

Dewart Newsletter



"The Dewart Lake Protective Association was founded in 1965"

APRIL, 2012

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<u>Dewart Lake Officers</u>			<u>Schedule of Events for 2012</u>		
President:	Ken Brehob	658-3636	Date	Events	Chairperson
Vice Pres.:	Jim Redslob	658-9330	April 14 th	Roadside Clean-up	Larry Sheets
Secretary:	LuAnne Yentes	527-8877	May 12 th	Lake Garage Sale	Lorelei Haab
Treasurer:	Rebecca Tusing	658-3434	June 10 th	Annual Meeting & Potluck Luncheon	Ken Brehob
Newsletter:	Linda Jamiel	658-9200	June 11 th	Annual Golf Outing	Jim Redslob
Website:	Alex Barrett	658-4895	June 18 th	" " "	Rain Date
<u>Lane Directors</u>			June 16 th	Chicken BBQ Sale	Ken Brehob
Lanes 1, 2, 25	Alex Barrett	658-4895	July 7 th	Dewart Flotilla	
Lanes 3,4,6	Vacant		July 7 th	Fireworks Display	Allan Foyle
Lane 5	Roger Saxon	658-5563	<u>Lake Garage Sale</u>		
Lane 7,8,9,	Nicole Miller	529-4273	The Annual Lake Garage Sale will be held on May 12 th regardless of the weather. In order to have your lane listed in the newspaper you need to register your sale with Lorelei Haab at 658-4305 or Linda Jamiel at 658-9200 . Advertisements will be put in the local papers. Please register by May 5 th .		
Lane 10	Sue Lenz	708-301-8371	<u>Golf Outing</u>		
Lane 11	Jim Tarr	658-9518	The 6 th Annual Golf Outing will be held on June 11 th with a rain date of June 18 th . This is a major fundraiser for the Association, and we look forward to increased participation as a good time is always had by all who attend. The registration form and info is included on a separate form in this mailing.		
Lane 12	Mike Gill	658-4766	<u>Dewart Lake Dam</u>		
Lanes 13	Lorelei Haab	658-4305	Last Fall an unknown person or persons placed 8 bags of concrete and a wooden 2X8 across the notch of the dam. This impeded the proper flow of water over the dam. The dam height was set by the Army Corps of Engineers, and Indiana Law forbids tampering. The water height will affect homes in low-lying areas possibly flooding yards and causing septic systems to spill into the lake. Please advise your Lane Director or Association Officer if you have any information regarding the alteration of the dam.		
CR 1000*	Jim Redslob	658-9330	<u>Reed Bed Damage</u>		
Camp Logan	Jeff Kelsheimer	457-2841	A huge amount of reeds and other lake weeds were cut and washed up on the North Shore last summer. The reeds are especially important to the quality of the lake water. If you are harvesting weeds manually from your pier and beach areas, please remove them from the lake and don't let them float to other areas of the lake for other homeowners to remove and dispose of them. Please respect the shoreline of your neighbors.		
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 Cowl, Jr.	658-9876			
Lane 21	G. Couwenhoven	658-3084			
Lane 22	Andy Brown	658-9746			
Lane 23	Linda Jamiel	658-9200			
Lane 24	Peggy Bucher	658-9305			
* Between Lanes 12 & 13 All (574) Area Code					
** Between Lanes 17 & 18					
<u>Dept. of Natural Resources</u>					
Last Fall the Dept. of Natural Resources upgraded our public boat ramp by deepening and lengthening it to facilitate easier unloading and loading of boats. The Dept. also repaired a ravine at the Girl Scout Camp that had deteriorated. These repairs were made at no cost to the Lake Association.					
<u>Fireworks Display--Saturday July 7</u>					
It may seem early to think about the 4 th of July, but Allan Foyle has to plan ahead to purchase the fireworks. Since we all enjoy this display on our lake, donations for the cost of the fireworks would be appreciated. Please forward your check to the attention of Allan at Foyle Plumbing, 9640 North 300 E, Syracuse, IN 46567.					

Flotilla-Sat. July 7 -2 pm, near public access

This year there will be cash prizes for the best boats in the flotilla. Plan ahead and get your family and friends together and decorate your boat and join in the fun. There isn't a specific theme, so use your imagination and creativity. More to come in the next newsletter.

Great Lake Commission Grant

John Richardson of J. F. New Company gave a presentation at the Director's Meeting on April 9th regarding the Great Lake Commission Grant that will enable Dewart Lake to continue with four sediment problems around the lake. When the projects are constructed they should save approx. 72 tons of eroded soil from entering our lake. Approximately \$52,000 has been awarded for these projects. The following are the areas to be addressed in this grant:

1. A ravine adjacent to Hasse Court drains 40 acres of land into the NW corner of Dewart Lake with sediment coming from an agricultural field and eroding portions of the drain North of 1000 N.
2. Quaker Haven Ravine site which also erodes sediment into the lake.
3. The upper end of Cable Run contributes the most sediment into the lake. There are two projects that will be addressed to reduce erosion along approx, 1800 feet of the channel.

Ken Brehob has a full copy of the Feasibility Study for any lake resident that wishes to read it. Work will begin this summer and should be completed in 2013.

Lane Director Needed

We are in need of a Lane Director for Lanes 3, 4, & 6. Presently there is no representation for these lanes. If you own a home on one of these lanes and would like to volunteer to be a part of the DLPA, we would welcome you. We hold meetings once a month from April to October. Please give Ken Brehob a call at 658-3636 if you are interested and he'll give you more info.

Beavers

Beavers have become a problem at several areas around the lake. Beavers can be trapped during the trapping season beginning November 15th for approx, one month. If a Beaver infestation is becoming a nuisance to water flow, the Dept. of Natural Resources will allow trapping in specific areas. Beavers have built dams at the lake dam and in the Girl Scout Camp which have impeded water flow. If you have a problem with beavers you must apply for a permit from the DNR before doing any trapping.

Please check out the DLPA website for lots of interesting information about our lake:

www.dewartlake.org

If you would rather receive your newsletters via the internet, please advise your Lane Director or any DLPA Officer. It saves postage and paper!

Weevil Project

The Dewart Lake Protective Association has received a LARE grant to pay for approx. 80% of the first 2 years cost of placing weevils in the lake to curb the growth of the invasive Eurasian Milfoil weed (see previous newsletters). The total cost of the project is \$65,700 for a 5 year program. The DLPA will apply for another grant in two years to fund the last 3 years of this project.

DON'T KILL THE WEEVILS: Don't use any copper sulfate products. Native weevils (the size of fleas) will be placed in the lake this June to attempt to control the rapidly growing non-native weed, Eurasian Milfoil. Copper Sulfate, which is the active ingredient in **broadcast pellet** type aquatic herbicides, will kill the weevils. Help us ensure that our investment (Dewart Lake & State Funds) in non-chemical lake weed control is successful. Don't use any copper sulfate products to control lake weeds – read the label.

HOW DO I CLEAR MY PIER/FRONTAGE AREA OF WEEDS?

If weeds near **your** pier or lake frontage are thick enough to restrict boating and/or swimming, the State of Indiana allows individual owners to clear up to 625 square feet (equivalent to 25 feet x 25 feet) of the lake without a permit. Raking/cutting and then removing the weeds is the preferred method of clearing. Approved chemicals can also be used as a distant second choice. Remember **NO COPPER SULFATE** products can be used in our lake since it kills weevils (and other aquatic organisms).

Licensed aquatic chemical applicators that clear **neighborhood** shorelines of weeds using approved chemicals, may be granted State permits as in the past – but location restrictions will apply. As of mid-April (discussions of details are still occurring), if your neighborhood weed area is within 200 feet of the shore **and** is at least 300 feet from a weevil placement site, the permit should be granted. The placement sites (3 to 5) will be determined May 11th. The weevils are expected to be placed during the first two weeks of June. Since weeds are growing early because of a warm March, contacting your licensed applicator before the weevils are placed in June may be a good neighborhood weed strategy this year.

DON'T "P" IN THE LAKE

The "P" stands for phosphorus – the middle number on fertilizer bags. Use only "P" free lawn fertilizer if you choose to fertilize your lawn. Phosphorus from lawn fertilizer application is a main cause of rapid weed and algae (green water) growth in our lake. Studies have shown that established lawns do not need phosphorus to be green. Use all lawn fertilizer sparingly and make sure the middle number on the bag is "ZERO". Tell your lawn care contractor, they should know, but some don't.

Contact Ken Brehob, President, if you have comments or opinions relating to our Dewart Lake Protective Association. He can be reached at 220 EMS D23 Lane, Syracuse, IN 46567 or call him at (574) 658-3636.

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