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## **NOTES FROM THE COMMODORE:**

### **Alright, alright, alright...The Big Event is Here!**

It's been a few years (at least) since the Indian Lake Yacht Club has hosted this event. This year's Big Event is shaping up to be our biggest and best one yet! Bobby Dulin has been 'feverishly' working to put it all together and make it happen.

Bobby is one of our newest board members and a very welcome addition. His energy is contagious, and his ideas are boundless. If you don't attend The Big Event, you're really going to be missing out!

"So, what's it all about?" you ask.

It's about FAMILY, it's about FOOD, it's about FUN, it's about all things Indian Lake!

There's going to be live music for your listening pleasure, a 50-50 raffle, prizes, and fun for the children, too!

The Pig Roast is \$10/plate, Hot Dogs & Brats are \$5/plate, children under 5 eat for free!

So bring your appetite, your favorite beverage...and a chair. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **The Big Event:**

**6pm, Saturday, August 12 @ The Indian Lake Yacht Club**



**Michael J. Carrigan, Commodore, Indian Lake Yacht Club**

## **REMEMBER THESE DATES:**

**August 12, 6pm:** THE BIG EVENT

**August 16, 6pm:** Cocktail Bingo

**August 19, 10am:** ILIA Meeting  
Firehouse

**August 21, 1:39pm:** Solar Eclipse

**August 23 @ 11:37am:** ILYC LOTL  
ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON

**Sept. 3, 6pm:** AWARDS DINNER &  
ANNUAL MEETING

**BILGE DEADLINE: Monday @ NOON**

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## **FUEL SERVICE**

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY 4:30-6:30pm**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10am To 6pm**

**Bags of ice, cold drinks, and candy  
bars available in the ILYC.**



## **SAILING**

After a couple weeks off, our MC Scow fleet will get back on the lake this Sunday at 1pm. We'd love to see some spectator boats out watching the racing! A big thank you to Marcy Boyd for running the races for the fleet.

-John Smith, Fleet Captain

## **How a Sailor Reads the Wind and Rights a Boat**

Wind speed can vary greatly on different areas of the lake, and wind direction can shift repeatedly during a race. Reading the wind accurately makes all the difference to a sailor's race result.

On shore flags can help a sailor see wind direction and speed, but on-the-lake indicators are usually more helpful. Some sailors place a "telltale" on their boat. In the days of tape cartridges, I had a bit of magnetic tape tied to a mast stay. Light weight and water proof, it was an effective indicator even in the slowest wind.

The lake surface is perhaps the best wind indicator. Ripples ("cat's paws") and darker color water show wind location. Waves can also show wind direction. It helps sailors when motor boats stay out of the race course, not only so that waves indicate true wind direction, but also to minimize how much the MCs are bounced around and slowed down.

Occasionally, sailboats go over during a race. A few years ago several boats simultaneously went over in front of Orchard Bluff when a wind microburst hit the water. It is best to move quickly to right a boat. An MC sail is 135 square feet - the more it sinks, the more water the sail holds. It can be really hard work to raise that sail, after all, just 1 gallon of water weighs over 8 pounds. Also, in shallow water the mast of an inverted boat can get stuck in the lake bottom.

Before righting a boat, it is smart to point the bow directly into the wind.

(Remember a boat cannot sail into the wind.) If the mainsheet is tangled or cleated and the boat rises in a sailable direction, it can sail away without the sailor. Alas, I speak from experience.

It is smart to have on board a righting line with knots along its length to aid in raising a boat. The sailor tosses it from the cockpit over the hull to the bottom side of the boat and swims around to use it. Then, hanging on to the righting line, the sailor walks up the hull while pulling on the line until the boat comes up. An exceptionally nimble sailor can then scramble into the cockpit. However, most must pull themselves onto the deck once the boat is upright.

I have gone on about this so you understand this can be exhausting and thus dangerous work, particularly on a windy day. If you see a sailor struggling, please motor to the sailor and ask if they would like help. Some will say no because such assistance disqualifies them in the race. However, please stand by to see if they might need help getting out of the water. To help right the boat, if asked, go to the end of the mast, lift it about a foot above the water, and get clear as it rises.

Thank you to kind hearted Indian Lakers who have helped motor and sail boaters in the past and who will do so in the future! We greatly appreciate motorists who avoid making waves in the race course. Come out to cheer on our sailors.

-Marcy Boyd

## LAKE ACTIVITIES

### ILYC August Events

#### The Big Event

Please plan to attend our Big Event on Saturday, AUGUST 12. Come on down at 6:00pm for an evening of good food and fun with your Indian Lake Community! Please see the full page invite in Issue 7, July 28, 2017 of our BILGE-WATER BULLETIN!

-Linda North, Social Chairperson

#### Cocktail Bingo

Now Bingo Haiku  
August Sixteen this year's date  
Yacht Club is the place

Bingo is for you  
Bringing a friend one or two  
All enjoy the games

Bingo is the source  
Useless facts for all of you  
Information too

Cards and chips for all  
Hope good numbers he will call  
Prizes too will fall

Bingo and Haiku  
Fun for all and great treats too  
Miss and you are blue

Mark your calendars for this year's cocktail bingo evening. August 16, 2017. This activity will start around 6:00pm. Hope to see you there!!

-Turp and Linda North

## **Solar Eclipse**

Please join us for the viewing of a solar eclipse on AUGUST 21 at 1:39 in the afternoon at our ILYC. This event will be quite a thing to observe. The last one occurred in 1979. The ECLIPSE EVENT is a low gear endeavor for all to come together at the yacht club to experience this celestial event.

Kathleen O'Donnell will provide the glasses necessary to be safe during the time of the event should anyone wish to look upward during the eclipse. The open space in front of our clubhouse should be a good observation spot.

-Linda North, Social Chairperson

## **Ladies of the Lake**

LOTL will bring a close to our summer scheduled events with our SALAD LUNCHEON on AUGUST 23. Please bring a salad to share. Table service, beverage, and dessert will be provided. See you there!

Enjoy our last full month of summer on our Indian Lake!

-Linda North, Social Chairperson

## **PICKLEBALL**

Another awesome week on the pickleball courts.

Tuesday morning, Jim Dietz joined Karen and Fritz Olthof and myself on the new court three! We played a round robin series and had a great time. All the games were close and competitive.

On Saturday, Melissa and Mike North, Christie Hay, and I had another round robin series. Mike and Turp won the first game 11- 4, in game two Christie and Mike were victorious 11-6, and Melissa and Mike won the last game 11- 8 in a close battle. The skill level of all the players continues to improve and makes the game that much more enjoyable.

On Sunday, Ed and his brother, along with a couple of friends, played a few games.

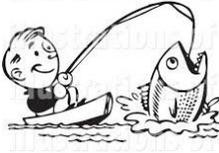
All the equipment is available at the clubhouse. A big thank you to the Indian Lake Hills staff for their help and assistance in making pickleball available.

A long time Indian Lake resident and a supporter of the pickleball game was made an honorable member of the Indian Lake Pickleball association on Sunday, August 6. Dick Reis accepted his T-Shirt and said he would wear it proudly. Congratulations to our good friend Dick.

Come join us one of these days and learn about the game and some of the history. It is relatively new to the Indian Lake area but has been played in other parts of the country for a long time.

That is it for this week. See you on the courts.

-Turp North



## **FISHING REPORT**

Fishing has really started to get good here in the last couple weeks all over southwest Michigan! I fished a tournament last weekend on the Eagle/Juno chain of lakes in Edwardsburg, Michigan. With the weather being cloudy and calm for most of the day, I knew the topwater bite would be good on Eagle Lake where I was fishing.

I caught a 3 1/2 pound largemouth within the first 10 minutes of the tournament. By 10:30, we had already had our 5 fish limit with 3 good keepers and two small smallmouth that barely kept, but I knew I had until 3pm to cull the two small fish out and get a couple other ones. Once the clock struck 2 and we had only culled up by about 1/4 of a pound, I knew we needed to make something happen and fast, so I moved out to a 7-9 foot flat with grass and kept throwing my topwater.

We ended up culling 5 more times in 25 minutes and worked our way up to 10 pounds even, which was good enough for 5th place out of 39 boats! All our fish were caught on a topwater lure over grass in 4-9 feet of water throughout the entire portion of our 8 hour tournament.

- Zach McNary, Bass ASSASSIN

## **An Interesting Chapter in the History of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians**

Driving around here in southwest Michigan and northern Indiana, you might notice Potawatomi Park, Pokagon Street, Potawatomi Zoo, Pokagon Tribal HQ, etc. All obviously named after the former residents of this area, the Potawatomi Indian tribe and our local division, the Pokagon Band. During the 17th and 18th centuries, Potawatomi land stretched from what is now Chicago to Detroit.

Before any white European explorers had stepped foot in the area, the St. Joseph Valley was occupied by Native Americans. Some of the earliest groups to occupy this area were the Potawatomi, utilizing the rich food and resources found along the Saint Joseph River.

The Chicago Treaty of 1833, however, ordered the removal of Indians in the region. Violent roundups by governmental officials occurred throughout the Midwest except in this area of Michigan where Leopold Pokagon had secured land for his people.

Friendship between the Catholic Church and the Potawatomi Indians began years before. Father Allouez, a Jesuit priest, had already converted many Potawatomi when he came to the area with them and opened the Mission of St. Joseph near Niles before 1700. The mission came to an end in 1759 when nearby Fort St. Joseph was turned over to the English during the French and Indian War. Even without a permanent priest the Potawatomi clung to their

Catholic faith, handing down rituals and prayers from one generation to the next.

To resist their removal, Leopold Pokagon, a prominent Potawatomi chief and intelligent spokesperson, traveled to Detroit to the Catholic diocese to make an appeal. He asked the "black robes" (priests) to come back to this area with him, convincing Father Stephen Badin and the Catholic missionaries to help negotiate with the U.S. government. The Pokagons, after all, had adopted the white man's ways and were in fact Catholic. They wanted to stay here and to strengthen their faith.

So Father Badin and the missionaries did come, and they worked out of one of the Pokagon's log chapels. This became their base of operations. The negotiations were successful, and the Pokagon band of the Potawatomi were allowed to stay. This very log chapel is now one of Notre Dame's famous historic landmarks next to Saint Mary's Lake. Pokagon's land became a safe haven for refugees evading the Indian removal and later became the site chosen for a Catholic university. So way before Notre Dame Founder Father Edward Sorin obtained this plot of land in 1842, it had been inhabited by the Pokagon Band. Essentially, out of Leopold Pokagon's appeal came Notre Dame University.

Later in the mid-1800s, Irish immigrants were drawn to this area and settled here, due in part to the Catholic school and church. Fittingly, Simon Pokagon (Leopold's son), who was the Potawatomi's leader during the second half of the century, was born in 1830 near Sumnerville and educated at Notre Dame and Oberlin.

Chief Leopold Pokagon and his tribe of Potawatomi Indians also built a log church here in 1838 and deeded the forty acres of land on which it stands to the Catholic Bishop of Detroit. Pokagon, who came to Silver Creek Township from his village outside of Niles, was buried on this site in 1841.

Interesting, isn't it? The land upon which Notre Dame University and the Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church were built once belonged to the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians we still call neighbors.  
Pokégnek Bodéwadmik

-Jim Slott

### **A Household Tip for Spider Poop**

For years I have tried unsuccessfully to clean spider poop off my window sills. Those tiny black spots really show up against yellow paint. So I was excited when a neighbor, who has considerable expertise about cottage and garden maintenance, gave me some advice.

The Expert recommended Pampers Sensitive Baby Wipes for spider and bird poop. "Really?" I asked. "Poop is poop" was the response. Another hint was that they also are a quick fix for a food stain of clothing. Why? Well, think about what poop is made of.

At Target I bought a package of over 50 wipes for less than \$2. They worked on all the spider poop in the cottage - even on flat paint which took a little more elbow grease. Outside, I also cleaned not only the lakeside window sills but

also all of the vinyl awning window frames. And yes, I cleaned some bird poop off lawn furniture. Of the hundreds of spots, only one wasn't eradicated but did fade from black to light gray.

They did not dry out my hands which makes sense because, after all, they are for a sensitive baby's bottom.

I hadn't used any kind of wipes for household cleaning and found they are very convenient so I cleaned other surfaces as well. When I Googled other uses for Pampers Sensitive Baby Wipes I found hints on several sites. Here are some:

Use #1 – makeup remover

Use #2 – leather couch cleaner

Use #3 – bathroom cleaner when I can't be asked (friend)

Use #4 – dusting

Use #5 – to clean that awkward wooden partition in the stairs

Use #6 – polishing shoes

Use #7 – when the children "help with my pedicure"

Do your due diligence before using them yourself and good luck. I also received advice on getting mildew odors out of a chest of drawers and will let you know my results.

If you have some tips for your fellow lake residents, send them to the Bilge!

-Marcy Boyd

## Solar Eclipse

The total solar eclipse that will occur on Monday, August 21 will be taking a rare path: traversing the United States from the Oregon Pacific coast to the South Carolina Atlantic coast. Unfortunately, we are a couple hundred miles from the closest point of even a partial eclipse. At its closest, it will pass through Missouri, the southern tip of Illinois, and the western tip of Kentucky.

If you are interested, you will find a *huge* amount of information on the Internet. Probably the most important bit of information and advice is to never look directly at the sun, even if you are wearing sunglasses, as this can cause permanent damage to your eyes. Special eclipse glasses are available through the Internet.

-June Blackwell



## Just For Laughs



-Jim Slott

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All submissions must be received by Noon on Monday in order to be included in Friday's Bilge.

Thank you,  
Deb Raffin, ILYC Bilge Editor