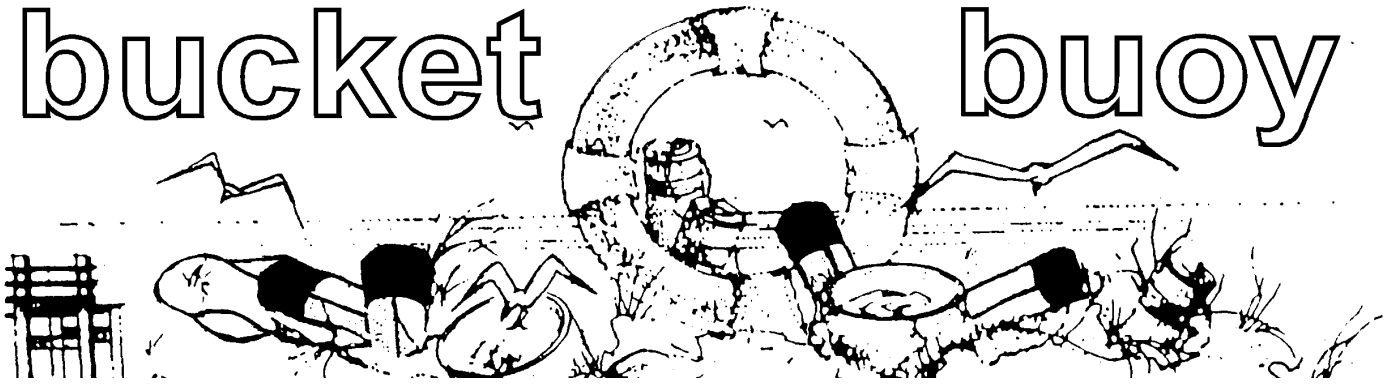


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Dear Fellow Lifeguards:

August 22, 1999

To me the end of the Races always signals the beginning of the twilight days of the summer. Fields are starting to close, guards are going back to school and the days are getting shorter. And, as an added bonus, Hurricanes are starting to work their way up the coast. This week we saw the start of the first Hurricane of the summer. 10 more are predicted before the season ends.

I read a great quote about surfing recently but can't find it again to quote the author or quote it accurately. To the best of my memory here it is: "Surfing is unique among sports because in surfing the rider is not riding moving water but rather bands of energy moving through that water. There is no other activity known to man where sheer energy is used as a sport."

I also have to mention that last week I attended the first ever Field 6 formal dinner party. Although two of our lifeguards showed up with crutches from injuries received on the beach that day, (Jen Jeager and Rob Cullen) there was still dancing till the morning hours. It was a real treat to see the crew all dressed up and I must admit, they clean up nicely. Hope this is the start of many more to come.



*Kristin holds up Jen & Jen's crutches at the formal*

## SHOP STEWARDS MEETING

Saturday, Aug. 22nd was the second to last Shop Stewards meeting of the summer. In attendance were Stewards, Jay Liegey (EBHP), Matt Lindbom (Fld. 6), Rich Richards (RM4), Ed Costigan (CM), Stuart Kaplan (RM3), Billy Burke (RM3), Dave Spence (RM2) and Frank Salino (RM5). In attendance for the Executive Board were Bob Lenti, Jay Lieberfarb and Roy Lester.

**UNIFORMS:** The first topic discussed was the lifeguard uniform. It was decided that last year's issue were OK with some minor improvements. As had been discussed at the Labor/Management meeting earlier in the day, it was decided that the only things that will be changed are the lotion (one bottle of Native Tan for everyone along with an Aloegator), the jacket (try to make it with velcro or a zipper so that it doesn't have to go over one's head when trying to get it off), the men's swimsuits (try to get the old Ocean Champion design) and the long sleeve shirt.

As to Boats, we are trying to get a light weight Van Dyne boat for our race team. We also discussed changing our issued surfboard to one with a foam top. We will look into that this winter.

**OVERTIME:** Another topics that was discussed in the earlier State/Labor negotiations was OT. It must be noted that if a Captain calls in a lifeguard from another park for OT, he or she must notify the Coordinator's office. Secondly, OT can be scheduled for the week ahead if a beach is down more that one person. (In other words, unless it is bright sun or crowded don't bring in someone to replace the first person down.) Even in rain

the 2nd person down and all other absentees can be replaced with 5.5 hours OT people, as long as they are scheduled ahead of time.

**CONTRIBUTION:** While at the meeting several Beaches took the opportunity to turn in their Field's \$10.00 per man contribution. It was also brought out that since the Union is so broke we only ordered a limited number of Race T-shirts and were not sure how to distribute them. Jay Liegey made a motion that we limit the distribution of the T-shirts to those that contributed their \$10.00 to the Union. This motion passed unanimously. And, with regards to the T-shirts, to quote a phrase from the old "Sienfeld" show, "They're real and they're SPECTACULAR!"

**THE RUN:** The last topic to be discussed was the State's proposal for a run as a component of our rehire. We made it very clear that the Executive Board had rejected, flat out, the State's proposal for a half-mile run. At this time a quarter mile or shorter is being discussed. We have also made it clear that if the State wants to make the standard more difficult it MUST increase our pay to attract AND keep more Lifeguards. This is an integral component of this entire agreement. We currently have a meeting scheduled with the State for next week to discuss this further.



*The future of the JBLC - Our Jr. Lifeguard Corps*

## OUR JR LIFEGUARD CORP

Last week ended the second successful season of our very own Jr. Lifeguard Program. Under Scott Riegel, Tom Curtin, Jay Liegey, Britt Lundwall, Sue Tighe-Foti and Ed Costigan (as well of numerous others who helped), the kids learned the whys and ways of Ocean lifeguarding. The kids loved it, the parents loved it and the teachers had a great time. As much as I could write about the program I think it is best said by a letter Jay Liegey received from one of his little charges. Here it is in it's full unedited glory:

*To Jay, - Thank you for teaching me to dive into waves and teaching me not to be scared to dive. I enjoyed learning about C.P.R. and backboards. I love to be victims while we are learning C.P.R., backboards, or choking. You let me do that. When I become a lifeguard and save someone's life, I will give you more than enough of the credit. Thanks. Love, Roma Gugliotta P.S. See you next summer!*

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