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NEW CONCRETE AT NORTH BEACH

The second major project this summer was replacing the deteriorated asphalt drive at North Beach. What may well have been the original drive was beyond further patching, and needed to be replaced.

The board obtained quotes for asphalt and for concrete in four and six inch thicknesses. Ed French generously offered to pay for the price difference between concrete and asphalt on the grounds that the drive provides heavy equipment access to his property. The board graciously accepted Ed's offer. The board decided that the six-inch thickness of concrete was justified because of its better durability and longer life expectancy. The additional thickness is beneficial to us, as launching the dredge, dredge fuel delivery and dumpster trucks put considerable stress on the drive.

Since we were replacing the drive, it made sense to fix problem areas that we knew we had. We improved the design of the storm drainage channels, widened the boat ramp, enlarged the turning radius at the top of the boat launch area, and widened the drive at the entrance wye to allow for better traffic flow.

The tearout, curb pouring and drive pouring all proceeded smoothly and ahead of schedule because of the perfect weather. Jeff and Ed kept a close eye on the work during the three week project. Afterward, the drive needed a two-week cure period to reach full strength before it was ready for traffic.

Go check out the new drive and other improvements at North Beach – our most popular neighborhood recreation spot has never looked so good!

PROJECTS FOR 2009

One of the big projects under consideration for 2009 is the tennis courts. The courts are beyond repair and a decision needs to be made whether to replace them or consider other options. This and other projects will be topics for discussion at the Annual meeting, so plan to attend and make your views known to the board.

Join the Indian Lake Email List

Feel like you're missing out on late-breaking Indian Lake news and information? Join the Indian Lake email list! It's simple - send an email to rumreich@gmail.com and ask to be added to the list.

You'll start receiving information that won't reach you in any other way such as:

- crime watch alerts
- lost and found boats
- rescheduled meetings
- short notice events
- road closings

There's no spam, and all emails are sent BCC (blind carbon copy), so your email address won't be revealed to anyone, including other email list members.



October 29 ribbon cutting for the new drive. Left to right: Ed French, Jeff Van Treese, Mark Rumreich, Councilor Stan Stevens, Andy Van Treese.

Widened boat ramp

Indian Lake
Smoke Signal

• INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION •

President's Message
by Mark Rumreich

A SUMMER OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

The summer of 2008 will go down in Indian Lake history as being a summer of infrastructure improvements. We re-excavated the spoils area and put in nearly a full season's worth of dredging afterward. We tore out the deteriorated North Beach drive and replaced it with concrete. We restored the stone retaining wall at North Beach to its original glory. We added 33 feet of dock space at South Beach, enough for three new boat slips. And the Civic Committee replaced the playground equipment at South Beach.

Some of these projects are highlighted elsewhere in the Smoke Signal, so I won't go into them, but I did want to give some details about two key projects.

SPOILS AREA EXCAVATION

Our dredging spoils area was last excavated in 2000, in preparation for our then new dredge. The capacity of the spoils area was surveyed at the time, and found to be 25,000 cubic yards. After eight years of dredging, the spoils area was full. Our goal this summer was to restore the original capacity by digging out the center of the bowl and pushing the dirt further out and higher at the rim.

We had an extremely wet spring and early summer, and it seemed like the spoils area would never dry out enough to excavate. Finally in mid July, the excavator felt that it might be dry enough to begin.

Once work began, Jeff Van Treese diligently visited the site once or twice a day to monitor progress and direct the work. The board held periodic meetings at the site to evaluate progress and decide for how long to continue. With the help of Ed French and his surveying equipment, we measured the volume of the spoils area as the work neared completion. Four weeks and \$47,000 later, the job was completed, with a capacity of 26,000 cubic yards.

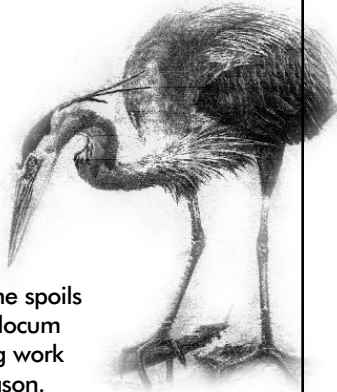
Once the excavators wrapped up, it was time to practice what we preach by putting in proper erosion control measures. Ben Slocum and Ron Gillum erected silt fences, and seeded and strawed the area. The September 6 "riprap party" continued

the effort by lining the new weir culvert with riprap, and adding more seed and straw. We had a fantastic turnout for this event and I'd like to thank everyone who helped.

Because dredging couldn't start until the spoils area excavation was complete, Terry Slocum stepped up to the plate, putting in long work weeks and extending the dredging season. This enabled us to get in almost a whole season's worth of dredging, despite the late start.

One of the things we learned from this summer's excavation project was that we shouldn't wait so long between excavations. We also learned that the sandy consistency of our spoils makes excavation difficult and expensive. There's a limit to how much we'll be able to restore capacity in the future by digging out the center of the bowl and pushing the dirt further out and higher at the rim. One of the top projects for the board is searching for cost effective ways to transport soil offsite for clean construction fill or to a soil processing plant.

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New concrete at North Beach

When You Need To Call



KEEP THIS WITH YOUR INDIAN LAKE PHONE DIRECTORY

Assessments - Gary Keithley	823-6561
Beach Reservations - any board member	
Boat Slip Rentals - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Bylaws and Rules - Ben Slocum	723-3079
Civic Committee - Ruth Norrington	460-8576
Property Maintenance - Ben Slocum	723-3079
Security - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Smoke Signal - Lori Rumreich	823-3897

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Rumreich (president)	823-3897
Jeff VanTreese (vp)	823-6690
Gary Keithley (secretary/treasurer)	823-6561
Ed French	823-4431
Ron Gillum	723-3917
Jim Hoskins	826-4944
Mike Hurd	823-0313
Paul Legge	823-7133
Ben Slocum	723-3079
Andy VanTreese	823-8990

Mark Your Calendars

Nov. 17, 7:30 pm	Civic Committee Meeting Anne Sharp
Dec. 3rd, 7:00 pm	Board Meeting Indian Lake Country Club
Dec. 7th, 6:00 pm	Progressive Dinner Various homes
Jan. 26th, 7:00 pm	Annual Meeting
Feb. 4th, 7:00 pm	Board Meeting
February	Monte Carlo Night Indian Lake County Club

Looking for Indian Lake Info

We're looking for information to make the Indian Lake website and future editions of the Smoke Signal even better. We're especially interested in:

- Smoke Signals from the nineties
- documents from the thirties, forties or fifties
- old Indian Lake phone directories
- old photos relating to Indian Lake

Please contact rumreich@gmail.com if you can help.

Annual Christmas Dinner

Kick-off the holiday season with your Indian Lake neighbors by attending the 2008 progressive Christmas dinner. This adults-only event is scheduled for Sunday, December 7, starting at 6:00 pm.

The cost is \$4 per person and a pitch-in item for any one of the three courses, appetizers, main course or dessert.

This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to get to know new neighbors or reacquaint yourself with neighbors you've been out of touch with. For the information of our newer neighbors, we strive to spend approximately one hour at each of the host homes, though this schedule tends to be a bit fluid.

Marge and Tom Crouch will host appetizers and Suzanne and Gary Keithley will host dessert. A host still needed for the main course. Plates, cups, napkins, utensils, soft drinks and the entree will be provided by the Civic Committee. Reservations are limited to thirty adults and the average attendance is around twenty. On a personal note, I've hosted twice and found it to be a wonderful experience. Each Indian Lake house has it's own personality and it's fun to show off what's unique about one's own.

Please feel free to call me if you wish to discuss hosting, or if you have a suggestion for making this event better. If you wish to attend, please RSVP by November 25 to Anne Sharp, 826-8987.



Protecting Your Trees From Beaver Chewing

Indian Lake has experienced extensive beaver damage the past two years. Many trees fifty to eighty feet tall have been destroyed around the entire perimeter of the lake. Check near your shoreline for damage and take appropriate measures to protect important trees. This article explains how. ~ MR

There are times when beaver and humans value the same trees, but for different reasons. When this happens many people may wish to protect certain valued trees from being cut down by a beaver. Fortunately there are ways to protect particular trees without eliminating the beaver and it's wetland ecosystem. Some of the following methods have been tried with great success. They are inexpensive, reliable, and relatively easy for nearly any homeowner to do in a short period of time.

TREES AND BEAVERS

Beavers are famous for their ability to topple large trees using nothing but their specially adapted teeth. Beaver teeth never stop growing, so they do not become too worn despite a lifetime of chewing hardwoods. Their four front teeth (incisors) are self sharpening due to a hard orange enamel on the front and a softer dentin on the backside of the tooth. Therefore as beavers chew wood the softer back of the teeth wear faster, creating chisel-like cutting surfaces. Because their teeth never stop growing it is believed that beavers need to constantly chew wood to prevent their teeth from growing too long!

A beaver's diet consists solely of vegetation. They derive nourishment from the inner lining of tree bark, as well as twigs, leaves, and aquatic vegetation. They topple trees in order to gain access to all the bark on the trunk as well as the many branches on the tree. Beavers prefer to cut down smaller diameter trees, but will chew on any size or species of tree. Preferred tree species include alder, aspen, birch, cottonwood, maple, poplar and willow.

In cold weather climates beavers are most active cutting down trees in the fall because they are preparing for the winter. Beavers do not hibernate, so they plan ahead and build a stockpile (cache) of edible sticks in order to survive the cold winter.

PROTECTING TREES WITH FENCING

Individual trees can be spared from beaver gnawing by placing wire cylinders around the base of their trunks. The purpose of this heavy wire cylinder is simply to keep the beaver

from getting to the tree. The cylinders can be made from 3 to 4 foot tall galvanized garden fencing (2" x 4" mesh).

The fencing should extend 2 feet above the highest snow level to prevent winter chewing. It generally does not need to be anchored to the ground. Cut the bottom to fit a sloping ground, or to protect prominent roots.

ABRASIVE TREE PAINT PROTECTION

Ingredients:

Paint: Exterior Latex (choose a color to match the bark)
Mason Sand (30 mil or 70 mil)

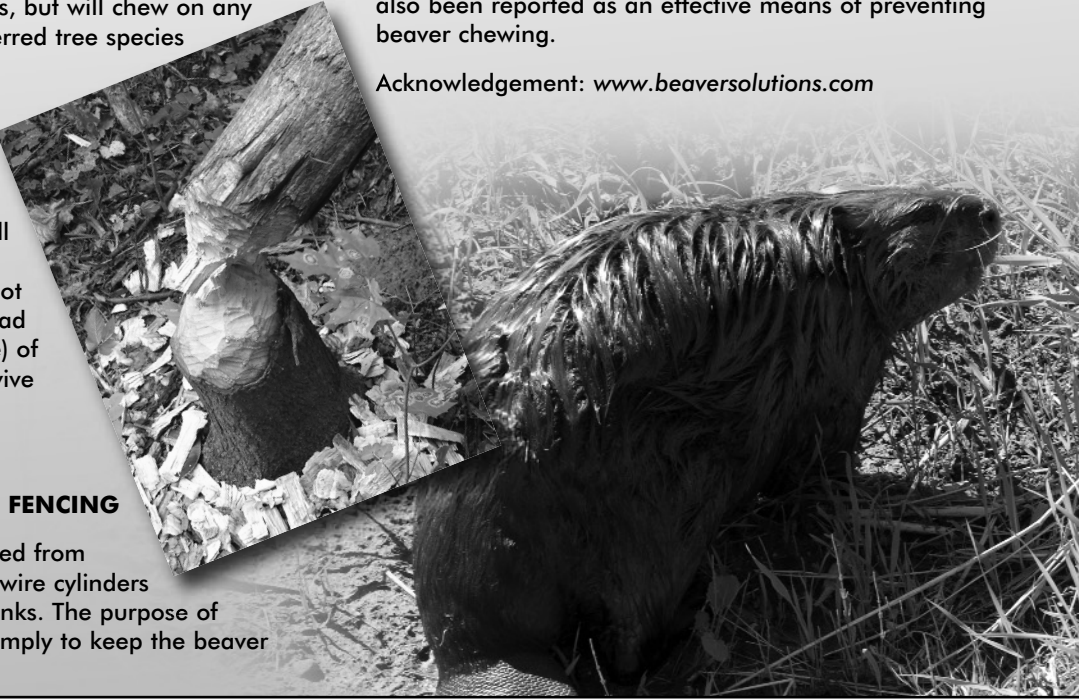
Mix 5 oz. sand per quart of paint, or 20 oz. sand per gallon of paint.

Make only in small batches at a time on the day you are going to apply it. Using too much sand will cause the mixture to roll off the tree. Apply paint to bottom three to four feet of tree trunk. For best results, do not paint every tree, leaving some for beaver food. This formula does not work for saplings, so protect them with wire fencing.

ANOTHER METHOD OF PROTECTING TREES

Cayenne Pepper: Vegetable or mineral oil infused with cayenne pepper and then painted on the tree trunks has also been reported as an effective means of preventing beaver chewing.

Acknowledgement: www.beaversolutions.com



16th Annual Bob Nicholas Memorial Bass Tournament July 27th, 2008

This year proved to be the best year ever; 16 contestants weighed in a total of 25 keeper size bass. Keepers have to be 14" in length and each team is allowed a total of five bass per team to count towards their total weight.

Fishing at Indian Lake has always been good, but this year each team managed to weigh in fish, making this the largest number of fish weighed in the 16 years that the tournament has been held. The average size was in the 2-3 pound range, with several Bass weighing over 3 pounds.

Big Bass honors went to Rachel Zainey - she weighed in a 3.6 pound giant that paid her \$70.00 in prize money. Another first this year was a 2.3 pound smallmouth bass caught off the island. These fish are rare in Indian Lake and was probably caught below the dam at one time and then released into to the lake, another benefit of catch and release!!! All fish caught were released alive to be caught another day, as they say. The 1-pounder you caught and released today will be a 2-pounder when you catch it again next year, so please release them!!!

The results from this year's tournament are:

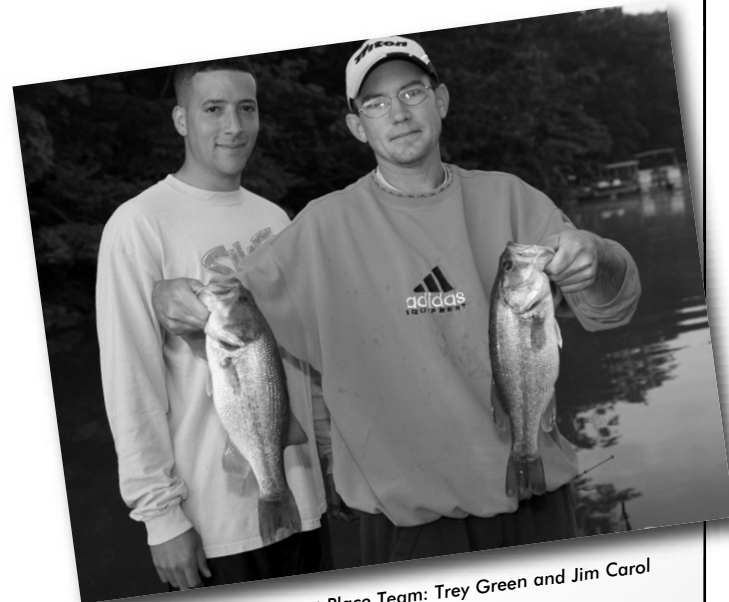
1st Place - Trey Green and Roy Carol
5 fish, 10 lbs. 13 oz., \$144.00

2nd Place - Rachael Zainey and Jerry Robinson
4 fish, 8lbs., 14 oz., \$87.00

3rd Place - Andy Clifton and Rusty Fields
4 fish, 8lbs., 10 oz., \$57.00

Big Bass - Rachael Zainey
3 lbs., 6 oz., \$70.00

See all the fishing tournament photos at
http://s93475566.onlinehome.us/indian_lake/album.htm
courtesy of Fred Zainey.



The First Place Team: Trey Green and Jim Carol



The Second Place Team and Big Bass: Rachael Zainey and Jerry Robinson



The Third Place Team: Andy Clifton and Rusty Fields

Severe Storm Impacts Indian Lake

The May 30th storm was one of the worst in Indian Lake history. Many large trees were destroyed and power outages affected most residents. As many as 65,000 Indianapolis Power & Light customers lost electricity during the Friday night storm.

On West Drive, the Wilsons had a tree limb go through their roof allowing the torrential rain to flood their home. A large tree fell across South Drive, blocking traffic and damaging utility lines.

On South Drive, IPL line workers Barry Wilham and Rex Cloud had been on the job since 6 a.m. Saturday morning. "The storm took the tops of numerous trees in a path in the area around the Indian Lake neighborhood, and looked a lot like tornado damage or strong straight-line winds," said Cloud, 42, Pittsboro.

On the south side of the lake, power went out on Friday night, and IPL did not expect it to be restored until Sunday. Fortunately, power at the Van Treese & Associates Broaster Foods warehouse was not affected, and Andy Van Treese offered freezer space to residents wanting to save their frozen food from spoiling. Baskets and boxes of frozen food from South Drive residents were collected and brought to the warehouse until power was restored.



South Drive
after the storm

Riding for Charity in Death Valley

You have probably seen Indian Lake resident, Bob Karnak, riding his bicycle around Indian Lake during the year. Bob rides for exercise but he also rides to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

On the weekend of October 18, 2008, Bob joined about 300 other bicycle riders in Death Valley, California for his 7th consecutive Ride in Death Valley to Cure Diabetes. Bob began the 100 mile, one-day ride at Furnace Creek and rode through the heart of Death Valley before turning around at Jubilee Pass for the return trip. To participate in the ride Bob had to raise \$4,000.

If you'd like to learn more about the JDRF Ride in Death Valley to Cure Diabetes, feel free to contact Bob via email, rkarnak2@comcast.net, or at 826-8952.



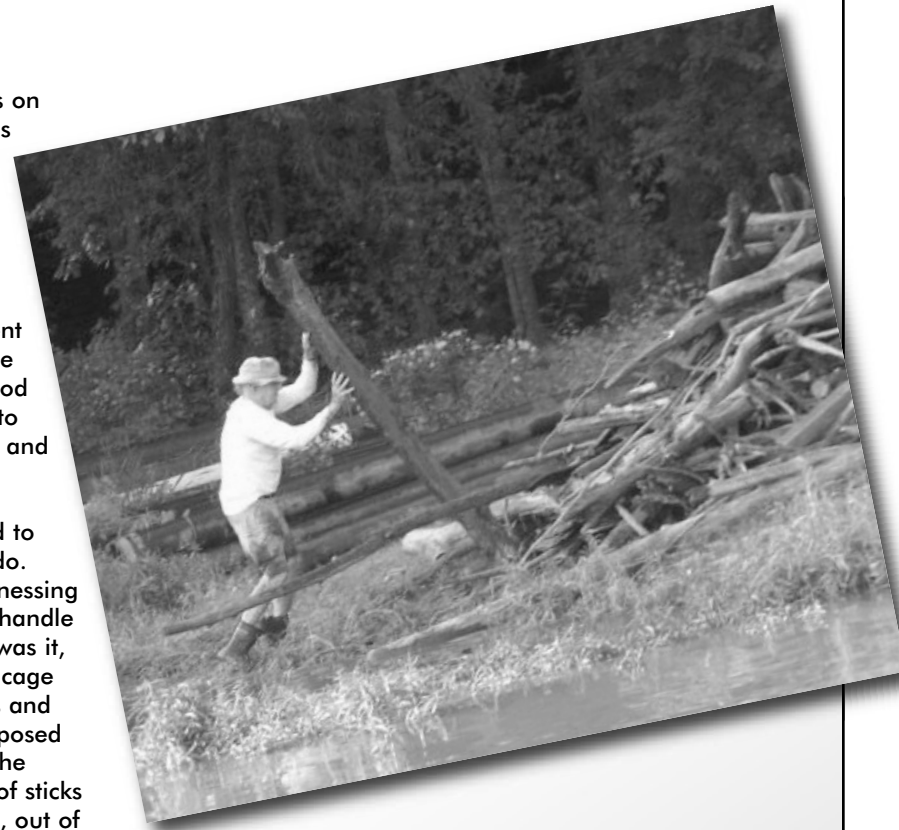
Jim Whalen

Some of you may not know "the animal" that lives on South Drive, but it is time that we all recognize his extraordinary efforts in helping with the dredge this summer. If you ever boated by or drove down to South Beach late in the summer, you may have seen a pile of waterlogged sticks and logs piled near the shore.

Let's start from the beginning. Jim Whalen, resident of Indian Lake, has been curious about the dredge and concerned with the health of our neighborhood since he has lived here. Actually voicing a desire to learn how to run the dredge, Jim was able to see and experience our dredge first hand next to operator Terry Slocum. Jim began to see what became an absolute eye opener for him as many others need to see this machine and what it does and does not do. While on the dredge, Jim had the pleasure of witnessing the different environments that the dredge could handle and what sometimes made it unproductive. That was it, the word unproductive set him off like a bull in a cage fight. You see, contrary to our beliefs, small sticks and brush cannot be sucked up by the dredge nor disposed of any other way than hand picking them out of the water. These piles that I spoke of were compiled of sticks that Mr. Whalen hand picked, touching two times, out of the lake. This sort of preventative maintenance, teamwork and passion for this community is what makes strong, lifelong friends and neighbors, who have a great pride of ownership.

Thank you, Jim Whalen, for all of your hard work. Your efforts and willingness to help keep our community strong are appreciated.

~ Ben Slocum

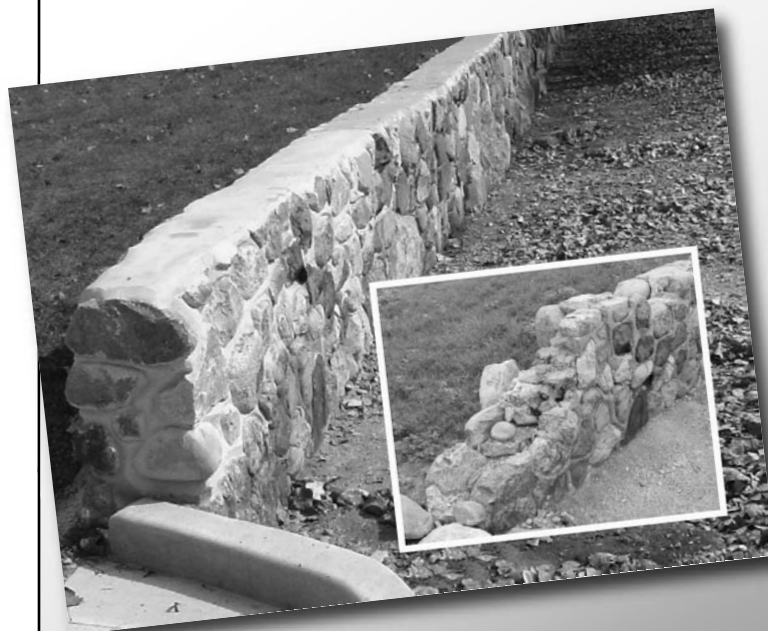


North Beach Retaining Wall Restored

Last summer, restoration work began on the North Beach retaining wall, pressure washing and recapping the eastern portion of the wall.

The western portion of the wall needed rebuilding, but had to wait until this summer for a capable stone mason to perform the repair. Ed French generously volunteered the services of his masonry crew for the job. Once the stones were set, Dan Haines of Haines Construction recapped the western portion of the wall.

The community would like to thank Dan Haines and Ed French for their help with this project. It looks great!



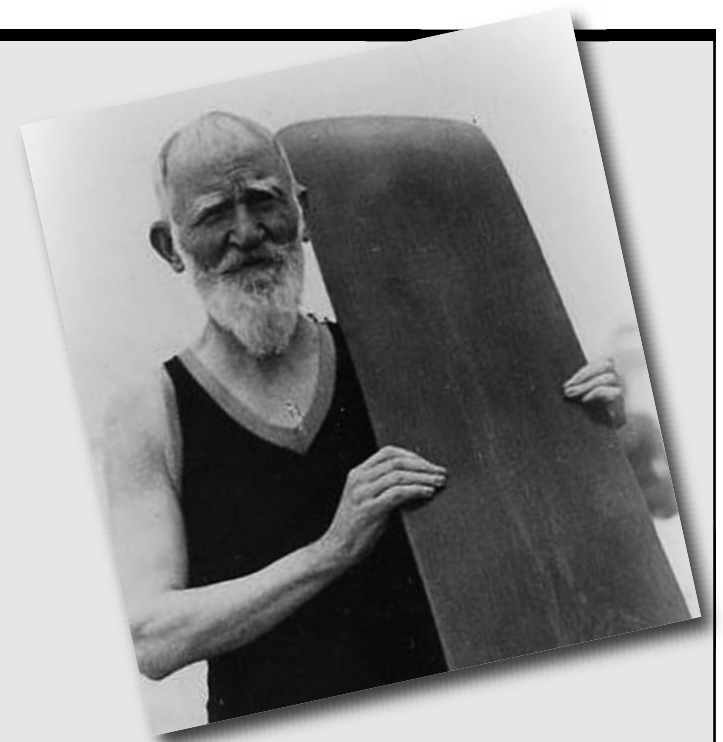
True Joy in Life

"This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; the being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy.

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.

I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no "brief candle" for me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."

~ George Bernard Shaw



Across the Fence

We welcome our new neighbors, Joseph Nemath and Angela Dye and their first grade son, Samuel. They have moved into the home formerly of Jane Ann Kopitzke on Indian Lake Blvd., South Drive. Thanks to Joe's father, much work has been done to update the home. They love their new neighborhood and look forward to being involved in our activities.

It is once again time to update the Indian Lake Directory for the 2009 edition that will be distributed in January at the Annual Meeting. You will be contacted by an Indian Lake committee member for any updates. You may also e-mail me with any changes or corrections at rapnjava@aol.com.



Playground Equipment Added to South Beach

After much investigation, the Indian Lake Civic Committee decided to spend the money that we have been saving over the past two years to replace the playground equipment at the south beach. We purchased a system from Rainbow that allows for swinging, including an infant swing, sliding, climbing and a platform for viewing. There is even a picnic table to sit while the little ones keep busy. Stop by the south beach to enjoy the new playground equipment.

