



DETROIT FINNISH COOPERATIVE SUMMER CAMP ASSOCIATION

FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2016



Steve Niemi puts in a few more laps before Sun Lake becomes too cold.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSCA calendars. If you are planning an event and wish to check the availability of a specific facility on a certain date, please call 248-926-6219.

Autumn Fest/Mojakka Cook-off

This year's event has been scheduled for Saturday, October 8. Some new contenders this year will include Dustin Evans, Gina O'Neill, Kristine Barie and Rob Foxworthy. Secure your entry, and a chance for first prize and bragging rights, by registering at mmkkbarie@comcast.net or by texting 248-895-4561. You may drop off your entry at the Clubroom between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. on October 8. Desserts are always welcome too! The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. Entrance for adults is \$5; for twelve and under, \$3. We will also have a raffle, with many prizes. All proceeds go to the scholarship committee.

Macomb Symphony Orchestra Presents *Finlandia*

Join the MSO on Friday, October 7, at 8:00 p.m. as it salutes Finland with Sibelius's iconic masterpiece *Finlandia*. *Symphony #2* and *Onward Ye People*. Representing a modern, 21st-century Finland will be *Cantus Arcticus* (Arctic songs) by Einojuhani Rautavaara. Tickets: \$24/adults; 18/students/seniors. Tickets can be purchased by calling 586-286-2222 or by going online to www.macombscenter.com. The MSO is located at 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038-1139.

CALENDAR

October

- 1—**Wine Tasting**, 7:00–9:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 6—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 8—**Autumn Fest and Mojakka Cook-off**, 5:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 22—**Adult Halloween Party**, 9:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 23—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon
- 29—**Children's Halloween Fun Night**, 5:30 p.m., west side
- 30—**Semiannual Membership Meeting**, 11:00 a.m., Clubroom

November

- 3—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 6—Annual **Fall Talkoo**, 10:00 a.m., meet in Clubroom
- 12—**Harvest Dinner**, 3:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 13—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Clubroom: Open Fridays, Saturdays, 7:00 p.m. to close

Sauna Hours:

Wed., 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. (when volunteer available)

Sat.—3:00–9:00 p.m.

All newsletter material is due on the 15th of the previous month.



Adult Halloween Party

Our annual Halloween party for adults will be held on Saturday, October 22, in the Clubroom starting at 9:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share with the monsters! Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes: the Scariest, Ugliest, Prettiest, Funniest and Most Original. Come vote for your favorite. We'll do the Monster Mash with DJ Cary and have a ghoulishly, ghastly, hauntingly good time! —Scary Sherry and the rest of the Bar Committee

Correction from October's newsletter

The Kids Halloween Party

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NO POTLUCK AND DON'T BRING A DISH TO PASS!
EVERYTHING TAKES PLACE UNDER THE BIG TENT
AT LEPPI'S LANDING!

Children's Halloween is Saturday, October 29, trick or treating starts at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. After trick or treating meet at Leppi's landing for: hot dog roast, costume contest, music and dancing. Followed by a hayride. After the hayride, enjoy a movie, cider and donuts under the big tent! For more information, please email Ginger Wing at wing.ginger@yahoo.com.

Semiannual Membership Meeting

The second and final all-membership meeting of the year will be held on Sunday, October 30, in the Clubroom, starting at noon. Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. This meeting is an opportunity for all standing committees and groups to report on their activities since the April annual meeting. Many important issues are decided at these official gatherings. And this would be an excellent chance to have your work hours cards signed and turn them in, since they are due the next day (see below also).

Ways to Complete Your Work Hours

Work hours for 2016 must be completed by October 31. The Works Administrators have several projects that need completion and are looking for help. If you are in need of hours or are willing to help with these projects, please contact one of the Works Administrators (listed below). The projects are: build a lean-to shed by the pole barn; replace the ridge cap on the pole barn; replace the steel exterior back door at the sauna building; fix or replace the security lights in camp country (may need an electrician); rebuild the bridge from the Clubroom to Loon Lake Rd.; extend the fence near the sauna; remove the smoke eaters from the Clubroom; and repair the skylights in the sauna lobby. For more information, contact

Camps for Sale

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Chris Eilola (734-223-3374), Eric Solin (248-494-3834) or Jeff Davis (734-649-7045). Thank you!

Annual Golf Tournament Results

The winning team this year was Norma (Sam) Dernberger, Tina Santti, Dale Aho and—our secret weapon—101-year-old Reino Mustonen. Rey said this was the most fun he's had in all his years of Labor Day golf tournaments. The winning score (with a 4 handicap) was 31. Yes, the actual score was 35, with all players contributing strategic shots when needed!

Closest to the pin on the par 3, 7th hole, winners were Mike Sturr and Robyn Jokinen. Long drive, Junior Women, winner was Kathy Bretschneider. Long drive, Senior Women, went to Mary Johnson. Long drive, Junior Men, winner was Mike Sturr, and Long drive, Senior Men, Darryl Webb. We had 46 golfers in all!

Fall Talkoo November 6

The fall *talkoo* is Finn Camp's annual tradition of its members coming together to prepare the grounds for the winter. Please come out for this event, which is a sociable occasion as well as being task oriented. All ages are invited to join in. Free *mojakka* and a complimentary sauna will be provided for the workers. This year's *talkoo* will be held on Sunday, November 6, starting at 10:00 a.m. Sign in at the Clubroom upon arrival.

Annual Harvest Dinner November 12

Please join the Bar Committee for this annual event on Saturday, November 12, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. We provide the turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing and salad. Bring your appetite and a veggie dish or your favorite dessert to pass.

Save the Dates—Fifth Annual Holiday Extravaganza

This increasingly popular event will be held Wednesday, November 16, and Thursday, the 17th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. More details to follow in next month's newsletter. Limited space available. Members get priority. Please contact Kari Aro (248-217-5467).

Fortieth Annual Finn Fest

Our fortieth annual Finn Fest was a successful weekend with good friends, good food and lots of memories!

We were faced with some severe thunderstorms on Friday that wiped out the home run derby for the second year in a row, and we had another rain delay on Saturday evening, but it was not enough to dampen the spirit of our great event! Our members and friends were here throughout the weekend to enjoy the traditional festival foods, music from the Dance Hall porch, shopping in the Finn Camp Store, horseshoe and corn-hole games, raffles, dancing into the night and cheering on some great softball teams! Congratulations to the 2016 tournament champions: winner, Merkin Softball; runner-up, Korody/TSC and third place, DRS Fitness.

As always, *kiitos* to our members, members' children and friends who came out to work their hours at the festival or who simply pitched in when needed! So much work is done to pull this event together and make it successful. Every bit of help and effort is

Free "Classified" Ads

All members are invited to list here any services—for pay or barter—that they would like to advertise, whether it's a service such as handyman or seamstress or pet care or seasonal activities like garage sales. All you have to do is provide the following information: The type of service offered; a description of just what you do as the service provider; your price (hourly rate, job rate, to be negotiated, or whatever); your name; and your contact information (preferred method and times: phone, email, etc.). Total length, including spaces, should not exceed 50 words, not counting the headings. (Overlength copy will be edited for fit.) The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the 15th of each month.

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important and is SO APPRECIATED!

While I'm happy to say that our continued pleading for workers saw our sign-up sheets much more complete than in previous years, there were still many blank spots for kitchen help. But, again, we made it! **Thank you, thank you, thank you** to all of the members, those who are the regulars and come every year to work their hours at the festival, as well as some new members who signed up and worked hours in the kitchen, the food tent, with the beverages and concessions, ticket sellers, kitchen cashiers, beer truck, kids' games, security or setup and clean up. I truly appreciate you! And, as always, I also want to acknowledge those who continually ask if help is needed, whether in the kitchen or hauling supplies out to tents or the like.

Finally, thanks to the entire Finn Fest team: Greg Pelto, Chris and Lisa Santti for managing all the good eats in the kitchen and food tent; Wayne Jokinen, Denny Sennhenn, Bar Committee members, and beer tent workers for keeping our glasses full; to Dick Pye for singing our national anthem and managing the ticket sales and cashiers; to Amber Martin and Tina Santti for assists with financial and bookkeeping details; to Steve Niemi for singing the Finnish national anthem, providing sound across the grounds and, with friends, entertaining us with their musical talents. Thanks to Patti Leppi for curating the Finn Camp merchandise, Mary Leppi and the Scholarship Committee for furnishing the large raffle table, Pam Linick and Joni Sennhenn for running the 50/50 raffle, and Jon and Michelle Foss for taking charge of the kids' inflatable. Thanks to Jeff Pye for organizing yet another awesome softball tournament and to Todd Pye, Paul Salo, Gary Delavan, Kevin Mack, Ian Matt, Kenny Dunn, and Rob Zawatsky for field maintenance and Mark MacDonald (Mac) for his donation of the home run derby prizes. To Larry Gooden and his crew for security and the parking detail, and another shout out to our young teen members who are stepping up and helping too.

Cooperative—the next generation!! Lastly, to Jodi Dernberger for picking up after all of us: all weekend! Finn Fest remains a grand tradition and our largest fundraiser. We need members to come out to work and continue to support this event! Please plan to give some of your time next year. I look forward to seeing you then, to celebrate our *forty-first annual Finn Fest* on August 11–13, 2017. —Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairman

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Fall Classic Men's Golf Scramble



This annual event was held on Sunday, September 25, at the Riverbank Golf Course in South Lyon. Pictured are the winners entering a score of 11 under par. Left to right are Mike Kujala, Gary Mustonen and Delle Aro (not pictured: John Gabriel). Thanks to Dave Niemi for chairing this event.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

Remember that work hours cards for 2016 are due by October 31.

If you have an address or phone number change, please email us at bookkeeper@finncamp.org.

We would like to remind members that you are responsible for your guests. Please ensure that your guests are behaving appropriately.

Parking can be an issue in camp country. Please be courteous to other members and have guests park in designated areas. On the west side, down by the restrooms, and on the east side guests can park at the Clubroom and walk over.

Remember that animals must be on leashes except in designated areas. See Blue Book rule 203.1.3.

No open ground fires are permitted.

If you notice any dangerous trees or limbs on the property, please contact the board.

The Finn Camp membership form can be found at www.finncamp.org at the top, right corner of page 1.



Shop the Finn Camp Store, in the Clubroom, whatever the season! We have t-shirts, hats, hoodies, koozies, and Finnish CDs. For access to the store during off hours, call Patti Leppi, at 248-921-1432, or email her at Store@finncamp.org.

Attention, Finn Campers: Trash Rules

Dumpsters are for members' use only.

Do not put in large or long items that might wedge or jam the dumpster when it is being tipped into the truck.

No major dumping on festival weekends.

No overfilling.

No furniture, appliances, propane tanks, wood, construction materials or other large items are to be left in, by or around the dumpsters.

Large items can be placed at the roadside near the tractor garage on Tuesdays for Wednesday pickup.

Construction materials can be placed in the dumpster by the pole barn.

No dumping of leftover concrete on Finn Camp property. There is a concrete recycling plant on 12 Mile Rd. east of Beck Rd.

The camp social director is Joni Sennhenn. Please contact her at 248-882-4626 if you would like to make a reservation for the beach and sauna area, the *Kenttä*, Dance Hall or Clubroom.

The camp reservation agent is Cindi Maddick. Please contact Cindi at 248-303-7337 if you are renting or loaning out your camp to a nonmember. Nonmembers whose stay exceeds three consecutive days and two consecutive nights in a 30-day period without a member present, or exceeds 10 days and 9 nights in a 30-day period with a member present, must pay a rental fee of \$50 per week. Members with suggestions, comments or board-related business are asked to e-mail board@finncamp.org. Those looking to add to their work hours should email the Works Administrators at work@finncamp.org. General questions may be answered by visiting www.finncamp.org.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, October 23, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, October 6, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

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