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Message from the Chair

Another Successful Season Closed

Last month, the staff closed out another successful summer and most are back to their mainland lives. I got a chance to get out in the middle of the summer and observe some of the instruction and attend a staff meeting and auction. I was really impressed with the level of professionalism and quality of instruction that the 2016 staff exhibited. This year, as with every single year, the current staff has done an excellent job carrying on the traditions that we all know and love as well as care for the facility and each other.

Thank you Staff of 2016! I look forward to seeing most of you next year!

- Dave McAlister, Chairman



2016 Emerald Bay Association Reunion group picture on the Emerald Bay Association Terrace

26th Annual Reunion at Emerald Bay

The unusually warm water, the beautiful setting, the brilliant, cloudless skies and the friendly alumni and their families ensured that everyone who attended the 2016 Emerald Bay Association summer reunion enjoyed their experience. Over 140 alumni and their families participated in the recent weekend event held on August 13-14 at Emerald Bay. Transportation to the event was provided by Harbor Breezes from San Pedro to Emerald Bay. Jessica Shem and Andrew Kilgore co-chaired the event.

Attendees were welcomed to camp by Scott Gunn, Program Director. On Saturday, alumni made use of the waterfront, rifle range, archery range, handicraft lodge and the Pennington Marine Science Center. The EBA is grateful to the Camp Emerald Bay staff who opened their areas for us. A wine and cheese social hosted by Janet and Hank Walther at the Pennington Marine Science Center was a wonderful way to connect with alumni friends and enjoy the fine refreshments before heading off to dinner. A rousing and entertaining campfire, organized by John Meyers, provided skits and songs performed by alumni and families ended the day. (See Reunion on page 2)

Wonderful Wine Tasting

The annual Wine and Cheese Party was a success. Almost 100 guests tasted great wine, accompanied by delicious cheeses, fruit, crackers and other treats at the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club on April 30, 2016. The evening was not just a social event. Almost \$12000 was raised at the event that will benefit the campership program for Camp Emerald Bay.

The event was held at the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club in San Pedro. Jessica Shem, chair of the wine tasting event, arranged for the venue to be provided at no cost. The wine and food were also donated ensuring that the evening was provided at no charge and all of the money raised will go to camperships. Tobin (See Wine Tasting on page 3)



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EBA Triathlon Celebrates 15! – Pat Wins Another!

The 15th Annual EBA Triathlon drew huge crowds on rumors of a showdown between racing legend Paul Renner, multi-year champ Pat McDonald, and defending champ Jimmy Moore. Sadly, Jimmy was on the open seas, and with Paul still with the Olympic team in Rio, it was Pat's race to capture. In typical fashion, Pat was first out of the water with Jess Schem hot on his heels. Half way through the kayak, it looked like another easy day for Pat...but wait...Ace Raphael and Eric Shaphran are clawing their way through the field, cutting Pat's lead in half! Even with a lightning quick transition to the run, Pat's lead is only 3 minutes. Will Ace or Eric reel him in? The Answer: Almost! In the end, the ageless Pat McDonald held off the closing youngsters to capture his 5th Title! With the fastest run of the day, Ace finished only 14 seconds back in 2nd and Eric held off the rest of the field



Triathletes competing in the swimming portion of the Emerald Bay Triathlon leave Doctor's Cove.

to capture 3rd! Finishing first among the ladies, Michelle Gardiner notched yet another top 5 spot. A strong Team Porter finished right behind Team McAlister (PS: Dave and Susan will be featured next month in Arizona at the ½ Ironman!) Bob Fenton looked great in the Geriatric Division and Lee Harrison finished 5th again. A special thanks to our official timekeeper Greg Weinstein, and all the volunteers who make the race possible!

You are all invited to come out next year to cheer, volunteer or set your own personal record. Several past champions are expected to toe the line for the 16th Annual EBA Triathlon. Will Pat defend his title? Will Ace, Eric or one of the current staff run Pat down? Will Paul Renner give up his professional status and crush them all? I look forward to seeing you all when we get the answer next August!

- Your race director, Rich Wise

2016 Emerald Bay Reunion (from page 1)

Sunday began with the annual Triathlon, a swimming, kayaking and running race that was won by the Pat McDonald. After breakfast, the group picture was taken on the recently completed Emerald Bay Association Terrace. Chairman Dave McAlister addressed the assembled group. He thanked the camp staff for their hospitality. He reminded alumni that the Emerald Bay Association not only sponsors opportunities for fellowship, like the reunion, but also raises funds

to support camp. He explained that we raise money for camperships and the endowment, which is ongoing. In addition, he said that the Association will raise money for the new bike shop that is in the planning stages. The camp has outgrown the old bike shop. Dave thanked alumni for their generosity in the past and hoped they would consider donating in the future.

The memorabilia auction that ended the morning raised several thousand dollars that will help support the camp. Alumni and their families enjoyed the weekend of sun and fun and look forward to next year's reunion.





Wine Tasting (from page 1)

Sharp, a wine connoisseur, selected the wines for the evening and gave an introduction for each wine as it was served. The Association board catered the event, providing an assortment of cheese, fruit and crackers.

Lee Harrison, Chief Operating Officer for Western Los Angeles County Council, explained the importance of the campership program. He said the camperships allow Scouts who struggle financially the opportunity to attend a week at Emerald Bay. He thanked the Association and the generous donors for their contributions to the campership program.

Attendees enjoyed an evening of fellowship and camaraderie, tasted some good wine and food, and felt good about supporting the campership program.

Where in Emerald Bay?



The location should be obvious. The Ships Store is the building in the background. What building is Jerry Guire leaning on? It is the Gail (the sign is newer with a different spelling) which was the maintenance shed and the smaller building was the Bucket of Bolts which was a storage shed. They were located on the western edge of the 223 Plaza.



Event chair Jessica Schem welcomes alumni to the annual Wine and Cheese wine tasting and fundraiser which raised funding for camperships to Camp Emerald Bay.

Calendar of Events

Jun 04, 2017	First Camping Session
Aug 12	End of Last Camping Session
Aug 12-13	Emerald Bay Alumni Reunion

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Scenes from Emerald Bay



Repeat winner Pat McDonald comes in first place in the 2016 Emerald Bay Triathlon.



Sunset from Arrow Point on a cloudy June evening.



Ted Hatfield, longtime EBA supporter and patriarch of the Hatfield clan, attends to the memorabilia auction at the summer reunion.



Scouts learning the secrets of lashing in the Scoutcraft area during the summer of 2016.

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