

CARTER LAKE SAILING CLUB

JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE HELM *Chuck Crowley, Commodore*

Ahoy Sailors,

I'd like to take this opportunity to write about two things.

First, a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated in the 60th CLSC Regatta. Annually it is a huge undertaking, and without the tireless efforts of all of the volunteers and racers, we just couldn't do it. Thanks to everyone involved. Great job!



Secondly, I would like to remind everyone to log the hours you have worked. This too is quite important.

So, with the season well under way, and potlucks and raft* ups ahead, it looks like another great sailing season.

See you at the lake!

***Reminder:**

1st Raft up

at 5 pm

June 22

“Summer

Sailstice”



Photo by Nina Rogers



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EDUCATION & JUNIOR SAILING CAMP 2019 *Mark Carvalho*

The 2019 Junior Sailing Camp is scheduled for July 13, 14, 20 and 21 and will last all day this year. We have 18 children registered! Thanks to those who have volunteered to help. I will be asking for commitments for both weekends to help get kids off the docks and maintain safety on the water. We will have some junior counselors helping out also. Jeremiah Sailer will lead the first weekend and I will lead the second.

Important reminders to ALL club members. Please remove your kayaks and paddleboards from the lower rack area on the courtesy dock as we will be bringing in extra sunfish for the camp. You may place them on the top of the racks.



RACING REPORT *John Heer*

Well, the 2019 racing season is well underway. It's so wonderful to see the participation and enthusiasm of a number of "rookie" racers. There will be plenty of additional opportunities yet to come. Keep checking the calendar, and I hope to see plenty of sails out on the race course. Thanks all.



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Photo: Teres Lambert

CARTER LAKE OPEN 2019 *Jeff Postek, Vice Commodore*

Well CLSC has survived yet another regatta and what a regatta it was. This was the 60th anniversary and it displayed all the evidence of a first class sailing event that contained drama and excitement of high caliber sailboat racing. This year was no exception as we entertained 3 PHRF fleets, A, B, C, and a one design Santana fleet.

Frustration and disappointment plagued the A and B fleets at times with stagnant air persisting at several starts but team perseverance prevailed over the light wind conditions, ultimately granting all racers satisfaction when crossing the finish line. Quick decision-making and precise helming techniques demonstrated the A & B fleets had fantastic crew members on-board. The J-22 with skipper Nancy Vandermark took home number 1 for PHRF A and skipper Duane Chaloupka (pictured above) placed 1st for PHRF B.





CARTER LAKE OPEN 2019 *continued*

The **C fleet** came together with the help of Mike Gurley and myself. Together we got a group of sailors that don't typically race but decided to sign up and give 100%. These sailors were all optimistic in spite of the problematic mild wind conditions. The C-fleet had no problems



starting the races and handled tacking around the marks like pros. Victory was given to a gallant young couple from the Denver area, Jackie & Mike Gurley, who nailed four bullets and took home an impressive 1st place trophy.

Second place went to our commodore Chuck Crowley, on Claddagh and enthusiastic crew, Steve and Todd.



The Carvalho family, Kim Robinson, and Cooper brought home the 3rd place award.

The **Santana** fleet contained a record number of eight boats, count 'em, eight. It was nail biting one design racing from beginning to end. The spectacular display of spinnaker flying to intense maneuvers throughout the weekend provided excitement for the competitors and spectators alike. This fleet continued to handle slow wind conditions with perfect tacking changes around the marks.



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CARTER LAKE OPEN 2019 *Continued*

Jeff Lampe on Skippy with his crew bagged several bullets and ultimately receiving the 1st place trophy. Geoffrey Zaun took home the 2nd place and Ray McCleery placed 3rd. Overall this year's regatta was a major success and all involved had a great time.



1st in Santana Fleet, Jeff Lampe



2nd in Santana Fleet, Geoffrey Zaun



3rd in S20 Fleet, Ray McCleery



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Chase boat crew moving marks during Regatta

To all the participating sailors and volunteers I just want to say **thanks** for all your hard work - and never stop racing.

OUR OPERATIONAL TEAM OF CLSC 2019 REGATTA VOLUNTEERS

RC Boat

Tom Downing
Teres Lambert

Finish Boat

Bill Fritz & family

Chase Boat

Tim, Cindy & Brittni

Breakfast Team

Don Hicks
Jan Morgan
Ken & Jan Poulson
Bev Johnson
Dawn Robinson
Rob Harris

Dinner Support

Jan Morgan
Pam Froemke
Bill Fritz

Cleanup Crew

Teres Lambert
Andy & Susan Groeger
Bill Fritz
Mardoche & Angelina

Raffle Organization / Setup

Andy & Susan Groeger
Teres Lambert

Registration

Susan Groeger
Nina Rogers

Racing Details

Notice of Race & SI's
John Heer

Scorer

Duana Chaloupka



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CLSC OPEN 2019 RESULTS

Kudos to all the participants and Congratulations to the winners!

PHRF A

- 1st - Nancy Van de Mark
- 2nd - John Krueger
- 3rd - Cathy Davis

PHRF B

- 1st - John Heer
- 2nd - David Sherrill
- 3rd - Jeremiah Sailer

PHRF C

- 1st - Jackie Gurley
- 2nd - Charles Crowley
- 3rd - Mark Carvalho

Santana 20

- 1st - Jeffrey Lampe
- 2nd - Geoffrey Zahn
- 3rd - Jeremiah Sailer



Photo courtesy of Jan Poulson





A SPECIAL NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO OUR VERY GENEROUS SPONSORS!

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Fort Collins Nursery
Henrys Pub
Human Bean
Island Grill
Larry's Boot Fitting
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North Shore Campground
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Mike & Jackie Gurley were winners of the coveted cooler, that was generously donated for the raffle by OtterBox.



Photo courtesy of Susan Groeger

Joe Pawelski took this shot of Joseph Ho, his friend from grad school, while he crewed for Joe during the regatta!



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Congratulations to Susan and Andy Groeger for accepting the Anchor Award for 2019. This award was created and sponsored for years now, by Nina & Todd Rogers, in recognition of the racer who displays perseverance and a positive attitude *regardless* of their finishing in last position in the Open Regatta, after completing all races within the allotted time.

Unfortunately, feedback from the racing community in the club has been mixed. Thus, Nina & Todd will retire the Anchor Award this year. It has been the Rogers' long-standing belief that participation is as important as winning, and they will *always* celebrate everyone who does either!



Susan and Andy Groeger in the 60th Open Regatta



A few shots from Mexican Night. Always a hit, and just the perfect potluck to kick off social events for the season!

Hosted by Suzy and Gary Rubin (who are pictured wearing of course...the Mexican hats).



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BOATS *Steve Johnson & Todd Rogers*

The old whaler has been sold!

This helps significantly to defray the cost of the new club boat! Thanks to Steve for being such a great salesman - sailor - racer!

MEMBERSHIP *Jan Poulson*

I hope everyone is getting out and enjoying the warm weather and winds. Although our slips are full, we continue to attract sailing enthusiasts! Welcome to Richard Bonilla, Nicole & Bill Glennon, Caleb Kimbrough & family, Mark & Gloria Kressin, Heidi & Jason Wallack and Travis Warziniack & family. If you see an unfamiliar face, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them!



*Hey members, new and old — Show your CLSC Colors!
Hats, burgees & decals are available! For purchases from
the Ship Store, contact Nina Rogers.*

*We are not kidding when we say
“enjoy the wildlife”!
Thanks to John Pumfrey for this great photo taken
recently at Carter, down by the boats.*





HISTORIANS

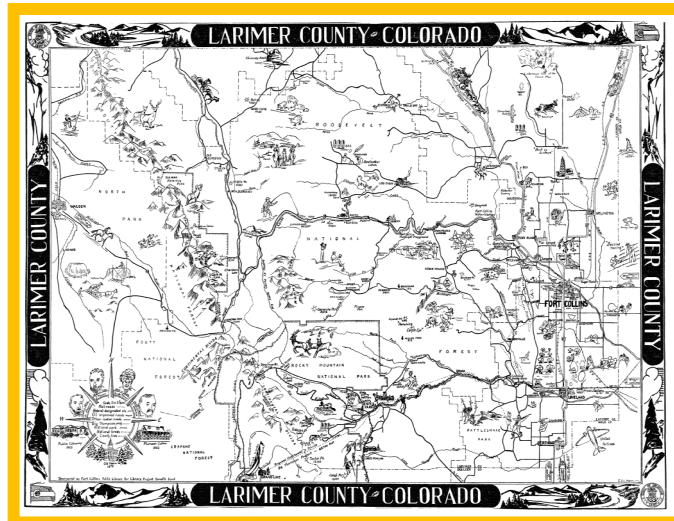
Jackie and Mike Gurley

Carter Lake Sailing Club: Celebrating Sixty-Six Years of Recreational Sailing

Rattlesnakes Park: One Hundred Years Ago in The Carter Lake Area

History tells us that Carter Lake began filling in 1952, and that by Labor Day, 1954, Carter Lake Sailing Club founders were enjoying the first race on the lake. But what do we know about the area before the building of the lake?

“Rattlesnake Park” was how the area was labeled in the Larimer County Historical Map, which Alma Berryhill echoed in her 1964 Denver Post article, *Boating where rattlers lurked*.



Alma shared memories of growing up in the area called Meadow Hollow, a “long low valley just inside the front range of foothills” and she remembers hiking to a small lake at the north end of the valley called Blowers Lake by most of the homesteaders and ranchers in the area. Its size varied with the rainfall and snow of the year. She remembers the cattleman and his white-faced Herefords grazing in the valley. As she explored and played cowboys with imaginary horses in meadow with her brother, they often found “arrowheads, sand lilies, horned toads and the occasional rattlesnake.”

Alma continued her description of the area as she remembered it in the 1920’s:





HISTORIANS

Jackie and Mike Gurley

Near the old lake shore were two ancient lime kilns, unused for years before we discovered them. About two miles south in the valley was a little one-room, one-teacher schoolhouse and two homestead ranches.

On the far west side at the edge of the second ridge of hills was a stone quarry which belonged to my father. It can still be seen when the water level is low, almost due west of the south dam. A rich pink building stone was quarried from here. It was known commercially as “Berthoud Pink.” Large pieces of this stone may be seen in the floor of the sundial base in Mountain View Park in Denver. (See note below.) Large slabs of it are built into the floor of the approach and entrance in the main building of Fitzsimmons General Hospital, and it was used in some of the early stone buildings I the campus of the University of Colorado in Boulder. (The road to the quarry disappeared when the water rose.)

About half a mile up the hill from the old Carter Lake was our special place—our hidden cave. A small natural canyon, it contained layers of stone which resembled a corner chimney with almost perfect brick walls. It had a smooth, stone floor.

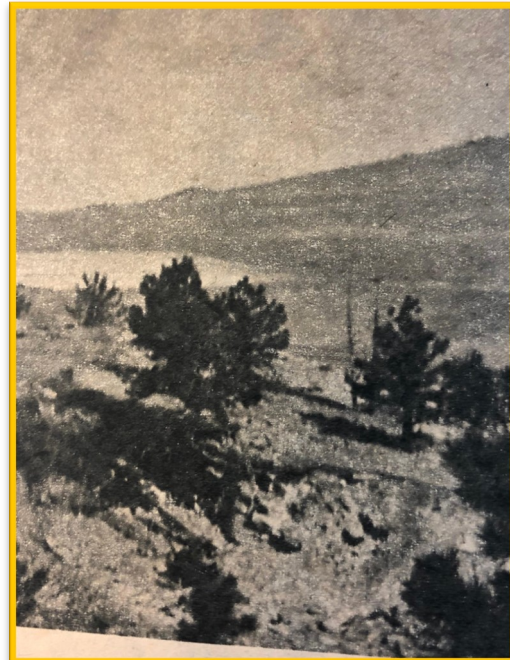
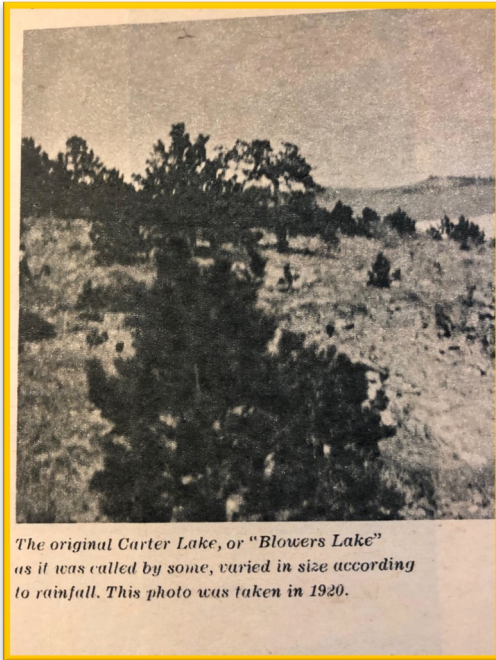
The task of changing Meadow Hollow into Carter Lake had been completed in November 1952. There was little fanfare. A crowd of perhaps 300 gathered to watch the first surge of water from the Carter Lake pressure tunnel into the lake. The water comes from Granby Reservoir on the Western Slope, was tunneled under the Continental Divide, passed through the great complex of reservoirs and storage areas of the Colorado Bid Thompson Project and wound up in Carter Reservoir.





HISTORIANS *continuing on...*

In her 1964 newspaper article, Alma provided two very old pictures of the area that became Carter Lake. While the quality is poor, it is still possible to identify the profiles of the hills around the lake.



So much of what Alma describes is long gone or now under the water, but the ridgelines and hills remain recognizable.

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CREW NOTES

Photos and stories from our members

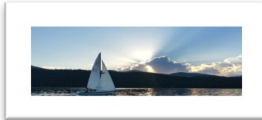


Carvalho family travels by sailboat through the Grenadines this past winter.

The Rogers spent the winter on Lake Havasu. Replica lighthouses line the lake, where Nina & Todd biked the island to get close up & personal with many of them.



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*More shots from our 60th
Regatta.*

*A special shout out to Teres
Lambert for so many shots and
these great racing moments
from the Open Regatta!*



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