

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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WE'RE CELEBRATING OUR 18TH BIRTHDAY!

The first issue of the Cabin John Village News appeared in April 1967, so we've survived to adulthood. Let's look back over the years and see what's been happening in Cabin John.

April 1967 - The paper didn't even have a name when it first appeared. It offered a prize for the best suggested name. The prize was \$1 plus two pounds of "Cabin John Sausage" (does anyone know what that is?), contributed by the Quick Food Shop (then known as the Good and Quick).

Some of the news in the first issue was: Operation Clean-Up on Saturday, April 15.... the newly organized Cabin JOHN Park VFW Post held its second meeting at the Firehouse.... Clara Barton School held the dedication of its new addition.... A community questionnaire revealed that the top issues for community action were: completion of George Washington Memorial Parkway at the DC line; improvement of public transportation; increase of police security; periodic trash removal; and beautification of MacArthur Boulevard

April 1972 - Five years later, "Home Protection" was the topic of the regular meeting of the Citizens Association.... Steps were being taken for the first time to produce a directory of Cabin John residents..... "Cabin John Citizens Fight Move to Curtail Bus Service" says the headline in the paper

April 1973 - The final draft of the Cabin John Community Plan was discussed by 100 citizens at a Town Meeting

April 1974 - The issue of whether to close Clara Barton Elementary School was a subject of deep concern to the community

April 1975 - Now the major item was the status of the Union Arch Bridge which had been closed to traffic because one of the facing stones had crashed to the parkway below. The big problem for the community was what jurisdiction would pay for the repairs.

April 1976 - Headline: "Army Corps of Engineers to Finance Repairs of Union Arch"

April 1977 - The community was mobilizing to fight airplane noise

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TRAFFIC SIGN FOR TOMLINSON APPROVED

As a result of a long effort by residents along Tomlinson Avenue and the Citizens Association to cut back on through traffic on Tomlinson, the County has agreed to post a "no left turn" for southbound traffic on Seven Locks Road at the Tomlinson Avenue intersection. The restriction would be in force 24 hours a day except for heavy trucks which cannot use MacArthur Boulevard.

"WALK" LIGHT TO BE INSTALLED AT BRIDGE

Marian Purtell, chair of the CJCA Safety Committee, has announced that the long-promised pedestrian crosswalks at both ends of the Union Arch Bridge would be installed during the second half of 1985. The crosswalks will be accompanied by a new pedestrian signal added to the existing traffic lights.

Spring Fair

April 27th, 10 AM to 4 PM!



THE PARENT CONNECTION

Kathy-the-Clown, Books, Toys
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Summer Activity Schedule

Little Falls Mall
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There is no charge for dumping unless your load exceeds 500 pounds. Almost anything can be dumped there except hazardous wastes and large items that can't be chopped up like a big block of concrete. Also, no more than 4 tires per load are accepted. For more information, call 840-2370.

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April 1978 - The first Cabin John House Tour was announced as a fund-raising event for the Citizens Association

April 1980 - Ground breaking for the new MacArthur Square Shopping Center was announced

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(If you want your event listed in this calendar, please call Amy Wilson, 229-8745. The next deadline is May 18. The calendar is open to all community-related groups.)

Sunday, April 28 Concert of folk music by Ken Perlman, with guitar and banjo, Glen Echo Park, 2:30 p.m., \$4 admission. This is one of the series of folk concerts sponsored by the Park and the Bethesda Co-op. The series continues on Sundays, May 5 and May 12.

Tuesday, April 30 Cabin John Citizens Association meeting, 8 p.m. Clara Barton/International School.

Monday, May 13 Citizens Association Executive Committee meeting, 8 p.m., 7629 Cabin Road.

Wednesday, May 15 Carousel opens at Glen Echo Park! (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Sunday, May 19 Annual May Fair, Bannockburn Elementary School, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. International cafe, "gently used" sale, fun and games for all ages.

LETTER FROM THE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

You are cordially invited to the next meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association on Tuesday, April 30, at the Clara Barton/International School. Here are some of the items on the agenda:

1. An update on development plans for the Johnson Tract (under the water tower)
2. An update on development plans for Seven Locks Estates (swimming pool tract)
3. Future use of Clara Barton School building: proposal for joint usage by the Clara Barton Center, the Cabin John 3-and-4-year-old school, and the Writers Center.
4. Any community problem or question which you want to bring up.

I hope to see you there at 8:00 p.m.

Betsy Lawrence, Ph.D.
President, CJCA

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Purchase a \$5, \$10, \$25, or \$50 coupon good on any merchandise at Bloomin' Newman's Nursery ... trees, mulch, annuals, pots, baskets, garden tools, etc. One half the value of your coupon goes directly to Bannockburn Elementary School's PTA while you redeem your certificate for full cash value at Bloomin's. Yes, if you buy a \$50 coupon, good at any time, the school gets to keep \$25.

Coupons may be purchased at the school's May Fair on the 19th from 12:30-4:30 or, if you would like it sooner, please fill out the bottom of this form and take it or mail it to the school which is located at 6520 Dalroy Lane, Bethesda, 20817. We will mail your coupon to you.

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SPORTS/ATHLETICS

UNITED STATES NATIONAL WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIP

- May 3 7p.m.-9p.m. Bethesda Chevy Chase
- May 4 1p.m.-9p.m. High School Auditorium
- May 5 1p.m.-9p.m. 4301 East West Highway, Bethesda

BETHESDA CHEVY CHASE CYCLING CRITERIUM

- May 12 9a.m. Sangamore Playground (adjacent to Washington Waldorf School)

BETHESDA KIWANIS/W.A.L.L. — Invitational Lacrosse Tournament

- May 18 10a.m.-4p.m. North Bethesda Athletic Fields
- May 19 1p.m.-4p.m. 8935 Braidmoor Drive, Bethesda

CONCERTS

CONCERT UNDER THE PINES

- May 2 6:30p.m. Bethesda Chevy Chase High School
4301 East West Highway

JAZZ CONCERT

- May 6 8p.m.-10p.m. Bethesda Chevy Chase High School Auditorium
4301 East West Highway, Bethesda

"GREASE" — Musical Comedy

- May 3, 4 7:30p.m. Walter Johnson High School Auditorium
6400 Rock Spring Drive,
Bethesda, MD

MONTGOMERY CHAMBER MUSIC ENSEMBLE

- May 14 7:30p.m. Chevy Chase Library
8005 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD

US NAVAL ACADEMY WOODWIND QUINTET

- May 16 8p.m. Strathmore Hall Arts Center
10701 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD

BAND CONCERT

- May 21 8p.m.-10p.m. Bethesda Chevy Chase High School
4301 East West Highway
Bethesda, MD

ARTS/EXHIBITIONS

SCULPTURE AT MCCRILLIS GALLERY

- April 28 2p.m.-4p.m. McCrillis Gallery
6910 Greentree Road
Bethesda, MD
opening reception
- May 4, 5, 10a.m.-4p.m.
11, 12, 18, 19,
25, 26

MCCRILLIS GARDENS EXHIBITS

- May 1 Daily McCrillis Gardens
- May 31 10a.m.-10a.m. 6910 Greentree Road
Sundown Bethesda, MD

WILDWOOD ANTIQUE CAR SHOW

- May 19 12noon-4p.m. Wildwood Shopping Center
10223 Old Georgetown Rd.
Bethesda, MD

FESTIVAL OF ARTS

- May 22, 23 7:30p.m. Whitman High School Field
House
7100 Whittier Boulevard,
Bethesda, MD

SPECIAL EVENTS

LONDON AZALEA FESTIVAL

- May 3, 4 10a.m.-5p.m. Landon School
6101 Wilson Lane
Bethesda, MD

BETHESDA ELEMENTARY MAY FAIR

- May 17 4p.m.-8:00p.m. Bethesda Elementary School
5011 Moorland Lane
Bethesda, MD

KEMPER OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

- May 28-June 2 Congressional Country Club
8500 River Road
Bethesda, MD

SENIOR CITIZEN HEALTHFEST

- May 30 9a.m.-2p.m. Suburban Hospital
8600 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, MD



The "CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY" is a cooperative effort of the Montgomery County Government, Department of Recreation, the Bethesda Chevy Chase Center, and the Bethesda Chevy Chase Citizens' Advisory Board.

The People of Cabin John

SOCCKER FEVER IN CABIN JOHN

By Barbara Martin

If you drop by the Seven Locks playing field any Tuesday or Thursday afternoon during spring or fall soccer season, you can watch a group of 15 youngsters running, shouting, laughing, concentrating on the game that has captured their devotion for four years. Nine of these 15 have been playing soccer together on this same team since they were in first grade.

That was when Nick Glakas decided that Cabin John should form a soccer team of six-year-olds. He sent notices to the families of all children in Mrs. Zucker's first grade Bannockburn class, and submitted a team application to Montgomery Soccer Inc. (MSI), volunteering to be the team coach. The first 11 children who returned their applications became the team, and MSI had a new unit.

I talked with John Lee, Joshua Bingham, and Josh's dad, George Bingham, to get the facts and the flavor. Of the 11 who started in the first grade, nine are still active -- a remarkable record in an era of high family mobility and the natural human tendency to slack off after initial enthusiasm for an activity that requires sustained effort and discipline.

When the team started in 1981, MSI rules allowed a team of 11 for that age group, with seven players on the field at any given time. They used a Size 3 ball, and a good kick was 10-15 yards. Now some of the team members can kick 40 yards. The original team were: Joshua Bingham, Marshall Camp, Samuel Fischman, Gavin Glakas, John Lee, David Miller, Matthew O'Brien, Misha Segal, Jed Weiss, Shandy Ota, and Rachel Baron. The first nine are still team stalwarts; Shandy Ota's family has moved and Rachel Baron has joined an MSI all-girls team.

As the age of team members increases, MSI rules allow a larger ros-

ter and more players on the field. That provision, plus (a very few) kids leaving the team, has allowed some new members: last fall the team was enlarged to include Harley Feldbaum, Jody Fell, Dirk Robinson, and John Trinidad, and this year Brandon Garret and Martin Wetzler joined.

Nick Glakas was the first coach, soon assisted by George Bingham. When George took over as head coach, Nick kept in touch as advisor emeritus. This year Mary Vinton (George's wife and Josh's mother) is head coach, and her assistants include a crew of five mothers and fathers of team members.

Until this season, the team practiced at the Clara Barton field on MacArthur Boulevard, but this spring more athletic activities were competing for fewer areas there (construction of a new outdoor basketball court having reduced the available playing space). So practice has been relocated to the spacious Seven Locks Park.

MSI regulations restrict practice to two hours a week, so that teams have equal time opportunities to perfect their skills. The Cabin John team practices Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 6. Players have no permanent positions, rotating (at the coach's direction) to learn all positions, offensive and defensive. In an official game, each team member plays at least half the time. There are eight official games per season, and with pre-practice time, a player's participation involves about nine weeks.

Soccer requires a lot of foot control, both for running, weaving in and out, and kicking. No hands are allowed to touch another player or the ball (with the exception of the goalie). The goalie is always positioned in front of the goal and the rest of the team is arranged in whatever formation the coach chooses. This team is currently playing in a formation of five front-liners, three halfbacks, and two fullbacks.

Membership on an MSI team costs \$18 a season. This pays for uniforms which the players keep (jerseys, shorts, sox), an official team ball, field marking equipment. MSI provides

referees for games and all administration, MSI is run almost entirely by devoted volunteers. Before a season begins, each team's record is computed and teams are then matched in a conference with comparable teams, so the better you get the tougher your competition is.

Joel Fischman (father of Samuel) is Team Manager ("the unsung hero," says George Bingham). Joel gets out notices, distributes game schedules, activates the telephone tree, assigns refreshment duties among the parents (drinks and orange slices on game days), arranges everything and confirms all those arrangements, to keep operations smooth. Parents are supportive and cooperative about taking their turn with backup activities. Many of them have served as coach or assistant coach. Among the parents have developed warm friendships and a strong sense of camaraderie.

The team has made quite a name for itself over the past four years. In their second-grade season they racked up a record of seven wins and one loss. "We were the Awesome Team," Josh and John recalled. "And the last two years we had the lowest number of points scored against us. Last fall we won the Division trophy because we were undefeated. Every team member got a trophy to keep." Josh ran to show me his, a handsome silver figure of an athlete kicking a soccer ball.

Reminiscences went back to the early seasons. Team players had to learn the rules, learn the strategies, learn the skills. "At first the team would be one big dust-cloud," George Bingham remembered, "with everybody clustered around the ball. Now they know how to spread out and position themselves strategically." "Yes," John Lee agreed, "that was in our childhood days."

There is a spring season and a fall season, and jerseys are issued randomly by MSI. So at various times, Cabin John has worn light blue, tan, orange, purple, red, and dark blue. Because MSI teams are organized by age, all of this team's players were born in 1975. With increasing age, the team has been allowed to expand to 13 (with nine on the field) in the third grade, and to 15 (with 11 on the field) in the

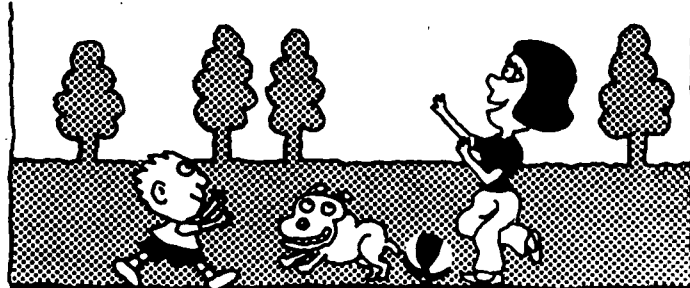
forth grade. The team has now reached the maximum size allowed. Under MSI regulations, the team could continue to play through high school (age 18).

There are 8,000 youngsters enrolled in MSI, 90% of them Montgomery County residents. The primary purpose is developing the players' confidence, cooperation, and love of the game. "We're there to learn and to have fun," George explained. "It's developmental. We're not grooming stars, we're helping the kids to improve in general. At the same time, it feels good to win, so a coach doesn't want to put people consistently into their weakest positions. This has been a very successful team in many ways. It has oftent been a winning team, but even in our non-winning seasons -- what we call the character-building seasons -- I was pleasantly surprised that the kids still enjoyed playing and showed up faithfully."

Until this year, there has always been at least one girl on the team, but female former players have moved, and one -- veteran members Rachel Baron -- has shifted her talents to an all-girls team. There has never been a problem finding enough players to make up the team roster; in fact, there is an informal waiting list and openings are quickly filled.

Soccer fever tends to be a family affair. Some of the team mothers have themselves played on women's soccer teams. There are all-men's, all-women's and co-ed teams, organized by age groups. Nick Glakas, the first coach of this team, has now started over by becoming coach for another first-grade team which includes his younger son, Christian. Several of the fourth-grade team members have younger siblings who are strong candidates for future teams, and Misha Segal, John Lee, and Matt O'Brien have older brothers who are playing in MSI.

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I asked Josh and John about their best memories from the past eight soccer seasons. John answered immediately, "When we won the trophy." Josh thought a minute. "I remember when I was dribbling down the side, and my Daddy was running beside me yelling to me that I could do it, over and over. You know," he told me, "I might like to be a coach some day."

"Yeah," said John. "Maybe soccer will be my professional career."

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Adult sizes are S (34-36), M (38-40), L (42-44) and XL (46-48). There is also a limited supply of children's sizes.

Send your order (with check payable to Village News) to Barbara Martin, 6431 79th Street, Cabin John 20818. Or, as long as supplies last, the shirts may also be purchased at Bethesda Co-op, Glen Echo Pharmacy, and Quick Food Shop.

Enjoy spring and summer in Cabin John with a Cabin John T-shirt!

NEWS OF THE SCHOOLS...

Bannockburn Elementary School: The PTA is seeking donations of gently used items for their annual May Fair on May 19 (see Calendar for details). Please bring your donations (household items, sports equipment, children's clothes, toys, books, etc.) to the school May 13 - 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call Pat Simmons, 229-0778, or Susan Gelb, 229-5651.

Clara Barton Center also announces that its annual Flea Market will be held on Saturday, June 8. Information, 320-4565.

Clara Barton Center for Children: The Center hopes to expand its use of the Clara Barton School building after the Washington International School moves out this summer. The Center plans to bring its Extended-Day Program, housed since 1978 at Bannockburn Elementary School, to Clara Barton to join its preschool program already there. Expanding enrollment at Bannockburn means that enough space is no longer available there for the Extended-Day Program, which provides a 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. afterschool program for children in the Bannockburn, Carderock Springs and Burning Tree Schools.

Bannockburn Cooperative Nursery School is now accepting applications for the 1985-86 school year, for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds. For information, call Shelley Shorb, 229-0313.

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