

Dewart Newsletter



"The Dewart Lake Protective Association was founded in 1965"

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Lanes 18 A,B	Jeff Drummond	528-0632
Lanes 18 C,D	Betty Busch	658-4874
Lanes 19, 20	Vacant	
Lane 21	Chuck Ranney	658-4663
Lane 22	Andy Brown	658-9746
Lane 23	Linda Jamiel	658-9200
Lane 24	Chip Wallstead	658-4183

* Between Lanes 12 & 13 All (574) Area Code

** Between Lanes 17 & 18

In Remembrance

The Association has received news of the passing of the following lake residents. These residents will be missed as many of them have resided here for many years.

- William "Bill" Patty - Lane 13
- Jerry Crowl, owner and operator of Crowl's Landing on the Southwest corner of the lake.
- Sally Gilland - Lane 17
- Anthony "Tony" Hauntz - Lane 21A
- Rod Morgan - Lane 21

Membership Registration

A 2014 membership form is included in this mailing

Schedule of Events for 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>
April 12 th	Roadside Clean-Up	Larry & Barb Sheets
May 10 th	Lake Garage Sale	Linda Jamiel
June 8 th	Annual Meeting & Potluck Luncheon	Ken Brehob
June 9 th	Annual Golf Outing	Tom & Janet Roth
June 16 th	" " "	Rain Date
June 14 th	Chicken BBQ Sale	Ken Brehob
July 5 th	Dewart Lake Flotilla	Becky Tusing
July	Fireworks Display	?

Annual Road Clean-Up

On April 12th a large group of lake residents met at the boat ramp to participate in the annual road clean-up. After a few hours of work they gathered 40-45 large garbage bags of trash and other debris. A big thank you to the following folks: Larry & Barb Sheets, Tom & Janet Roth, Jennifer, Aaron, & Jacob McKinney, Autumn Peibly, Bob & Karen Mensinga, Terry & Sally Day, Dennis Pressler, Bruce Reichert, Ken & Sue Brehob, Alex Barrett and Peg Bucher. Thank you also to Dennis Pressler for the use of his truck and for taking all the refuse to the recycling center in Warsaw. The roadways look so much better, and your time and hard work is appreciated. THANK YOU.

Annual Garage Sale

On May 10th we will again be holding the Dewart Lake Garage Sale. If you are interested in holding a sale on your lane, please call Linda Jamiel at 658-9200 by May 1st to advise her that your lane will participate. We will be advertising the sale in the local newspapers. Participants are encouraged to put a sign up at their lane street post.

If you are too busy to hold your own sale, bring your items to Peg Bucher at the Blue Barn Berry Farm at 300E and 900N to be sold the weekend of the lake sale. Call or email for your personal consignment number and drop-off details. If you consign 15 or more items you will receive a pass to shop during the preview sale.

Dates are May 7th and 8th or by appointment. Call 574-742-2247 or email www.BlueBarnBerryFarm.com.

There is also a form in the front of the 2013-14 Lake Directory. All of us have a responsibility to the environment of the lake, please help us with your membership and if possible, a donation. The annual dues are very nominal at \$25.00 per household, and have not been raised in many years.

If you are able to help with additional donations for the weed control program, fish stocking, or watershed control program please list the amount on the form in the designated area. There are different levels of donation as you will see on the form. If you have paid your 2014 dues, please disregard the membership form.

The State of Indiana LARE funds have helped us with many projects including the weevil placement and sediment control. The Association always has to pay a certain percentage of these programs.

We appreciate your monetary help, but also always appreciate volunteers for the projects and events that are held annually. Please give your Lane Director a call if you want to help.

Nominating Committee

Once again it's time to nominate any DLPA member who would be interested in serving as an officer of the DLPA.

It's with sadness that our President, Ken Brehob, will be retiring from this post. He has done a fantastic job putting in many hours of his time, going to meetings and working closely with the DNR, weed control companies, and many others. His service to our Association is soooo appreciated.

Also, we have an opening for Vice President, as Betty Busch has been filling in temporarily when Jim Redslob moved from the community last year.

Our Secretary, Luann Leatherman has resigned her position also. We thank her for her excellent work.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please give Ralph Blust (658-9408) or Alex Barrett (658-4895) a call or simply e-mail info@dewartlake.org to bring your name forward at the Annual Meeting in June.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Eagle Scout, Robert McKinney, presented information on an Eagle Scout project he wants to do on Dewart Lake. He plans to erect 4 or 5 Wood Duck boxes around the lake to help increase the population of the Wood Duck. Those involved in the project are Boy Scout Troop 728, Wawasee Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, Greenwings, the

President's Paragraphs, by Ken Brehob

What a winter!! One to tell the grandkids about. We hope the weevils survived (snow cover should have helped) and are able to start controlling the milfoil when it starts growing. Speaking of weevils....EnviroSciences, Inc., the weevil company, **IS** going to honor our remaining 2 years of our 4 year contract. Last fall they said they were going to discontinue the weevil program to concentrate on other portions of their business. This winter they changed their minds. Luckily they changed their mind in time for us to apply for a DNR grant to pay for 80% of the last 2 years of the program. We recently have been notified of this grants approval. The grant also includes funds to do a "emergent aquatic vegetation survey" of the area within the south shore buoyed zone. This survey will allow us to compare the present emergent vegetation with a similar survey that was done about 6 years ago. Once again because of the weevils--

- 1) **DO NOT USE ANY COPPER SULFATE BASED** (usually pellets) weed control around your pier/shoreline and
- 2) Owners may be able to control chemical spraying for weeds within 200' of their shoreline depending on this year's weevil placement sites.

Now that the DLPA has a mute swan control policy (see last year's Fall Newsletter or find it on www.dewartlake.org website), we are in the process of selecting a nuisance wild animal control company. This spring the selected company will use Indiana DNR approved methods to control swan reproduction - generally by "egg oiling". This same company, with specific approval of the DLPA Lane Directors, may remove swans in excess of 30 from the lake using Indiana DNR approved methods. Excessive mute swans are a long term "lake region" problem. The DLPA is committed to working with other lake associations and government organizations on this issue.

SIX DO'S FOR THIS SUMMER:

- 1) **DO** use as little fertilizer on your lawn as possible (always with No Phosphorus fertilizer). Lawn fertilization is the number one source of lake nutrients that feed the lake weeds and algae on developed lakes like ours.

- 2) **DO** drive your watercraft slowly in shallow areas of the lake. Disturbance of the bottom brings nutrients and other chemicals (especially methyl mercury) into the water column, and also may destroy beneficial rooted vegetation

- 3) **DO** look at the "lakescaping" (environmentally friendly lake front landscaping) DNR link found on www.dewartlake.org.

Eagle Scout Project continued:

DLPA, and area businesses and residents through monetary donations and donation of materials. If you would like to help Robert with his project, please give him a call at (260) 215-5989.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, June 8th at the Quaker Haven Activity Center on EMS 16. There will be a potluck luncheon at 1:00 p.m. The main entree, beverages, and table service will be supplied, just bring a favorite dish or dessert. The annual meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. We will hold election of officers, and would like to see a good turnout for this event.

SEA PLANE LANDING SITES

On March 24th a meeting was held at the Fish Hatchery Office of the DNR. This meeting was held because of a signed petition of concerned residents of our lake in regard to sea planes being allowed to land on Dewart Lake. The State has ended private landing privileges on Indiana lakes, and will now designate them as public landing sites. Dewart Lake has had a private landing site on the lake for many years, though it has been rarely used. Many other lakes in northern Indiana are also being looked at as sites.

The President of the Sea Pilots Organization set the date for the meeting, but did not show up to give us his reasons for looking at Dewart Lake as a landing site. Concerns from the 25 plus residents at the meeting were heard by Major Michael Portteus, Support Services Commander for the DNR-Boating Law Administrator. He will compile a report of residents concerns for his superior. His superior will then make a decision if it is feasible to have a landing site on the lake. If he deems it possible, his report will be sent to the Indiana Dept. of Transportation, and then if approved it will go to the FAA for approval. This whole procedure will take at least a year.

The DLPA will keep our members and residents up to date of any new information regarding this project.

President's Paragraphs continued:

4) **DO** have your septic and drainage system checked/pumped periodically. Poorly maintained systems not only can add dangerous bacteria to the lake (i.e. E-coli) but also add excessive amounts of phosphorus to the lake.

5) **DO** check your rainwater drains that flow into the lake. Try to limit fertilizer and sediment that enters these drains by planting stabilizing vegetation if possible.

6) **DO** talk to your neighbors if they are doing something detrimental to the lake. They may not know of the "problem". It is everyone's responsibility to help protect our public lake for the common good.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The Annual Golf Outing will be held on Monday, June 9th with a rain date of June 16th. The fee is still \$65.00 per golfer. In this mailing you will find an entry form to complete and return with your check.

We are always looking for sponsors for each hole and any prize donations from area businesses. This is a terrific fundraiser for our Association, and any help you can give is very much appreciated.

So get some of your friends and golf buddies together for a fund day of golf and fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Tom or Janet Roth at 574-457-2724.

Please check out our website for current information on projects that we are doing on the lake.

www.dewartlake.org

All lake residents are welcome to attend the monthly Director's meetings. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month - April thru October. at 7:00 p.m. at the Webster House at Camp Ella J. Logan. When Girl Scouts are present at the camp the meetings will be held at an alternate location. Please check with your Lane Director for info.

Fishing License "Free" Days

The DNR has allowed the following days for Indiana fishermen to fish without an up to date license:

April 19th, May 17th, June 7th and June 8th.