



Black Pointer

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Manager's Corner

Hello Black Pointers!

There's still plenty happening around Black Point as we make the most of the rest of summer. If you're looking for a good way to start the day, head down to the courts or join one of the yoga sessions. Whether you're playing pickleball, hitting the tennis courts, or stretching on the mat, there's usually a friendly face around and plenty of opportunities to get moving and catch up with neighbors.

And before you know it, Labor Day weekend will be here, which means it's time to start thinking about our annual **Cardboard Boat Race!** If you've been putting off your boat design, now's the time to get started. Just remember the most important rule: **it has to float!** Creativity, teamwork, and a good sense of humor are strongly encouraged.

A couple of quick reminders as we head through the rest of the summer: **Kids riding e-bikes must wear helmets—no exceptions.** And please remember to clean up after your pets when you're out for a walk.

These may seem like small things, but they go a long way toward keeping Black Point safe, clean, and enjoyable for everyone. Thanks for doing your part to keep Black Point a great place to spend the summer.

As always, if you need anything or have a question, I'm just a call, text, or email away. You can reach me at (860) 460-7641 or BPBCmanager@gmail.com.

See you on the beach!

Jim, Association Manager

Dad/Mom Joke Nite

Friday, August 28th @ BP Clubhouse

Please join our 7 Jokesters – men and women sharing their very worst Dad and Mom jokes. **Admission:** \$15.00

Menu: prepared by Cheff Jimmy Mastria --- pasta and meatballs, garlic bread, coffee, dessert, (BYO favorite beverages); please reserve your dinner order no later than

Friday, August 21st. RSVP:

blackpointmensclub2021@gmail.com

Dinner: 6:00 pm/ **Program:** 7:00 pm

Hilariously Sponsored by the Black Point Men's Club



2nd Annual BP Blood Drive

This Sunday! August 16th

9:00-2:00 PM @ Clubhouse

Calling all Black Pointers! We are hosting our 2nd Annual Blood Drive and are looking for volunteers to donate. Last year we helped 147 patients with the donations collected from our BP community alone. Any questions? Contact Katlyn Baker- Kayz507@gmail.com



The Black Point Cookbook

The Black Point Cookbook is still available for sale! Be sure to get one before they are gone. The book is a publication that contains recipes from the original book published in 1979 for the Women's Club by my mother Mary Kelly. The original was a success and featured collections from long ago.

In addition, the new book contains entries from 2007 by Women's Club and new member entries from 2024 and 2025.

The book is \$30.00; a portion of the proceeds will help support Kitchen equipment needs at the Clubhouse. You can use Venmo for payment @thomas-kelly-164 or text me at 860-305-8138. You can also purchase the book at the Black Point Market.

~Tom Kelly~



Fall Setback Tournament



The Black Point Woman's Club is looking for teams to sign up for our Fall Setback tournament starting on

Tuesday, Sept 15th at 7:00pm.

This is open to all members of the Black Point Community. It will run for as many weeks as we have 2 person teams but will end no later than Dec 15th. The cost will be \$5 per person per week. Sets would cost \$1.00. Anyone interest in learning more and/or signing up can email Kelly Fecteau at jlfecteau@comcast.net.

Women's Club News

Well...just like that, another Black Point Women's Club summer is in the books!

What a way to finish the season. The Recreation (Club)Talent Show once again proved that Black Point is full of stars! Between the campers, counselors, and volunteers, there was no shortage of laughter, music, and unforgettable performances.



As soon as the final bow was taken, nearly 200 hungry audience members made their way to the Women's Club Ice Cream Social. Sundaes disappeared almost as quickly

as we could make them! A huge thank you to Steve and the crew at the Black Point Market for supplying the delicious ice cream and all the fixings. And an extra-special thank you to our incredible Women's Club volunteers, especially the early birds who arrived well before showtime to pre-scoop nearly 200 servings and keep them perfectly frozen. Trust us...that was no small feat!



Before the evening ended, we had one more opportunity to give back. Fifty backpacks, filled with school supplies donated by our generous Black Point community, were presented to Matt, our Club Director and a teacher in the East Lyme Public Schools. Those backpacks

will help local students the school year with confidence, and that's something we can all be proud of. Thank you to everyone who donated! You've made a real difference.



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Tuesday evening's Annual Banquet was the perfect ending to a summer that seemed to fly by in the blink of an eye. We enjoyed a wonderful meal, lots of laughter, and took time to recognize the many people who worked behind the scenes to make another successful season possible.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our amazing Board: Vice President Kathy Deknis; Co-Secretaries Kiera Sullivan and Meg Sullivan; Treasurer Carla Wright; and Parliamentarian Jocelyn Williams. Thank you also to Kathy Sheehan for taking on membership this year. We welcomed **73 members**, including **8 new members** and **4 honorary members**! A wonderful sign that our club continues to grow! Cheryl Colangelo and Lois Donnelly

once again did a phenomenal job with hospitality, making sure every meeting felt warm and welcoming. And to the many members who stepped up throughout the summer to volunteer, donate, organize, decorate, scoop ice cream, sell raffle tickets, move tables, clean up, and simply lend a hand-thank you! The Women's Club is successful because of all of you.

As we start thinking about next summer (already?!), a membership survey will be heading your way soon.

Please take a few minutes to share your ideas and feedback. Your suggestions help us plan events and activities that make the Women's Club even better each year. Don't put away your calendars just yet! While summer may be winding down, the Women's Club isn't hibernating. We'll have fall and winter activities planned, so stay tuned for more opportunities to get together, have some fun, and continue making a difference in our community. Enjoy the last lazy days of summer, cheer on the kids as they head back to school, and remember, it's never too early to start counting down to next June!

All the best,

Heather Maguire *President, Black Point Women's Club*
(860) 573-0035

Woman's Club Sponsors Yoga

Yoga with Heather Perini at the Clubhouse! Join us **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** mornings at **7:00 AM** to stretch your mind and body. Classes are welcoming for all ages and abilities, and at just \$5 per class, it's a wonderful way to start your day.



Hope to see you there and don't forget to bring your Yoga mat and water bottle.

Battle of the Beaches Cornhole Tournament Results



First Teegan & Fletcher (Attawan). Second John and Paul (Crescent). Third Geoff and Chris (Black Point). Awesome turn out. Thanks to BP Men's Club for sponsoring.



Next year Black Point hosts!

Black Point Men's Club

Summer days are still here for all to enjoy what a beach community is all about! Many activities are still happening! Please enjoy the weeks of summer weather remaining.

Recent Activities:

52nd Annual Road Race – August 8th



Warm weather made for challenging conditions at this year's Road Race. It was one of the closest finishes that we have seen in years. Mary Liz and the rest of the Shea Team put on another great race. John Cellino provided a



base camp for all activities and beverages. Dave Twedt, Jimmy Mastria & John Manuck served several hundred snow cones to hot competitors and fans, courtesy of the BP Mens' Club. Maura Stamm had new

remembrance tee shirts to celebrate this 52nd running of this event. Another great event for contestants of all ages! We still have a few Road Race T-Shirts. Text Maura Stamm if you're interested. 860-985-0660

Music Era Trivia Night –August 15th -POSTPONED

There is a conflict with the availability of the ClubHouse. The Beach Manger has advised that the ClubHouse has been reserved for another function. Unfortunately, we missed this and will need to postpone this event to later in the year. Sorry for any inconvenience!

Event Background: *Test your musical skills by guessing the songs, artists and decades of hits from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's. Get a table together and go back in time with all the hits! Reserve a table for 8 or come alone and we will hook you up. We may add a food component when we reschedule!*

Karaoke Night – August 22nd - CANCELLED

Good news and bad news...the good news is that our master of ceremonies is going to be a dad again. The bad news is that this event will unfortunately be cancelled because the due date is a little too close. We wish the family our best for a healthy delivery!

Build Community, Have Fun, Enjoy Black Point, ~ Rick ~



5th Annual Cardboard Boat Race **Saturday, September 5th - Main Beach**

It is not too early to start your design and build!

Winning this event is **great** in that a team has a fantastic design, with just cardboard and duct tape, and is successful in putting all the pieces together. Add the ability to paddle and one makes it to the top.

But the other perspective is that this event is all about the spirit of working together, maybe with your kids, neighbors or friends! Laughing, having fun and maybe a few beverages along the way! If you are able to finish and not swim in, there is a feeling of victory for doing it! It's tough work but worth it!

Prizes for:

Youth - Middle School and Below

Other Sailors - Above Middle School (Black Point Residents and their guests)

Creativity Award - Show what can be done with cardboard and Duct Tape!

Perseverance Award - Give it all to compete!

Cardboard Boat Race Quick view of Rules:

Two Divisions:

- Youth - Middle School (8th Grade) and below

- Everybody else

- Boats can be made of cardboard and duct tape only
- Duct tape is the only fastening material allowed
- Boat sides need to be at least 6" high - **no surfboard/paddleboard style**
- Crew must have all extremities inside vessel
- Design left to builder
- Decorations encouraged but not within 6" of bottom - This means any paint used must be 6" above the bottom
- Crew Uniforms encouraged
- No plastic, wood, Styrofoam, fiberglass, etc... No caulking compounds, two part adhesive mixtures glues, coatings etc..
- No electrical, gasoline, propane, benzene or other propulsion systems
- Bring your own PFD and paddle
- Crew of one or more (no limit) but no pets

We will ask all boats to register for this free event, so we can make sure all that start are accounted for at the finish!

Register early by sending an email to blackpointmensclub2021@gmail.com.

-Name of vessel:

-Team members names:

- Name of skipper and crew! (Have fun and Paddle fast!)

CLASSIFIEDS –

Home Watch for all Seasons: Need someone to check on your property daily or weekly?
Call Pete 860-993-7061

FOR SALE: Samsung VRT Plus he DRYER
\$100 or best offer

FOR SALE: Ten Speed Bike. 27” Univega Safari.
Asking \$190. Call 860-993-7061.

FOR SALE: 2023 Zuma 125cc Yamaha
Mint condition 103 miles; \$3600 Call or text
Tom Bonelli (860) 912-3629

FOR SALE: 26” Road Bike. Nishiki Tamarack CG
fuolufica thermal HT Asking \$299. Call 860-993-7061.

FOR SALE: 16 foot Aquasport power boat with 48 hp
Johnson Outboard. Includes trailer and
navigation fishfinder. \$5,750. Call
Peter at 860-306-8897.



FOR SALE: Trek aluminum 26” road bike with shimono
Sante group. Like new, ridden probably less than 100
miles as I developed a balance issue. New was \$950+,
now will sell for \$395.
Contact George at cell 978-206-8112 or 860-451- 2547
or gfkusa@sbcglobal.net.

Lawn Mowing/Weed Whacking: Looking for reliable
lawn service? Year-round BP teen ready to help. Text/
Call Drew Brookmiller at 860-949-6132.

LIVE-IN CAREGIVER: If you are looking for a skilled
and highly recommended live-in caregiver for an adult,
please contact Nancy at (860) 463-3520.

Neighborhood Dog Walker/Sitter:
Call or Text Madison Sjostrom (860) 333-0697.



Important Phone Numbers

Association Manager.....860-460-7641
(between 8:00AM and 6:00PM)
Emergency- Fire, Ambulance, Police 911
Police- routine matters..... 860-739-5900
Poison Control..... 1-800-343-2722
Northeast Medical Walk-in Center..... 860-739-5426
Black Point Market.....860-451-8028
Hours: **Monday -Sunday 7:30-5:00pm**

Black Point Beach Club Association

Annual Informational Meeting
for all Members.

Saturday, September 5th
9:00a.m. @ Clubhouse

From the Editor



It's always a sad time when I have to tell everyone the next issue is the last for the summer! There have been some amazing events and so much going on this summer. One last call for news and pictures from all summer! Be sure to submit your information by this Saturday to make it in before we say hello the fall season. Thank you to everyone who has helped make the pointer so informative and exciting. The Black Pointer continues to be a tradition that helps share spectacular information around the Point and allows this great community to make new memories at any age. Welcome to all the new people who have joined this fabulous neighborhood whether you're here for the summer or be here for the fall.

May everyone continue to look out for each other and remember an ounce of care goes a long way, whether it's a wave while driving or helping a neighbor get their newspaper it keeps our beach community one special gem cherishing it for many years.

The Black Pointer will be delivered this week and next week at your house on Friday. The extra copies will be located at the Black Point Market if you didn't get one!!

Ideas, announcements or suggestions will be welcome to add to our weekly newsletter. Black Point rules require only members can place classifieds and help wanted ads, but cannot include business advertisements. Some ads or events are subject to the Board of Governor's approval. ***All information to be added to the weekly pointer needs to be emailed by no later than Saturday of each week.*** Please contact me at my email address blackpointnews@yahoo.com or feel free to call me at (860) 235-3149. If you would like to add an item for sale or a help wanted blurb it is \$1.00 per issue. Please drop off fee to my address at 35 Sea Crest Ave in small blue mailbox labeled with a BP sticker on the white archway in driveway.
~ Suzanne Smith, Editor ~

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