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Message from the Chair

Changing Seasons

I recently was talking to a member of the alumni that lives in one of those other places of the country that has seasons and they were telling me about how the fall colors were coming out this year brighter than last year. Here in Southern California, we don't really have that kind of overt reminder that we are changing seasons, especially when our lives seem to keep going faster and faster every single day.

I am exited for this year's season change and the upcoming winter. Jimmy Moore will be coordinating the ski trip this year and the destination will be his favorite and one of my personal favorites as well, Mammoth. I am always excited about the upcoming ski season, but this year, even more so! Let's just hope for snow to go along with our fellowship!

Alumnus Alan Clark cooking hamburgers and hotdogs at the EBA Barbecue.

Good Food and Friends at Barbecue

The Pacific Mariner Yacht Club in Marina Del Rey and a warm summer day provided the perfect setting for the Emerald Bay Association Barbecue on September 13. The bright sunlight reflected off the rippling ocean as sleek sailboats, large powerboats and smaller launches made their way through the channel out toward the main entrance of the marina. The sounds of loosely secured lines banging against aluminum masts and the soft drone of passing boat engines provided a not unpleasant cacophony in the background. A light breeze kept everyone cool and comfortable. Host John Meyers made sure that everyone had plenty of hot dogs, hamburgers and assorted side dishes so no one was hungry. Alumnus Alan Clark presided over the barbecue, cooking everyone's food to order. Almost thirty alumni attended the free afternoon event that was sponsored by the Emerald Bay Association.

According to Dave McAlister, Chairman of the EBA, the Association sponsors the barbecue to provide an opportunity for alumni and current staff who recently returned to the mainland to get together, talk about camp, catch up with old friends and enjoy a pleasant afternoon. Judging by the smiling ketchup and mustard stained faces observed at the barbecue, that mission was accomplished.

EBA Triathlon - Course Record Smashed!

The 14th Annual EBA Triathlon saw a new champ, as Laurence Delisle thrashed the boys, finishing the course in record time! That thrashing started with a record-breaking swim, previously held by Pat McDonald. The rest of the field was in the rear view mirror as Laurance beat the second place finisher by more than 5 minutes.

The field included close to a dozen from the McDonald family, with Pat racing side by side with his youngest daughter, Megan. Though only 13, Megan looks like she will probably replace her father as family champ next year.

Strong performances were turned in by past champ Greg Walter, who finished 2nd despite a cold, and by staffman Lucas, who finished 3rd after a strong kayak. Michele Gardinier finished 2nd in the women's division, and 7th overall, while

Brian and Judy Pierce, center, at the dedication of the Pierce Family Chapel.

So Long, It's Been Good to Know You

After 17 years of service to Camp Emerald Bay, Brian and Judy Pierce are leaving Camp Emerald Bay and the island and moving back to the mainland. They are relocating to Camp Whitsett where Brian will be the Resident Ranger. This was a difficult decision for the Pierces, but they wanted to be closer to family and friends. Brian and Judy will be sorely missed at camp. Brian is responsible for creating much of the modern infrastructure at camp, including the water system, the fire suppression system, all of the grading and foundations for all of the new buildings including the Marine Science Center and installing the new septic system. In addition to all of that, Brian and Judy supervised the maintenance of the vehicles and boats and the physical plant. As important as their work for camp was, it will be their hospitality that will be missed the most of all. They were always welcoming to guests, volunteers and stragglers off of the boat, as well as to staff and Scouters. Mornings at camp will not be the same without toasted bagels and coffee on the porch of their house.

I first met Brian before he was the Resident Ranger at Camp. I was volunteering for a weekend work party at Emerald Bay and I was looking for some tools in the back of the Gale, which was the maintenance shed at that time. The maintenance yard behind the Gale was cluttered with old sheds that contained paint, electrical parts, plumbing and other necessary maintenance supplies. Scattered on the ground around the sheds were pieces of pipe, discarded maintenance projects, broken car parts and the remains of boats and boat engines. As bad as it was, it had been this way for years and I guess I just got used to it. While I was rummaging around back there, a backhoe came roaring into the yard and, much to my horror, started scooping up the debris and knocking down the old sheds. I yelled to the operator of the backhoe, who happened to be Brian, questioning what he was doing. I was certain he did not realize the value of the debris he was discarding. Brian introduced himself and explained diplomatically that he had been asked to clean up the maintenance yard. He gently explained that if I did not move, I was going to get run over. Cleaning up the maintenance yard was only the beginning. With that same focus and diplomatic manner, he has cleaned up the whole camp.

In August of 2012, the chapel, which had been rebuilt, was renamed the Pierce Family Chapel in honor of all of Brain and Judy's accomplishments at camp and as an expression of how important they were to Emerald Bay. We are going to miss Brian and Judy and wish them well in their new assignment at Camp Whitsett. Camp Whitsett is a great place and will benefit from having Brian and Judy in residence. There is a concern, however, that Brian's boat, "The Slice of Heaven," will not fit on Lake Ida.

- Bob Fenton, Editor

Brian Pierce changes the bucket on the backhoe while working on a project at Emerald Bay.

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carrying both of her children! The universe corrected itself and saw Lee Harrison finish 5th (for the 8th time!), behind Jonathan Gillie (after Lee was assessed a drafting penalty). In the end, all the participants are to be commended for coming out to compete. A special thanks to our official timekeeper, Greg Weinstein, and all the volunteers that make the race possible!

You are all invited to come out next year to cheer, volunteer or set your own personal record. Several prior champions are expected to come out for the 15th Annual race next summer. Will there be a showdown between Pat, Laurence and Megan? Will Paul Renner skip Ironman and race EB to crush them all? I look forward to seeing you all when we get the answers next August! Your race director, Rich Wise

Where in Emerald Bay?

What was the name of this cabin and where was it located? Give up? This was the Miramar Cabin on North Hill circa 1985. The Miramar was originally the doctor's cabin. The small building on the right was a bathroom and the showers for North Hill. These buildings were next to Doctor's Cove and have since been torn down.

Visitors to the Pennington Marine Science Center are treated to well maintained aquariums and a well stocked touch tank.

Calendar of Events

Jun 07	First Camping Session
Aug 15-16	Emerald Bay Alumni Reunion
Aug 15	End of Last Camping Session

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Scenes from Emerald Bay

Laurence Delisle, winner of the 2014 Emerald Bay Triathlon, is congratulated by Rich Wise.

Tired, but happy alumni line up to board the boat home at the end of the 2014 Summer Reunion.

Future lifeguards receive training in Lifesaving Merit Badge.

Craft class outside of the Handicraft Lodge.

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