hugh and I met up with with Jeff and Nani Harman in Hawaiï. We enjoyed a very chilly and beautiful sunset at Mouna Kea. And yes, there was snow on the ground! We also had a wonderful time showing our kids, Amanda and Iaian around Hawaiï.

From George Wilson...

Brad and Diana introduced Miles Martyn Wilson to the California air on Jan 11. Now at 4 months he is squalling less, smiling more, and starting to put those things that wave around in front of his face (his hands) to constructive use.

Stephanie and Koorosh are in their last month of her pregnancy! Suz and I are awaiting the

birth before we head east to Toronto. Suz will fly back immediately for lots of small child duty.

From Dan Wilson...

Claire graduates from CalPoly in San Luis Obispo on June 9th.

SHE HAS A JOB LINED UP!!

She'll be working for a company called BACKROADS. Her job, as grandpa Dan understands it, is to plan and conduct events. Mostly cycling, hiking and backpacking. After a training period in Salt Lake City, she'll start work in ??????. Grandparents are thrilled at her progress.

From Sharkey Fink...



Here is a photo of the two new additions to the Fink Cottage this year: Lucia Brogan Fink, born to Andy and Kelly on September 28, and Charlotte Patricia Harrington, born to Lily and John on May 1. Along with their leader Sofia, the three cousins look forward to fast jet-ski rides on Higgins Lake, late-night skinny dips, and hot bonfires with s'mores. Hide your sons!

From John Kohring...

Please change my email address to: johnkohring@gmail.com. I'm looking forward to spending ten days at Pinewoods in early July.

From Leesy Taggart

reporting in for the Tagliotti...

Max Elliott celebrated his 18th birthday with a parachute jump. He said it was the coolest thing he'd ever done, though Black Water Diving was totally scarier. He'll be at Washington University in St Louis in the fall.

From Bitsy Fitzsimmons...



Bob Jr.'s daughter, Jaclyn graduated from North Carolina State University last week with a degree in Psychology.

Susan and Jennifer left May 20th with several friends for a two week adventure in Peru, and we're looking forward to hearing all about it. Jennifer's store, City Issue, was the site last week for filming a new Windex commercial to be shown on the Discovery Channel, and a couple of others. Watch for it!

The Evans gang have loved being back in London this year, and have taken advantage of the location to visit some wonderful places with the kids ...South Africa, Istanbul, Florence, Prague, Paris.

Bob and I will arrive at *The Lake* before opening bell, with Kate and Alex Eubanks close behind.

In October, I have my 50th Miss Porters School reunion, although I simply don't understand how I got old enough to be doing THAT!

From Jerry Kerns...



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Just Completed!! Ridge top dwelling. Marilyn and I have expanded our guest quarters and can now make over night accommodations available to Pinewoods travelers who are in route to The Lake. There is nothing like going to sleep while viewing the stars and being serenaded by the coyote. We are 90% sure we have relocated all the rattle snakes.

From Howie & Tammy Schultz...

We were at Pinewoods the weekend of May 12th and 13th, but we weren't the only ones there. We saw hummingbirds zipping around their former feeder locations from last summer. We put a new feeder out, and it was like old times. How do they know to return to the same spot where they were nearly a year ago and after having traveled so many thousands of miles? Anyway, our Pinewoods' hummingbirds survived the winter, and they are alive and well. We also saw a few of the

regular cast of characters - chipmunks, black squirrels, blue jays, white breasted nut hatches, etc. And we saw a family of 5 mallard ducks - a mom, a dad and 3 little guys the size of tennis balls - all swimming along in a line by the shore in front of the cottage, on the lake as smooth a sheet of glass.

From Mary Highberger ...



I joined the Hoeys in San Diego in March when John and Lisa were in town to celebrate John's birthday. Bridget made a great cake to John's specifications which included blue peeps and coconut frosting. Sam and I just returned from a mystery overnight in Robbinsville, NC to celebrate Sam's 86th birthday! We stayed at a great lodge, Snowbird Mountain Lodge. I took this picture of him at the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest.



From Anne Sloan...

I just got back from a week with Ian and Joy in Anacortes, WA where I spent some time in their rigging and yacht services shop and was fascinated by the amount and variety of work they have on a variety of boats. I also observed the lifting of the 65' *Icon* that is their big bread-and-butter client--quite an operation!



Can you see Ian standing next to Icon's rudder?

On Mother's day they gave me, and Joy's mother, a cruise by power boat (imagine a Cochran with a 175 hp outboard!) through Deception Pass and out to brunch in Friday Harbor on San Juan Island. A gorgeous day, if chilly on the water, as was the weather all of the time I was there.

I'm hoping Ian and Joy will make it to Pinewoods the last week in June, before they race in the Pacific Cup from San Francisco to Oahu in July.

From Rebecca Taggart...

From Forest Lodge:

Mike Taggart's granddaughter; Rebecca Taggart and Mikkel Aaland's elder daughter Miranda Aaland (age 15), will be spending the first four months of her high school junior year this fall at The Oxbow School, a one-term boarding school in Napa, California, specializing in visual arts. Forty students are selected nationwide for artistic talent and

academic merit to attend Oxbow each term. Miranda can't wait! She and her sister, Ana (age 11), together with their parents, will be spending most of the summer in Ulefoss, Norway. Ana is currently working on her first novel.

From Ann Taylor...

The Taylor/Brown clan has had an eventful spring. Alyssa moved to Austin, Texas.



Alyssa and Paul in Austin

In April, she mounted an exhibition in Austin accompanied by several art performances. During the summer she will be in Iceland, Western Europe and Norway to create and install another sculpture/performance art piece.

Paul is working far too many hours selling BMW automobiles. He has an "event" planned for all of you: A KITE REGATTA! After lunch on Thursday, July 5th, we hope all participants will take their boats (of any sort) to the edge of black water in front of Pinewoods and fly kites from them. There will be prizes, of course, for the Most Beautiful, The Funniest, The Scariest, The Most Lame, etc. What fun!

Morgan, our collegiate star, has completed her freshman year at Macalester College. Next year she is matriculating at the University of Colorado to continue her education in Asian Studies (and, of course, to be closer to her favorite, Killian Wade). Mary is “feathering” her giant eagle sculpture for the Veteran’s Memorial Park in Rochester and, sadly, cannot join us this year. Lucas will be back with us this year. Welcome him, one and all.



Bamboo rafting in China

Thanks to several wonderful sponsors from Pinewoods, I have just returned from a fantastic journey to the Li River area of China. I am inspired to create many paintings from the amazing karst formations along the river and the surrounding countryside. But, Higgins comes first, always. So, these new works will most likely appear later on my website (AnnTaylorArt.com) in the autumn.

From Blair Cochran...

I'm staying at my teaching job in Boston and come September, I'll be going to Boston College part time for my master's in education. Boyfriend Chris is moving up to join me; he's hunting for special education teaching jobs and I'm apartment hunting!

From Robin Link...

For the Cline family:



Cline cousins at Katie's graduation

The Cline clan descended upon Elon University in North Carolina this past weekend to celebrate Katheryn Link's graduation with a BSBA in Management and a minor in Economics. Mark Cline, Emily Cline, Tom Cline, Kelly Waltman, Lilly Waltman, Jane and Dave Ferguson, and Robin Link all celebrated this joyous occasion with her. Congratulations again to Katie Link for her accomplishments!

In other Cline-family news, Bill “Bobo” Cline's health has been deteriorating recently. As his sister, Kay Loeloff, explained, “Bill has lived a wonderful life and his family hopes that his future days will be peaceful and full of love from his family and friends.” We appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers over the next few weeks heading into summer – Bill's favorite time of the year, for it was spent up in Pinewoods.

From Rockey Flintermann...

I'm up at da Lake right now. Just put my boats in the water earlier than ever before. Gorgeous day today; only boat on the lake. Speaking of early, everything is early this year! Leaves, pollen, and the lake is warm enough to swim.....really, I'm jumping in as soon as I finish the email.

Am really looking forward to this summer because both of my kids will be back in Pinewoods with me. Grace just finished her first year at Berkeley. Jack who leads a perfect life in Santa Monica - good job, lovely girlfriend, and he even walks to work! (Can you believe, he doesn't even own a car!)

I'll have two renters this summer. Frank and Nancy Karger, July 19 - 30, and Don and Andrea Farquharson, August 18 – Labor Day.



Rescues this little terrier last January. His name is Tucci, and of course he loves Pinewoods and the lake. Here he is on his first boat ride earlier today.

My mother once told me that Orley Root built the Flintermann Cottage in 1912. That makes this its 100th year. Hope y'all will stop in for a cold one this summer, and give this old barn a toast!

From John Baumgartel...

None of the JB Clan will make it to the Lake this year (first summer in a long time!), so we will take a short trip to Cabin in Colorado. Have been refinishing the wooden parts for our Sunfish and the condition suggests some extended neglect, as can be easily imagined. Blog recommends refinishing every three years instead of the thirty five these parts have endured. Oh, well... Jeremiah and Sara have produced Clara Sofia on Christmas day! She

is a sweetie! Carol and I will miss the Lake and seeing all of our Pinewoods Family! Best Summer to you all!

From Karen Will...



Bryn and Dima's baby Vera Ellen Fakeeva (pronounced Fkay'-ev-ah) was born on Monday May 21 at 11:49 AM, weighing 7 lb. 5 oz, 21 inches long. She's healthy, looks most like her dad, we think, eats like a champ and is, of course, beautiful! Bryn, Dima, and his 11-year-old daughter Zhenya will be at the lake for 3 weeks in July, so we hope many of you can meet the baby then. The whole Will clan was there to welcome Vera and are all thrilled!

Editor's Note...

Have you been counting? Lucia in Sept., Clara in Dec., Miles in Jan., Charlotte and Vera in May. Stephanie and Koroosh, are you having a boy or girl? Six new ones in less than a year! And so may girls – what does it all mean?