



LOON'S CALL

LOON LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

SUMMER 2021

"Working together for a fun, safe and scenic lake community"

LLPOA KIDS FISHING DERBY 2021

BY JOAN BUTLER



Most of the fisherkids!

Let's start at the Spring membership meeting - the 'fish' bucket was passed and the members in attendance came through again. The bucket was full for us to purchase prizes and medals for the 2021 LLPOA Kid's Fishing Derby - THANK YOU! The volunteer sign-up sheet had several names on it and all of the help was appreciated - THANK YOU!

The day of the derby was sunny and perfect for catching fish of all sizes. The kid's came to the boat ramp, signed up and collected their snacks, drinks and bait. Then they headed off to a favorite fishing spot. Seventy-seven, yes you read that right - 77 kids were out fishing on the lake that day. This is the most we have had at a fishing derby ever. No worries, the volunteers were ready and the association members had been very generous.

One story heard from a grandparent was about Liam. He is 2 ½ years old and was the 1st place winner in the minnow division. He caught 2.5 lbs. of fish. His grandpa said after lunch Liam wanted to go back out to fish again. He is "hooked". This is what the fishing derby is all about.

The fisherkids caught a total of 107.71 lbs. of fish. Most of the fish caught were bluegills, perch, walleye and bass. These are the results from this fun fishing day.

Minnows

1st place Liam Graft
2nd place Milo Hill
3rd place Ousley sisters

Bluegills

1st place Lilah Hunt
2nd place Zander Barron
3rd place Madeline Fromader

Bass

1st place Gracie Farthing
2nd place Parker Kleeberg
3rd place Gwen Munsch

Walleye

1st place Carson Hunt
2nd place Colton Hunt
3rd place Zoey Barron

Muskie

1st place Carter Krouse
2nd place Ethan Poe
3rd place Adelyn Springer

As the crowd was waiting for the results, everyone enjoyed hot dogs, chips and lemonade. The parents and grandparents were very generous, filling the fish bowl with more donations. This will be used to purchase prizes for next year's derby.

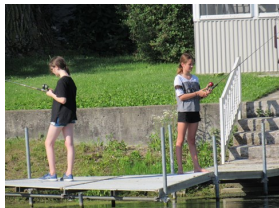
Mark your calendars - Saturday, June 4, 2022!!



Is it easier to fish from up high?



Worm Patrol



Which side are the fish on?



I hope there is a fish here!



Great way to spend a day!

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INDEPENDENCE DAY AT LOON LAKE

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LLPOA ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

BY CAROL KURTZ

Loon Lake Association gives back to the surrounding community by having a can food drive alongside the recycle can pick up. This year we have chosen September 11th pick up date.

Put your nonperishable, non-expired canned food out to the curb alongside your bags of recycled cans. The donated food will be taken to the Big Lake Church of God food pantry.

We will also accept non-perishable, non-expired food at our Fall Association Meeting. There will be a tote by the registration desk for your generous donation.

"Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting".

We all feel so Blessed to be a part of this great Community!

THANK YOU!

LOON LAKE FISH MANAGEMENT NEWS

BY BOB BARKLEY

The 7th annual corn hole tourney will be held at the Loon Lisle Nature Reserve on Saturday, August 28th. Sign up begins at noon and the games begin at 1 pm. Food will be available but bring your own drinks.

The 8th annual Muskie Shootout will be Saturday, October 16th from 8 am to 3 pm. Sign up begins at 7:30 at the public landing.

Thanks to a very generous donation from UAW local 2209, we can now order 400 Muskies and 1500 Walleyes for our October stocking event.

Raffle tickets are available from any member of the fish management committee. If you are not sure who to contact, or if you want to join the group, please contact Clark Milestone at 260-348-5706, or email lake46725@gmail.com.



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY RICH NELSON

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

Loon Lake consists of 222 acres and is 92 feet deep at one location in the southwest. The lake surface is nominally 895 feet above sea level, and its water eventually drains into the Tippecanoe River. Originally about 700 acres, the lake was lowered twice in order to control malaria and provide more farmland.

Loon Lake Property Owners Association was incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana on April 3, 1995.

Two of the purposes of the Association stated in its bylaws are "to conserve land, maintain the natural beauty and resource of LOON LAKE," and "to develop and preserve a good will and fellowship among the residents and visitors at LOON LAKE."

The four officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) of LLPOA are elected annually for one year terms at the fall (August) general membership meeting. The President and Vice-President may serve no more than two consecutive terms.

The members of the Board of Directors are approved each year at the spring (May) general membership meeting.

The Board of Directors meets every second Wednesday from March through November. All Association members are invited to attend. A copy of the meeting agenda is sent each month to those for whom we have an email address.

Membership in LLPOA is open to owners of real estate at Loon Lake with addresses on designated perimeter and lake area roads or with a deeded easement. Members in good standing are those who have paid the annual dues of \$30, an amount which has remained the same since 2014.

Rich Nelson

WEEDS IN OUR LAKES

On Tuesday, October 19th there will be an educational event titled *Weeds in Our Lakes*. It will cover identification, management, and scope of the weed problems facing northern Indiana lakes including Loon Lake. This event will be held at the Big Lake Church of God with sandwiches at 6:30 pm and the presentation at 7:00. The event is put on by the ULTRA group and TWF with Jim Donahoe from Aquatic Weed Control.

CREATING A HEALTHY SHORELINE

BY LYN CRIGHTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TWF

What are healthy shorelines?

The accepted norm on many of our local lakes is to have a mowed lawn up to the edge of the lake, or edge of a beach or a concrete seawall. Concrete seawalls are not natural. They disrupt the critical ribbon of life on lake shorelines, create added wave action, and stir up the bottom sediments.

Healthy shorelines have an abundance of plants both on the land and in the water which work to filter pollutants from runoff, deter nuisance wildlife, stabilize the shoreline, and slow wave action. Glacial stones on the shoreline help slow wave energy reducing scouring and the resuspension of nutrients. Natural shorelines can also be incredibly beautiful and easy to maintain without interfering with recreation.

A Beautiful Solution

In 2011, TWF created the Healthy Shorelines Initiative (HSI) to improve the quality and health of shorelines and lakes in the Upper Tippecanoe River Watershed which Loon Lake is a part of. The program's popularity and success of has been tremendous. From 2011-2020, 130 HSI projects have been completed on 11,000+ feet of shoreline on 17 lakes.



A Healthy Shoreline typically includes:

- Glacial stone seawalls or bioengineered seawalls (combining native plants with stones)

- Re-facing concrete or other hard seawalls with glacial stone

- Lake friendly landscaping that creates a buffer between the yard and the lake

Combined, these practices reduce erosion and nutrients from the shoreline, disperse wave action, and reconnect the ribbon of life along the lakes' edge.

You Can Make a Difference!

Making a healthier transformation to your shoreline has many benefits including stopping property loss due to erosion, deterring nuisance wildlife like muskrats and geese, beautifying your property, and improving water quality in Loon Lake. The popularity and success of the program is proof that property owners agree that healthy shorelines are a good investment. Concerned lake residents like you make these projects possible!

For more information about Healthy Shorelines and how TWF *takes action for healthy lakes* visit www.WatershedFoundation.org and click "Take Action." For more detailed questions contact The Watershed Foundation at paige@watershedfoundation.org or (574) 834-3242.

FALL MEETING

Gather to hear news of what's happening and share your ideas. The meeting will be held at the Milestone/Newman/Treat garage at 7722 N Arnold Rd. Doors open at 9:00 am, meeting called to order at 9:30. Please bring your own chairs. We hope to see you there!

DONATIONS NEEDED

The Loon Lake Fish Management Program needs donations for the 8th annual fish stocking.

2021 Goal- 400 Muskie and 1500 Walleye

Mail donations to: LLFMP

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Questions? 260-348-5706, lake46725@gmail.com



LOON LAKE POKER RUN

PHOTOS BY WALT HESLER



UPDATE FROM THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

BY YOUR SAFETY COMMITTEE KRISI HUTSTON, JIM BROCK, KENT FARTHING, GEOFF VELPEL, STEVE BURMAN

Thank you for your support on the door hangers that went out to both LLOPA members and nonmembers just before Memorial Day. The content of the door hangers reviewed DNR regulations and safe boating practices. If you did not receive one please let us know so we can get it to you. We plan to make this an annual event and will work on the 2022 version this winter when the snow is flying!

We recently spoke with a DNR officer about what he has seen on Loon this summer relating to boating traffic and operating violations. He said that he has had very few calls from Loon this season and has been pleased with what he has seen on the water during his visits. These positive words from the officer are a result of our community and guests sharing the lake responsibly and safely while also being considerate and thoughtful towards others enjoying the water activities. Nice job! Well done!

Our current project is to offer a community CPR / First Aid class to take place in Sept or Oct. There are still as few spots available if you're interested. Contact Steve Burman-snburn@gmail.com or 317-440-3314.

WEED RAKING

BY GEOFF VELPEL

After having a rake constructed by Walt Hessler, Geoff Velpel has done 3 tosses at the mouth of the boat ramp to see what aquatic plants and weeds are present. The only plant that came out on the rakes was some green coontail at the mouth of the boat ramp. One of the main purposes of the rake toss is for the early detection of the stary stonewort species. A statewide collaborative was formed to fight it in Indiana waters. If detected early, it can be treated and controlled much better and much cheaper than if it's allowed to become widespread and well developed. Prevention of wide development would be very wise due to some of the problems it can cause.

Geoff has also thrown the rake off two north end piers and has not found anything out of the ordinary or expected. A new one to me though was Sago Pondweed of the Stuckenia family. It is submergerd and insects, water birds and other aquatic animals feed on it's tuberous roots. Early in the season there was lots of curly pond weed but evidently spraying controlled it well.

Should any homeowners want me to throw the rake off their pier or shore to see what you have call Geoff at 260-602-5996 to arrange a time to do it. I can also help identify most shoreline plants and weeds. It's likely the stary stonewort will show up near the boat access first but a lake wide rake survey of all plants is a good thing. Let's have a great finish to summer and a pretty fall season.

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BY KAREN TREAT

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