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# The Bowfin Inquirer



August, 2023

## BOWFIN BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**When: 12 Noon till 2 PM**

**Where: 344 Bowfin (Backyard)**

As mentioned in the previous BI, we'll be hosting another year's potluck party, with your and your neighbors' favorite dishes to share – along with a number of Round Table pizzas sporting your favorite toppings. So far we've only heard a definite YES from a couple neighbors, so we hope you'll get in touch with us SOON to help us with planning the event and amount of pizza to order. Let us know what you'd like to bring and what topping(s) you'd like to see on the pizzas!

Please reach us at  
[editor@bowfininquirer.com](mailto:editor@bowfininquirer.com)

(with subject heading "**Block Party**"),

**OR** drop by to chat and let us know,

**OR** phone us at 650 572-9153.

Please do so as soon as possible. *We plan to contact Round Table to place our order around September 9<sup>th</sup>.*

Potluck items can include (but are not limited to): main courses, chips/dips, appetizers, salads, desserts, water/soft drinks.

Also, please let us know if you have tables and chairs we might be able to call upon, should attendance exceed our furniture's capacity. **THANK YOU! SEE YOU SOON!**

## Aaron's Answers



A picture showing conflict between Augustus and Julius Caesar. Both were great Roman leaders, and there is still debate over which one was better.

**Question:** I get confused about Augustus Caesar vis-a-vis Julius Caesar. Were they related? Was one of them credited with ushering in the "Pax Romana"? What was the "Pax Romana"?

-Jerry

**Aaron's Answer (A'sA):** Julius Caesar is commonly considered the founder of the Roman Empire, he was an instrumental figure in destroying the Roman Republic and instituting an Empire. He was a great military leader, known for his great conquests. In addition to that, he is known for being stabbed to death by a group of his trusted senators.

Augustus Caesar was Julius' great-nephew, who was later adopted by him and became his heir and son. Augustus Caesar was the first emperor of the new Roman Empire, taking over after his father's death. Julius never got to lead the empire he built. Before being adopted, Augustus was known as Octavian. Augustus is also considered the founder of Rome by *continued on page 3*

## Solution to Last Month's Quiz

### Is Your Interest Flagging ?

Apparently NOT, as three neighbors submitted their solutions to last month's quiz! We're honored to publish all three, in order of receipt of their submissions. (*One error found: entry 2, number 9 should have been Chad, not Pakistan*):

*(1. Emailed to us by the Keswani family children)*

**Here is the answer to this month's quiz in "The Bowfin Inquirer"**

1. Denmark 2. Greece 3. France 4. Ireland 5. Romania 6. Singapore 7. Sierra Leone 8. Suriname 9. Chad 10. Japan

Of course I did not know about any of these flags, so I used the help of Google and my sister helped check answers. It was fun.

Ronav and Meera

*(2. emailed from Sailfish neighbor, Walt Heinzer)*

Property	Cntry1	Cntry2	Cntry3	Cntry4
Blue	Czech	Denmark	United Kingdom	Netherlands
Red	Italy	Belgium	Greece	Malta
Black	France	Germany	Estonia	Belgium
Yellow	Spain	Ireland	Sweden	Lithuania
Green	Burkina Faso	Gabon	Romania	Mali
Light Blue	Palau	Singapore	Rwanda	Somalia
Cross	Sierra Leone	Slovakia	Denmark	Dominican Republic
Chevron	East Timor	Guyana	Saint Lucia	Suriname
Crescent	Chad	Pakistan	Maldives	Turkey
Stripe	Jordan	South Sudan	Uzbekistan	Japan

*(3. Emailed by neighbor, Gary Colman)*

Hi Jerry

Here is my submission for the July 2023 puzzle.

Blue	CZ	DK	GB	NL
Red	IT	BE	GR	MT
Black	FR	DE	EE	BE
Yellow	ES	IE	SE	LT
Green	BF	GA	RO	ML
Light Blue	PW	SG	RW	SO
Cross	SL	SK	DK	DO
Chevron	TL	GY	LC	SR
Crescent	TD	PK	MV	TR
Stripe	JO	SS	UZ	JP

## This Month's Quiz

### I - DROPS

Having just undergone surgery for a cataract, I'm now required to instill *eyedrops* in my treated eye multiple times a day. So ...

This month, I ask you to replace the three I s that I've dropped from ten words. The other letters you see below (arranged alphabetically) along with those three I s will form a word with a definition matching one of the ten you see below.

Then supply the letters found in each word's specified position to surgically extract an eight-letter "obscured" word.

*Can you handle this, Bowfiners? Aye! Aye!*

1. ADQRU
2. CLLT
3. EMMNZ
4. ACLNV
5. BHNT
6. AGNNS
7. ALNT
8. DNPS
9. BKN
10. ALMT

- A. A citizen army
- B. A cocktail
- C. Dull and uninteresting
- D. An emblem of authority or honor
- E. First
- F. A nonmilitary person
- G. Not permitted
- H. A type of bathing suit
- I. To hold back
- J. To make as small as possible

Obscured Word (word/position)

4/1 10/7 5/7 4/7 1/7 6/8 2/5 7/4

*Aaron's Answers continued*

some, because he was the first emperor (and a very successful one too!).

The Pax Romana is credited to Augustus. After being crowned "Augustus" by the senate in 27 BCE, the Pax Romana began and lasted 207 years. This is largely because Augustus and his successors were great leaders who didn't make very many bad decisions, and because Augustus strengthened the Roman economy and military to make it so stable that almost nobody could even touch it. The Pax Romana literally means "Roman Peace" in Latin.

So, Julius was credited with creating the Roman Empire, but Augustus was credited with actually leading it, and doing a very good job at it.

**TARGET DATE FOR Next Month's Contributions**

**September 21, 2023**

Please reach us with your articles, news, photos,  
CHILDREN'S ARTWORK or ideas at

344 Bowfin, (650 572-9153) or email us at our  
email [EDITOR@BOWFININQUIRER.COM](mailto:EDITOR@BOWFININQUIRER.COM)

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**B.I. WISHES A HEARTY WELCOME TO  
OUR NEW NEIGHBORS AT 340 !**

**COMING SOON TO HILLBARN THEATRE**

## **Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery**

**"Watch as our intrepid investigators try to escape a dizzying web of clues, silly accents, disguises, and deceit as five actors deftly portray more than forty characters."**

Get your deerstalker cap on — the play's afoot! Comedic genius Ken Ludwig transforms Arthur Conan Doyle's classic *The Hound of the Baskervilles* into a murderously funny adventure. Sherlock Holmes is on the case. The male heirs of the Baskerville line are being dispatched one by one. To find their ingenious killer, Holmes and Watson must brave the desolate moors before a family curse dooms its newest heir. Does a wild hellhound prowl the moors of Devonshire? Can our heroes discover the truth in time? Join the fun and see how far from elementary the truth can be.

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Oct. 5 8pm	Oct. 6 8pm	Oct. 7 8pm	Oct. 8 2pm
	Oct. 13 8pm	Oct. 14 2 & 8pm	Oct. 15 2pm
	Oct. 20 8pm	Oct. 21 2 & 8pm	Oct. 22 2pm

### **MASK-REQUIRED PERFORMANCES**

Sunday, October 15, 2023 2PM

Friday, October 20, 2023 8PM