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Patriotic members at the potluck on the 7th at left; fireworks on the lake on the 5th top right; bottom right, Charlie DeArmon caught a wild watermelon, branded it, and brought it along.

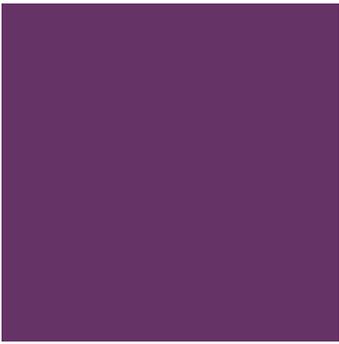


July 4th Series Comes Off ... With a Hitch, But HSA Celebrates Anyway

First it was the rain on the 4th. Then it was the anemic wind on the 7th. The elements conspired to make the racing difficult to say the least. A glorious banquet on Sunday, though, had a lot to do with erasing all negative thoughts as 30 plus members and friends enjoyed a feast. The committee did manage to get three races in on Sunday to make up for those lost on the 4th, and those results can be found elsewhere in this issue.

What's Ahead?

- This Sunday the Sunfish are out in force for the second Sunfish Series. Charlie DeArmon is chair and is joined by Dave Munday, Laura Beebe, and Bobbie Bode
- Junior and Ladies Camps are next week starting Sunday night. A full week of HSA all over Hueston Woods
- Sunday July 21 - no racing! Can you believe we are taking the weekend off?



Sunfish Series #2

Junior Start, Food, Lots O' Racing

If the past few years mean anything, Sunday's Sunfish racing will be a great day to come to the lake and race. It is the day before Junior Camp and a lot of Sunfish will be at the lake. And that means good participation on the race course for young and old alike.

If you are bringing your boat to the lake for camp, come early and jump on the water with us. A separate start for juniors will be offered as well as refreshments afterwards as the camp activities start to get underway.

Last year's Sunfish Series defending champion (yours truly) will be there and so will Rose Schultz who leads the 2013 series over Mike Wier, Jerry Brewster, and the aforementioned defending champ. Also, skilled Sunfish/Y guy Roger Henthorn will be back after missing the first series.

HSA Sunfish are available to members who need them. Be sure to contact aftermath2@juno.com if you need one of those boats.

15 boats on the line? Why not?



At left, Dawn Gunter and Linda Peters play “don’t take my picture” at the potluck; above, Chuck Smith and Rose Who Wins Everything eye appetizers; at right, Dad DeArmon and Daughter Megan



In Brief: Life at the Lake

HSA Sailing Classes and Camps Draw Millions

- About a month ago, Clay Bigelow took a Learn to Sail class. About a week ago, he bought Dave Munday’s Hobie 16. Clay recently moved to Ohio from Georgia. Welcome to sailing, Clay. You are going to love it.
- The August Learn to Sail is now closed to new registration. A full roster has been compiled to go with a similar result in the June session of Learn to Sail. In addition, by Saturday, four people will have taken the Sunfish certification class, a follow up to the introductory Learn to Sail in which new sailors get to try a Sunfish solo with their instructor close by. Anyone completing the certification has access to HSA’s Sunfish all season long.
- 35 years or more ago, HSA began offering a junior camp. With this year’s crop of juniors at 23 members, that makes over ... well, you do the math. That’s a lot of kids over the years who learned to sail in just three days in July. Ladies Camp is full too, again. Way to go, HSA.
- The Y-Flyer is a great family boat and a great racer. Long, sleek lines and simple controls. Y 1590 is for sale, a great boat for someone starting out. Comes with one of Charlie’s children for crew. Contact dearmonjr@yahoo.com
- Also for sale is Don Fecher’s dad’s Hobie 17. Contact Don at dfexskip@aol.com



Holiday Series Gets in Three in Classic Drifter

The wind never climbed above 5 mph on Sunday, the only day of racing in the July 4th Holiday Series. But that didn't keep a hardy group of don't-know-any-betters from taking to the water and praying for wind. Here's how it all turned out.

Hobies

Don Fecher, Charlie Buchert and Dave Munday will have to wait until the corrected times are calculated. The races were that close. But in raw scores, Charlie beat Don by six seconds in one. Don returned the favor in race 2, but made it six minutes. Then all three finished within a minute of one another in race 3.

Y-Flyers

With Ian Callahan working the jib sheets, it was up to Charlie DeArmon to do the rest. Once again, Roger and Bobbie.

Sunfish

It was Ladies Day in the 'Fish as Rose Schultz again defined light air racing for the fleet. Laura Beebe set the tone and the pace by winning race one, but Rose took the other two. All the men could do was look at their sterns.

Rose 2 1 1 4

Laura 1 2 3 6

Pete 3 3 2 8

Megan 4 4 5 13

Jerry B. 5 5 4 14

Sydney 6 6 6 18



OK, what happens when you forget to re-attach the main halyard to the head of the main sail and someone pulls on the halyard? That's Kofi Gunter in the bosun's chair dangling 33 ft. 3 in. above the water line. And that's Kofi who forgot to re-attach the halyard. He isn't really dangling. He is clinging to the mast. "Get aloft, matey!" His cousin Jarrett on deck is amused.





Glorious 4th (5th) at Hueston Woods

Reefing lines on a Catalina hang in the foreground as fireworks light up the night sky. The evening was warm, rain free, darkly moonless, and irrefutably beautiful. A range of watercraft carved out an anchorage along the west shore to watch as the foot of the hill below the lodge lit up while a barge just south of the lodge docks sent up the aerial bomb pyrotechnics that resounded off the hills in fierce echoes of celebration. Even the deer and raccoons were waving flags.