

Dewart Newsletter



"The Dewart Lake Protective Association was founded in 1965"

Summer, 2013

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<u>Dewart Lake Officers</u>			<u>Schedule of Events – 2013</u>		
President:	Ken Brehob	658-3636	Date	Event	Chairperson
Vice Pres.:	Betty Busch	658-4874	April 13 th	Roadside Clean-up	Barb & Larry Sheets
Secretary:	LuAnne Yentes	527-8877	May 11 th	Annual Garage Sale	Sue Brehob
Treasurer:	Rebecca Tusing	658-3434	June 9 th	Annual Meeting	Ken Brehob
Newsletter:	Linda Jamiel	658-9200	June 10 th	Annual Golf Outing	Tom & Janet Roth
Website:	Alex Barrett	658-4895	June 15 th	Chicken BBQ Sale	Ken Brehob
<u>Lane Directors</u>			July 6 th	Dewart Fireworks	Allan Foyle
Lanes 1, 2, 25	Alex Barrett	658-4895	July 6 th	Annual Flotilla	Becky Tusing
Lanes 3,4	Vacant		<u>Mute Swans</u>		
Lane 5	Roger Saxon	658-5563	There has been a lot of discussion regarding the control of the Mute Swan population on the lake. This is an emotional issue with many pros and cons. The Directors have voted to set up a committee to research how swans have been handled on other bodies of water in the US. They will bring their findings to the Directors at the August meeting. A presentation of this research will be made public at the September 9 th meeting. Lake residents are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting when a decision will be made how we proceed with this issue. The meeting will be held at the Ella J. Logan Girl Scout Camp (EMS 14) on Monday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to give your opinion to your Lane Director if you are unable to attend so she or he will know how their Lane residents feel on this subject.		
Lane 6	Ed Gooding	658-0130	<u>Fundraisers</u>		
Lane 7,8,9,	Nicole Miller	529-4273	Annual Golf Outing: The golf outing was held on June 10 th at the Maxwellton Golf Club. There were 10 teams, and 20 hole sponsors, and 10 donor door prizes. It wasn't a perfect day weather wise, but everyone enjoyed fun a day of golf. The Association raised approximately \$2,000.00. A big thank you to Tom and Janet Roth, Ken and Sue Brehob, Sue Wilkinson, and Jim and Brenda Long for working at the event.		
Lane 10	Sue Lenz	708-301-8371	Chicken BBQ: Once again Nelson's Golden Glow Chicken was sold by the DLP. We held the sale in the parking lot in front of the Dollar General Store in Syracuse on St. Road 13. It was an amazing sale as we were selling chicken as fast as it came out of the roasters. A big thank you goes to Ken and Sue Brehob, Nita Gerwels, Chip Wallstead, Becky Tusing, Tom Roth, Sue Lenz, Linda Jamiel, and Bob & Betty Busch for their work in making this sale another success. We will receive approximately \$1,000.00 after costs.		
Lane 11	Jim Tarr	658-9518			
Lane 12	Mike Gill	658-4766			
Lanes 13	Dennis Prezbindowski	658-4393			
CR 1000*	Dave Smith	658-4594			
Camp Logan	Jeff Kelsheimer	457-2841			
Lane 15	Barb Sheets	596-3018			
Lane 16	Peggy Arnett	765-241-0242			
Lane 17	Jim Long	658-3391			
DeFreese Rd**	Ralph Blust	658-9408			
Lanes 18 A,B	Jeff Drummond	528-0632			
Lanes 18 C,D	Betty Busch	658-4874			
Lanes 19, 20	Jerry Crowl, Jr.	658-9876			
Lane 21	George. Couwenhoven	658-3084			
Lane 22	Andy Brown	658-9746			
Lane 23	Linda Jamiel	658-9200			
Lane 24	Vacant				
* Between Lanes 12 & 13 All (574) Area codes					
** Between Lanes 17 & 18					
<u>Annual Lake Flotilla</u>					
Eleven boats participated in the Flotilla on July 6 th . First place of \$75 was won by Camp Ella J. Logan. Second Place of \$50 went to the Kline boat; and Third Place of \$25 was won by the Loyer boat (excuse the spelling). It was great to see the decorated boats. Thank you to all of you who entered. If you didn't win, don't give up. Try again next year!					
Don't forget to check out the Dewart Lake Protective Association website for up to date and historical information about the lake:					
www.dewartlake.org					

Fireworks Display

Our thanks once again to Allan Foyle for the absolutely beautiful fireworks display on July 6th on the West side of the island. Each year the display gets better and better. Thanks Allan for all you do to make this a great event for the whole family. Donations are still being accepted. Please send your donation to Allan Foyle at Foyle Plumbing, 9640 North 300 East, Syracuse, IN 46567.

Annual Meeting & Potluck Luncheon

The Annual Meeting was held at Quaker Haven Camp Activity Center on June 9th. Approximately 45 lake residents were present for the luncheon and approximately 65 residents were present for the meeting.

DNR Office, Jon Cook, was present to answer questions from residents regarding swans, fishing tournaments on the lake and other related lake issues. It was an interesting Q and A and many topics covered.

We appreciated the fine accommodations from Quaker Haven Camp for the room we used and the main entrée for the luncheon. It was a good time to get lake information and meet and speak with other lake residents.

Fishing Tournaments

Some residents who reside near the public boat ramp have complaints stemming from the fishing tournaments that frequent the lake. Parking is a big issue as the lot is not large enough to hold all the cars, trucks and trailers for the fishermen. They park on the streets making it very difficult to navigate the driveways and streets around EMS D24.

Jon Cook, DNR Officer, advised our members at the annual meeting that there is no limit to how many boats can enter Dewart Lake for a tournament. It was widely understood that 15 boats in one tournament was the maximum, but we have now found out this is not correct. The 15 boat limit only applies to several lakes in our area. Lake Wawasee and Syracuse Lake applied for an exemption to the rule and they received it. Their boat limit is now a maximum of 15 boats per tournament.

The Directors voted to have a committee formed to investigate and research the rules regarding fishing tournaments on Indiana lakes. The committee will report back to the Directors with information as to our rights in this situation and what action we can take.

Paragraphs from the President

By Ken Brehob

What a difference a year makes!! We have more water, cooler temperatures, a bald eagle fledgling, and lots of Girl Scouts using the lake. We also have about the same number of Mute Swans as last year. The Mute Swans will be the main topic of discussion at the September 9th Lane Directors meeting. Everyone is invited to join us to help make the DLPA Mute Swan policy for the future.

The weevils survived the winter and more were placed in the lake in June. Samples from last year's weevil sites indicate the weevils were present this spring and are causing some damage to the Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) stems. In fact, the site west of the island had so little EWM that no additional weevils were placed this year as was originally planned. Two new sites were added this year – one near Quaker Haven Camp and one near the public access channel.

No one knows for sure if the weevils have already caused this year's overall decline of EWM. The decline and lack of "topping out and forming a mat" is most likely related to weather, higher water levels, and poor lake clarity in June. If the weevils are in fact an effective control in the future, we expect the lake to look something like it does this year – EWM still present, but not mat forming. The DNA LARE program, who is paying for 80% of the \$25K annual cost for the first two years, has asked us to apply for another LARE grant for the final two years of the weevil program. The DNR seems pleased with the early results of the program. If this biologic control method works on at least some Indiana lakes, the chemical control cost savings to the DNR statewide will be significant.

Please continue to be a good steward of our beautiful lake.

1. Do use lawn fertilizer sparingly, and use the "Zero Phosphorus" type.
2. Don't put anything in the lake such as lawn clippings, leaves or animal droppings.
3. "Power up" your watercraft only in deeper water. Propeller bottom disturbance uproots beneficial weeds and puts sediment, nutrients, and chemicals (like methyl Mercury) into the water column.
4. Don't feed any wild animals.
5. Make sure your septic system is operating properly. Have your tank pumped every few years to ensure that solids don't get into your drain field and plug it up.
6. If you clear weeds from your pier/beach area (625 sq ft is allowed without a permit) don't use a copper sulfate product because of potential damage to the weevils.
7. Always think "Safety First" when enjoying your watercraft.

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President's Paragraphs continued:

Thank you to all of you who have joined and donated to the DLPA this year. A membership form is attached to this newsletter and is also in the front of your Lake Directory. We will be sending out postcards to donors thanking all of you for your generous gifts. Thanks to everyone's help with the Chicken BBQ and Golf Outing fundraisers this year. Approximately \$3,000 has been added to the general fund because of your support.

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Safety on the Lake

You received a pamphlet in your May packet from the DLPA on all the rules and laws governing boat operation on Indiana lakes. If you haven't done so, have your teenagers, who operate watercraft, read the pamphlet so they will know what can and can't be done while operating watercraft. Let's all have a safe summer.

Weevil Buoys

Orange buoys have been put in place around the lake to advise watercraft operators that the buoy mark a weevil site. We ask all boat and personal watercraft operators to stay a decent distance away from these areas. We want the weevils to succeed and staying out of the weevils sites will help to achieve their success.

Directors are Needed

We are in need of a Director for Lanes 3 and 4 and a Director for Lane 24. You don't have to be a year around resident to be a Director. Just live on the lane, be a member of the DLPA and attend six meetings a year. When a lane doesn't have a Director the lane doesn't have representation at the Board of Directors meetings. Please give Ken Brehob a call at 574-658-3636 if you want to represent your lane.
