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The sailing fleet tied off on Yankee Landing in Emerald Bay during the summer of 2018

Paul Renner Receives Silver Beaver

Paul Renner was awarded the Silver Beaver by the Western Los Angeles County Council. The Silver Beaver is Scouting's highest award given to registered Scouters who "have made an impact on youth through distinguished service within a council." The award is presented by the National Court of Honor on behalf of the nominating Councils. Paul received the award Thursday, January 24 in Van Nuys, California.

Paul has a long history of service to Scouting and youth. Paul served on Emerald Bay staff in many capacities including Waterfront Director and Camp Ranger. Mr. Renner has been an integral part of Ship 16, a Sea Scout ship, as skipper and currently as mate/committee chair. He has worked tirelessly to raise funds for the renovation and maintenance of Ship 16's vessel, the Manta. Paul also is a high school teacher.

Congratulations to Paul for this well-deserved honor in recognition of his countless hours of service to Scouts and Scouting.

Bowled Over in Culver City

I cradled the heavy ball carefully in my hands and peered down the alley at the pins waiting to be knocked down. I moved cautiously toward the lane, swinging the ball behind me and, keeping my eye on the pins, let the ball go. I had great expectations of knocking all of the pins down. The ball bounced on the wooden lane and began to roll in the direction of the pins, first to the middle, then to the side and finally in the gutter missing the pins entirely. So went my first and many of my turns during the Emerald Bay Association gathering at the Bowlero Bowling Alley. For the record, I did manage to knock over some pins before the day was over.

About 20 current and former staff attended the event held on the first day of Autumn, September 22. Participants were treated to unlimited frames of bowling, refreshments, including soda and pizza, and camaraderie, courtesy of the Emerald Bay Association. Board member Nathan Dean organized the event that brought older and younger staff together for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. High points were John Meyers, Melissa Whiting and Oscar Sanchez demonstrating their bowling expertise and Nathan Dean utilizing an unorthodox two-handed toss that still managed to knock down lots of pins. Alan Clark was helpful explaining how to bowl to beginners such as myself. (See **Bowled Over** on page 3)

Save the Date - Annual Wine Tasting Event on Saturday, May 11 at Pacific Mariners Yacht Club in MDR to benefit the Campership Program



Wagner Gardinier Wins the EBA Triathlon

The 17th Annual EBA Triathlon was a classic. First out of the water and holding off a pack of charging fellas, Michelle Wagner Gardinier was strong on the Kayak and quickly out on the run.

Eric Shapran and Kyten Arthur closed the gap a bit on the Kayak and nearly caught Michele on the run, but her kick was too strong. Eric finished about 10 seconds back in 2nd place, with Kyten about 10 seconds behind him in 3rd.

A vicious battle between former champions Kirk Hetherington and Lee Harrison played out behind the scenes for 4th and 5th place. Though dear friends off the course, they were all elbows and bared teeth as they finished in a dead heat on Both the swim and Kayak. On the run, Kirk outlegged Lee for 4th place by nearly 2 minutes. Lee finished in 5th place for the 9th year in a row!

A special thanks to R2 Photography, 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 18th Annual EBA Triathlon. Will Michele defend her title? Will Eric breakthrough to capture the crown? Will Paul Renner make good on his threat to win the title "racing Bayshore"? I look forward to seeing you all when we get the answers next August!

-Your race director, Rich Wise



Walking on Catalina Island

Walking on Catalina Island is one of my favorite things to do. I don't mean walking from the dock to the cabin. I mean hiking on the Island. Ever since I was a camper, I have enjoyed hiking as much as the water activities. The first hike I remember was to Parson's Beach with my troop for a campfire. I thought we had walked to the other side of the Island and didn't realize we had only walked to the next cove. Later when I was on staff I roamed the hillsides on my days off with my boss at the time, Bob Henzey. Bob, the ranger's dog Fred and I went just about everywhere you could go on the west end of Catalina. Long before the Santa Catalina Island Trail was developed, Bob and I walked from Empire Landing to Avalon, camping in the Black Jack campground. At a later date, on a hike with Dave Fulton, I actually did get to the other side of the Island, hiking up and over the ridge and down to Ironbound Bay. It took all day, we did not have enough water nor food, but I still remember the feeling that we had made it to someplace that no one had ever been to – like the headwaters of the Amazon or the moon. Herds of goats roamed the hills then and their bleating calls would echo around the hills. On another memorable hike a staffman and I went out to Starlight Beach and then decided to go all the way to the West End. This was before the eagle's nest and erosion made the trek impassable and impossible. We actually braved the knife edge ridge and ended up just above the water at the west end light.

When I go to visit camp in the winter, I usually will walk in with my backpack. I go through Cat Harbor and up the road that goes by the sea plane ramp and maintenance area, passes the old dump and up to the ridge. Walking on the ridge you can see both sides of the Island and, weather permitting, a great view of the mainland. From the ridge, I wave at Silver Peak and then descend down Bouchette Canyon past the Silver Mine and through oak covered hillsides into the backcountry of camp, tired but exhilarated.

Many people visit Avalon and the coves of the Island. Most weekends of the year, boats bring many divers to the coves and pinnacles around the frontside. Some hikers walk on the road from the Isthmus to Parson's Beach. I feel fortunate that I have had a chance to get farther inland, experience the amazing unspoiled interior and walk where mostly goats and pigs had trod before.

- Bob Fenton, Editor



The author at Iron Bound Bay in the 1970s. The photo was taken by Dave Fulton.

Adoption Story

"Adoption" is one of the benefits of Scouting, and of Emerald Bay, whether the families know it or not. I have been adopted several times over the years. My adopted siblings and I get into trouble, go to family gatherings, play in family games of Monopoly (no one gets out unscathed,) go to birthdays, have birthdays, celebrate weddings and births, and inevitably mourn losses.

I was adopted by one family in 1988 while I was on staff at Emerald Bay. The Camp Clerk at the time, Bret Heintz, and I became fast friends and colluded in several "area wars." I still giggle at the massive blisters he endured for weeks after, from hand-standing down the pier for MLV. It made doing his job nearly impossible and Camp Director Sal Pilato was not pleased. One of my fondest memories was trekking up to Chico for a Thanksgiving with some of Bret's childhood friends for a weekend of mud football, racing cars, and eating mom's (Lillian's) world famous cinnamon rolls. I think it was the warmth of the family, joy of the holidays, and being together with friends that made them so special. Bret and his brother Robert have already had to say goodbye to Lillian and just recently the same goodbye to their father Phil. Their loss is also a loss to Scouting, to the greater community, and to me. Phil's memorial service was a reminder of the wonder and joy Scouting is and what it does to bring people together. Phil's service allowed me to reconnect with former staff man, and now Colonel, Doug Horne after 20 years, along with the Heintz' family and friends who had been so kind to me 30 years ago.

Thank you to Scouting, to Emerald Bay, and to the Heintz family for adopting me and educating me on what the broader sense of what family means. -Lee Harrison, Deputy Scout Executive, WLAAC



Bowled Over (from page 1)

Everyone had a great time and reluctantly put down their bowling balls and turned in their shoes when our time was finished. Check the Emerald Bay Association's webpage and Facebook page to see when the next alumni event is scheduled. - Bob Fenton, Editor

The Chronicle Goes Digital

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Where in Emerald Bay?



They were pouring a foundation for a new building in camp in January 2003. What building and where is it? The pine trees to the right might be confusing and are no longer there. The cabins above it are still there. This was the beginning of the foundation for the Pennington Marine Science Center. The pine trees were part of the old campfire circle.



The Emerald Bay Staff Spinnaker

Calendar of Events

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| May 11, 2019 | Wine Tasting at Pacific Mariner Yacht Club |
| June 9 | First Camping Session |
| August 3-4 | Emerald Bay Alumni Reunion |
| August 10 | End of Last Camping Session |

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Scenes from Emerald Bay



Scoutmasters attempt to cross the swim area during a Fantasticsde event.



Nature Instructor Emma Thompson teaching interested Scouts in the Nature Area.



Serena Myjer drops the puck to start a Broom Ball game with Evin McClusky and Evan Anderson.



Staffman Patrick Buxton maintaining the bicycles in top shape for use in the program.

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