

Fall
2022



Deer Lake Newsletter

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Deer Lake Property Owners' Association

Dedicated to the preservation and improvement of a beautiful lake for future generations

President's Message

Skip Wells

Well, we finally got summer back in July, and what a great summer it has been! Lots of things were accomplished around the lake. There has been lots of remodeling, and some new houses are popping up around the landscape. I've seen some dock replacements, as well as new docks, and lots of kids laughing while playing in the lake.

I would like to take this time to give a big shout out to our DLPOA Committee Chairs, their committee members and all the volunteers who participated in the Fourth of July events. From the Boat Parade to the Children's Parade and rainy picnic, and everything in between—Fireworks, Pancake Feed, Apparel and Raffle sales. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

We have changes going on within the Board of Directors. Mike Egan, our diligent Treasurer, is stepping down from the Board. He has also been our Fireworks chairman for years. Over the years, he has volunteered to work on just about EVERY thing that needs doing for our lake! He'll be missed.



Ron Watson has chosen to keep his committee assignments, but allow someone else a chance to serve on the Board. That is good news as he hangs the banners about upcoming events, and runs the raffle ticket sales during the Pancake Feed and is a valuable asset.

At the September 8th meeting, we added two Board members — Bill Haney from the southeast side of the lake, and Sharon Crump from the northside. Board member, Pam Horner, has moved from the position of Secretary to Treasurer. Sharon Crump will be the Board Secretary. We now have a full 16-member Board. We are busy planning our fall and next year programs.

We are moving our Board Meetings to the Pinelow Office (instead of the Dining Hall, where we have been for almost 2 years). DLPOA meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. (see your DLPOA calendar).

We welcome visitors; it is exciting to be a part of this organization. Ladida!

Another One Bites The Dust (Don't worry, not an obituary)



Cheryl Schwartz

Not all our Committee chairs are Board Members, sometimes they are lucky enough to be married to a Board Member, like Cheryl Schwartz is! Eight years ago, Bob Schwartz volunteered the two of them to head up the Apparel Committee. Bob is always the first one that says Cheryl has been the driving force, the one who deserves the most credit for setting up and constantly improving the operation. Sadly, she is now handing off the Apparel Committee Chairmanship (taking Bob along with it will be optional).

Cheryl has always tried to keep the costs as low as possible. There are always many nice and varied DLPOA items to purchase, but, one of her goals was to annually have new and very affordable T shirts (for the whole family)! We thank her for her dedication, and all the hours and hours she has donated. Cheryl could be seen many times delivering the merchandise by car, or (her favorite) by jet ski! She will still assist on many DLPOA events, and will help the new Apparel chair, Barb Potter, learn the ropes to keep Deer Lake apparel profitable and going strong. (See the Apparel article inside).

Fourth of July Children's Parade and Picnic

Greg and Karen Presley

Greg and I have been doing the parade now for seven years. We never thought we would all fall victim to the well known saying, "It rained on our parade," but low and behold it sure did this past summer! We would like to thank all of you brave souls that weathered the storm and joined us at the end for a hot dog and goodies. We did our best to keep our hot dog buns from getting soggy (maybe YOUR buns were soggy if your chair got wet, though!)

We were honored to have Craig King, Senior Chief US Navy, as our Grand Marshall this year. We apologize that he did not get to speak to us at the picnic and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thank you to the following volunteers:

- Joe Conner for escorting our Grand Marshall in your red Mustang convertible.
- Deer Lake Resort and Pinelaw Park for your continued support of our parade.
- Ken Ring and his crew of Mike Nixon, Jeff Potter, George Lynn, Ron Watson, and Barbara Holston McKenzie. They did an amazing job of getting vehicles, bikes, animals, and people organized and lined up at Deer Lake Resort.
- The Ridler family for playing music. (Due to the rain, they did have to cut it short this year.)
- Eric Kelley and Phil Bray, who stood out there in the rain to (over?) cook your hot dogs upon request.
- The great set up, tear down crews and servers: Jim Lombardi, Pam and Mike Horner, James and Julie Wordeman and kids, Jill Bray, Jane and Terry Nielsen, Cheryl Schwartz, Christie Dalsanders, Nita Gregg, Donna Greenup, George Lynn, and Gary Fochtman.



Jill Bray, modeling the latest picnic attire for July 4th at the lake - (jeans, gloves, and 2 coats!)

*We had 273 people participate in the parade this summer, compared to 335 in 2021. In 2021, we had 57 vehicles, compared to 69 in 2021.



We had two of the youngest volunteers this year—Myah Desalles and Kazlin Rainer. They were by far the cutest mustard and ketchup servers so far. We hope they return next year along with all of our helpers.





Fireworks Mike Egan

We all hope you enjoyed the July 3rd fireworks show. How about that finale! The show was produced by Kip and the fantastic crew from Pyro Spectaculars Inc.

We had a couple problems this year. After the fireworks were loaded, the boat motor would not start! We scrambled to find another pontoon boat, and Greg and Karen Presley offered theirs. Thanks go out to them!

The weather was not on our side either. The late afternoon rain delayed our push out by a couple hours. There was a loss of visibility, and we were somewhat off course.

This was the first year for the new boat captain, Van Mai, who did a great job navigating out and back to Pinelow safely. We are sorry to hear that some areas of the lake that are usually able to view the show from their home were not able to do so this year. Please understand the mitigating circumstances of that day, and hopefully this will never happen again!

Along with those apologies, we would like to thank Ron and Nicki Coil for the use of their beach at Pinelow Park for the staging. We appreciate Van Mai and Ron McKenzie for their help also.

We urge you to please continue to contribute to our Fireworks Fund, to support another Big Bang Night next July!



Some wild and crazy guys!

More Fun On The 4th



John Deere is in the parade



While the back of the boat is under umbrellas, these 3 dudes in the front bared their **USA** painted chests!



Perfect weather for a water fight!



Watch out!
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While you are looking at the dog, Michelle gets you with a water balloon!





Frank and Susie Alexander, Cedar Bay, welcomed their daughter Betsy, along with Danny, Aaron, and AJ Whittaker from Singapore (serving 18 years as missionaries) and Dan and Janet (Susie's sister) from Grants Pass, OR.

Deer Lake Apparel

Cheryl Schwartz and Barb Potter

The annual T-shirts were a huge hit with all of the family reunions being held at Deer Lake. Many people pre-ordered to ensure the sizes they wanted were available and reserved for them. Some of the reunions included family from Japan! If you are planning a family reunion in 2023, keep the t-shirts in mind.

When the new design is selected - usually in April or May - you can pre-order your shirts. The announcement will be on DLPOA Facebook and Deer Lake Nextdoor. It's a great reminder of your reunion that everyone can take home, and they make great pictures! The **annual** shirts (the lowest priced item) is only printed once each year, so when they're gone, they're gone! The best idea is to pre-order when you can, even if it's only for one shirt.

All of the different types of apparel are available for purchase from April to September. They are on display and available for purchase at the 4th of July Pancake Feed and the August DLPOA Annual Meeting. Pictures of the various types of apparel will also be posted on the DLPOA website once that link is completed. Since we only order our custom apparel once a year, quantities and sizes are very limited at the end of the season. During the season you can email us at DeerLakeApparel@outlook.com to see if we have the size/type of clothes you are looking for. We can arrange for pick up at the lake when you are here.

Fall Chipper Day is Coming

Skip Wells

- ◆ The Fall Chipper Day is scheduled for October 8, 2022.
- ◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ◆ Location is on Agar Rd just north of Baldwin Lumber. This event is a joint program held by the Deer Lake Property Owners' Association, the Loon Lake Property Owners' Association and the Stevens County Refuse Department.
- ◆ Only green material is authorized.
- ◆ No boards or sawn wood.
- ◆ Trees, clean stumps, branches, pine needles, leaves are all okay.
- ◆ Trucks, trailers and large vehicles are allowed.
- ◆ We strongly recommend that young or strong help is brought with you for unloading.
- ◆ There is a minimum fee of 10 dollars.
- ◆ Bigger trucks or trailers are 20 dollars and really big trucks are 25 dollars.



The proceeds are divided by the two associations for the charities of their choice.

This year, DLPOA will donate to the Loon Lake Food Bank, Camp Gifford Salvation Army Camp and Pinelow Park.

Summary of Deer Lake Real Estate activity

Patrick McHenry-Kroetch, Tamarack Realty

(Through August 12, 2022)

	Sold	Pending	On the market
<u>Waterfront homes</u>	7	0	4
<u>Secondary homes</u>	8	5	4
(Beach Association)			
<u>Waterfront lots</u>	2	0	2
<u>Secondary lots</u>	5	0	6

Data is from Tamarack Realty; they have been a part of 30+% of the Multiple Listing Service transactions on Deer Lake.

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Our Cold Spring

Ken Ring



Global warming? You remember Spring of 2022—it was colder than normal.

Did you realize that temperatures did not reach 70 degrees until June?

It was the longest start of the year without hitting 70 degrees in 126 years!

The Deer Lake Board of Directors will consider installing 1,000 smudge pots around the lake to keep us warm next year if this happens again.

Annual Pancake Feed — “Thank You” to All

Bob Schwartz



Our 2022 Annual Pancake Feed returned this year after a two year pandemic hiatus. We came back stronger than ever thanks to all of you! On July 3rd, we served close to 800 folks, which was one of our best years ever. (Our record turnout was 820 in 2016). We celebrated another year of our guests having a wonderful time, visiting with neighbors and friends. We hope they enjoyed a delicious breakfast while taking in the beauty of our lake from the Pinelow Park Dining Facility.

We cannot thank each and every volunteer enough - all 42 of you! We hold you in high esteem. Please remember you are an integral part, and without you we would not be able to hold this traditional summer event.

We once again send our sincere appreciation to Ron & Nicki Coil, owners of Pinelow Park, for donating their facilities (including a modern large commercial equipped kitchen) for our use on the most popular weekend of the summer. They give up substantial revenue and we cannot thank them enough for their generosity. Please return the favor. If you are hosting a family gathering, wedding, business conference, etc., they can accommodate your needs for lodging and meals. Give them a call at (509) 233-0299 or (541) 915-3101.

We appreciate your continued support of DLPOA, and hope to see all of you at our 2023 Annual Pancake Feed, which will be held on Sunday, July 2nd.





Owen found a dollar!

Fall Roadside Cleanup

Ken Ring

It was a beautiful day on September 10th, to walk Deer Lake roads and pick up garbage—over 600 pounds! The westside of the lake had 21 volunteers, but the eastside had only 11. DLPOA rewarded them with donuts and specialty coffee afterwards at Holy Grounds coffee shop.

Our youngest volunteer, Owen Magnuson, age 6, completed his 6th Cleanup day! (That’s twice a year, since he was 3 years old.) Every year (that I’m there) he “miraculously” finds money on the ground where he’s working. What used to be a few coins has now become paper money. Do you know any little ones



who might get a kick out of that, too? Load your pocket with coins, and bring them next time, we need all the help we can get!

Seriously, this is a mighty big job for just **33** people FROM THE WHOLE LAKE to do!

The next Cleanup Day won’t be until May 6th of next year, so how about this idea?



Canine Helper Bailey

You don’t have to wait for the official “Cleanup Day”! I see people out walking a lot. It is easier to walk close to your own house, but every once in a while, what about driving out to where the garbage gets thrown? The majority of it is on the westside of the lake, where people get off the highway and come into the lake. If you drive that way, I bet you’ve noticed how much garbage gets thrown in that area (where there aren’t houses). Agar Road (also right off the highway) and the road to the landfill are terrible, also.

Please be that wonderful person who takes it upon themselves to occasionally clean these areas. Get a group together, take a photo, and send it to us, and we’ll post it. We supply the extra heavy duty bags (request them from any Board member). You don’t have to take it home, or pay to take it to the dump. Just leave the sacks behind the Deer Lake sign (at the Y on the westside) and it will get picked up. Thank you, walkers, in advance...and our sincere gratitude and appreciation to these fabulous volunteers:



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| Rory Finley | April Tweedy | Jill Richard | Steve Jones | George Craig | Lori Schroeder | Richard Schroeder |
| Bonnie Busse | Larry Busse | Mike Nixon | Sid Sackmann | Dave Greco | Jerry Rasley | Debbie Sackmann |
| Scott Overbust | Bill Ryan | Bob Schwartz | Cheryl Schwartz | Patrick Daly | Kevin Schroeder | Christy Overbust |
| George Lynn Jr. | George Lynn Sr. | Alex Stone | Ken Ring | Cheryl Ring | Owen Magnuson | Jessica Magnuson |
| Eric Kelly | Robin Allison | Glen Allison | Claudine Muelken | | | |

Update about US 395 construction at Loon Lake.

UPDATE: The roundabout construction portion is now expected to start Sept 19th and will last for 2 weeks.

The whole Construction Project is expected to be completed by October.



For those Deer Lake residents that are new, and any old-ones that don't know how we established the full pool of the lake, I will attempt to explain.

Before the actual technical part, about how we set that elevation, here is an overview.

The lake does not have a manmade way to control the lake level. Mother Nature fills and drains it. It is filled by snow, rain and springs. The springs are both above and below the surface of the water. It is lowered by evaporation, drainage through the bottom and a small amount from people drawing water from the lake to irrigate. When the lake goes over full, it drains out through the wetlands by the public boat launch, then through the culverts under the road.

How did we arrive at the full pool elevation? I had been observing the wetlands when the lake got close to full for many years. When the lake fills to the point of starting to drain, I observed a couple of places where the water started flowing into the wetlands. One was right next to the boat launch.

In 2008 I wanted to get a set full-pool point. I contacted the U.S. Geological Survey to see what data they had. They referred me to a recently retired specialist in lakes. He happened to spend summers at Sunrise Point. When the lake was observed at just starting to overflow, we went to where there used to be a staff gauge that the United States Geological Survey had put at West Bay beach (removed years ago). Using an established point, he used his equipment to work up a data sheet to find the elevation. (short version).

We then went to Ken Santora's retaining wall to transfer the full pool point. (Simple version)

About once a month, Ken calls me with the measurement and I record it on a spreadsheet. I can then see various trends and variations. With accurate GPS, elevations can now be checked anytime. The elevation we use is 2,485.5 ft. above sea level.

I researched as many sources as I could find, and they set the lake at anywhere from 2,474 to 2,482 ft. above sea level. No one seems to know how or when they established those elevations, but I think they were taken at different times of the year and maybe during drought years.

Several years ago, the Public Utility District had a surveyor take elevations at about 100 different points around the lake. In 1997, the lake flooded about 3 feet over full. Some of their sewer tanks were under water. Using their data, we now know elevations of roads, the culverts and sewer tanks all around the lake. At the time they surveyed, the lake was somewhat below full, so their lake elevation is not our observed one.

Retaining walls show us some of the different levels we've had over the years.



Since 2008, the lake has been full or overfull 7 years and did not fill 6 years. The lake did not fill the last 4 years. I have U.S.G.S. data from 1953 through 1978, but I will not go into them now. A person on the lake that is into data crunching offered to graph that data for me in the future.

Even if our measurements are not exact, we can use them relative to each other. There is more history I could add to this explanation but most people are probably not all that interested. If there is anyone with specific questions, please email me at:

1945skipper@gmail.com

The 2023 Deer Lake Property Owners' Association Calendar

Ken Ring

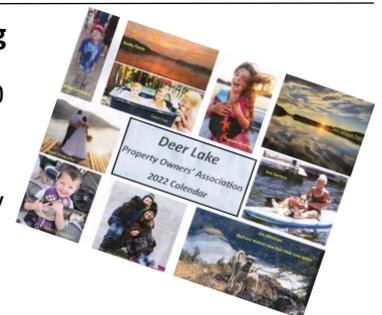
We are in the process of putting together the 2023 calendar. Advertisements start at \$50 for an ad the size of an oversized business card.

If you own, or know of a business that would like to advertise with us, please contact any Board Member before the cutoff date of November 16th.

If you have a small business in this area, like snow removal, yardwork, house cleaning, etc., and would like to let your neighbors know about the services you offer, we can help you with that.

We will design your ad for free, if you'd like.

We print 1,000 copies of the calendar, and distribute it to all the homeowners on Deer Lake free of charge.





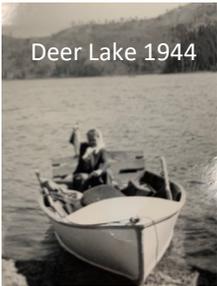
Carter Family Reunion

Vicky Carter

On the weekend of June 24-26, the Carter family gathered at the Deer Lake RV Resort for a campout celebrating their mother, **Vivian Carter**, who will be turning 91 this November. Over 50 family members traveled from Helena, Montana and Spokane to attend in this special occasion.



Vivian’s daughter, Vicki Carter, lives in Spokane and found a picture of her mother on Deer Lake, dated 1944. Vivian recounted that her parents moved from Helena to Spokane during World War II in order for her dad, Joseph Sigety, to work at Kaiser Aluminum assembling munitions. On the weekends, he would take his two daughters, Vivian and Lorraine, fishing at nearby lakes. She commented that his favorite and most frequent visits were always to Deer Lake and Loon Lake. Vivian’s father was quite the fisherman, too! He fished daily, up until his death in 1971. Family members teased that he could cast onto pavement and catch a fish!



On a recent visit to Spokane, Vicki and her brother John took Vivian to Deer Lake to see Vicki’s previous cabin - located in West Bay RV Resort. Vivian remembered the details of the day the picture was taken in 1944, as if it were yesterday. She and her sister enjoyed being out on the water with their father and loved going to the old store to get a treat. Vivian was also quite the fisher-gal. Her love for the water and casting a reel lasted well into her 70’s, as she would continue to fish off the Causeway at Hauser Lake in Montana.

The Great Kaniksu Fire of ‘22

Ken Ring

It was Wednesday, September 14th, around 8 a.m. that Deer Lake experienced a sudden rain/thunder/lightning storm. It lasted for 30 to 40 minutes.



Dan Kelly thought that maybe he was seeing smoke, but wasn’t sure. He called Jerry Rasley, who lives on the east side of the Narrows and asked him to look across the lake to see if he could see anything.



Unfortunately, Jerry was at his house in Spokane that day (and couldn’t see a thing!). But, Jerry did call Ron Watson, who lives just a couple miles south of the area in question.

Ron started driving, and when he got to the area where the kiosk is in the Kaniksu Wildlife Refuge, he saw what we all dread. The dry undergrowth in the meadow was burning. The wind was blowing from the north, and the fire was not too far from the road.



Our hero, Ron, now affectionately know as “Smoky Ron”, started attacking the flames with a shovel. Then his shovel broke! (He called his wife to bring more shovels.) Until she got there, he used his shoes, trying to stomp the flames out, and he was probably spitting at them too, by this time.

But...help was on the way! Ron had earlier called 911, as had Ben Campbell and Cheryl Ring (after the original spotter, Dan Kelly, stopped at her house to ask her to call). DNR showed up and worked the small fire, eventually there were 6 vehicles that attended the area. Luckily the wind changed direction, and came from the south. Less than half an acre was torched. The area was cleaned up, and a safety perimeter was cut around the area. Thank you, Ron Watson, and everyone else who helped that day.





The Board of Stevens County Commissioners is in the process of updating the Boating Ordinance. The first ordinance was established in 1987, and updated in 1995.

The new revision will include a fee for approved buoys and swim platforms. Only new installations are affected with this updated ordinance.



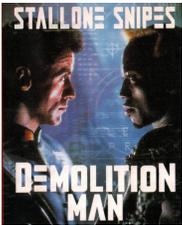
At this writing, it looks like it is still pretty dry in our area—we expect the Burn Ban to continue at least through the month of September.





Some Deer Lake representatives gave testimony at the hearing on August 23rd.

We raised the concern along with others for the need for more water patrols on weekends. We will have to see what the ordinance looks like and will provide you with more information when completed.



Dock Demolition Set for Spring Phil Bray

DLPOA will be having a Dock Demolition day this Spring in May or June 2023, if there are enough docks reported. It will be held at Sunrise Point again—we appreciate their continued support with this project. Dock Demo date will be announced in our next newsletter.

If you have a dock or know of a dock that needs to be removed from the lake, please let me know at philjill@att.net. It's not too soon to start a list for next year. We've had several people reach out to get their old docks on the removal list already.

As always, many volunteers will be needed. We have a great need for more trucks and trailers to haul the debris away, so please keep that in mind if you can help with this.

In May of 2021, we removed over 60,000 lbs. of old docks from the lake. Thanks again to all the volunteers that made this cleanup event happen. It's great to see so many people getting involved in keeping our lake pristine!

Time to check the Fall To Do list for security:

- Make sure buildings are locked, windows are locked, and vehicles secured.
- The use of security cameras is recommended. (game-type cameras work, too).
- Locking devices for trailers are a must.
- Use social media to alert neighbors and other homeowners if you see suspicious cars or people where they shouldn't be.

Please be alert for not only your own, but your neighbor's property, too.

As always, if you see something,



say something!



Herbicide Treatment

Business and Residential Notice Distribution
Date: Summer/Fall 2022

Eurasian water milfoil will be treated with the aquatic herbicide(s)/algaecides(s) on/or between July-October of 2022.

Product(s) planned for use: Clipper Active ingredient(s): Flumioxazin 51%.

Location of Treatment(s); The Narrows North and East side, other areas, as needed.

Treated and potentially affected areas will be sign posted the day of application. The signs will describe any water use restrictions or advisories.

If you are withdrawing water for potable or domestic water use, livestock watering, or irrigation, and have no alternate water source, please contact the applicator:

KEVIN SCHROEDER at (509) 999-7712, or (email) Kevin at kevin_carol22@hotmail.com to arrange an alternate water supply.

If you would like to request additional notification prior to treatment, or have further questions, please contact me using the information above.

Nextdoor Deer Lake

Bob and Cheryl Schwartz

As summer wraps up, a reminder that using Nextdoor Deer Lake is a great way to stay in touch with events, neighbors, and happenings here at the lake. Folks share the latest neighborhood news, lost and found postings, as well as alerts and notices.

We welcome all new residents and property owners that have joined our private Deer Lake community electronic bulletin board.

In order to be a member of Nextdoor Deer Lake, you must own property within our Deer Lake boundaries. That is what makes us different from Facebook. We encourage everyone to join both of these social media platforms in order to obtain the latest and most comprehensive news.

Joining Nextdoor Deer Lake is easy! It is free – no cost to sign up. Nextdoor does not sell or send junk/spam to your email address.



If you wish to join Nextdoor Deer Lake send an email to Bob & Cheryl Schwartz (DLPOA Nextdoor Committee Chairs) at rismt@hotmail.com and we will email you a Nextdoor invitation link which you can complete and submit to Nextdoor directly.



DLPOA Membership Report

Ken Santora

Currently, we have 351 paid members to DLPOA! Thank you for your continued support of your association. We have had a great year of activities: two Roadside cleanups, Children’s parade and picnic, fireworks, Boat parade, newsletters, Pancake Feed, Deer Lake apparel, fish raising, and the DLPOA calendar are a few of them. If you have forgotten to pay your 2022 annual dues of \$20, and would like to now, it’s not too late!

We have been upgrading our DLPOA website. You can now pay your dues online with a few clicks on your computer! This site will also give you the opportunity soon to provide us with any address change or other information you would like to provide.

If you have some ideas of things that your Board of Directors can do to improve our lake, please let one of us know. We are always open to new ideas. (List of Board Members is in this newsletter)

DLPOA Website

Nathan Brown

Hi everyone, you may have seen that the website, dlpoa.com, has had some recent updates. One of the major advancements we are introducing is the ability to pay annual dues online with our secure payment processor.



We are working out the bugs to also make it possible to update your lake address there, too, if needed. General donations and firework donations will also be able to be made online soon.

In the future, we will implement buying DLPOA swag, meaning hoodies, baseball caps, T-Shirts and more online. We realize not everybody gets a chance to buy apparel at an event. Each newsletter will still have the dues envelope included that can be mailed in (as in the past) if you prefer.

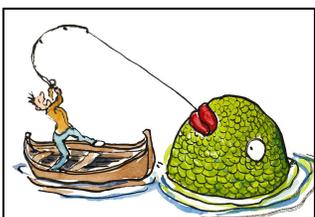
On the website, you will be able to check lake information, like water levels and quality, upcoming DLPOA activities, as well as view the current newsletter or Board meeting minutes. As we gather content from current and our new Board members, we will update the information, so check back often. Any questions can be sent to :

dlpoawebmaster@gmail.com

Veterans fishing

Greg Presley

We were planning to try to get at least one outing for the Veterans to go fishing in August, but unfortunately, Mother Nature had other ideas for us. The extreme heat is dangerous for many of these elderly people, and made it impossible to occur this year. Hopefully we can try again next year, because they sure love it.





This year has been a very frustrating fishing year on our lake and for the Santora family. Fishing for Rainbow and Brook Trout seems to have hit a new low this year. Even after successfully raising and releasing 15,000 healthy Rainbow Trout in April, that ranged in size between 6 and 10 inches, we didn't hear of hardly any fishing success. We were able to catch quite a few Lake Trout (Mackinaw), but not one Rainbow or Brook Trout.

As a result of this disappointment, I contacted our local WDFG Fish Biologist and asked if they would conduct a fish survey of Deer Lake's fish population. The survey was taken during the week of September 5th.

As of this writing, we are awaiting the results of that survey. As the results become available, I will post their findings on our DLPOA website and in our next newsletter (December).

Some good news, we will now have 3 fish pens on the lake this Winter. We know that fish reared through the Winter and released in April will have a much better success rate of survival than the small fingerlings that are released into the lake in the Fall or Spring.

We will soon be requesting additional help setting up the two new fish pens. Please be open to helping with that service work. To give you an idea about that entails, see the article below. The work will be a lot easier now, everything has been built, it just needs to be assembled.

The article shown below is from six years ago, when the (above mentioned) reinforced fish pens were first built and set up.

During the winter of 2015-2016, the Santora fish rearing pen, filled with 14,000 Brook trout, was totally emptied due to three otters. The Spokane Hatchery personnel and the Santora family tried to secure the pen and cover it to prevent the otters' entry, but the pesky creatures continued to find a way to enter the pen. It took the otters a short amount of time to eat them all! At the end of our fish-rearing season, it was determined that we had to modify the pen(s) to prevent this from happening again. I had the thought that my grandson may want to do this as an Eagle Scout project. He agreed that it would be a great project for his culminating Eagle Scout Project. It was a task that would benefit the community, satisfying the requirement for the Boy Scouts of America, and would Dustin then went to work prepping materials to get ready for a weekend of fabrication by his Boy Scout Troops 496 and 430. There were four adults and eight boys that came together to complete the project over a fun-filled weekend.



A prototype was built of the fencing panel so that all the Boy Scouts could understand the process. An assembly line began to expedite the construction of 24 individual fencing units, approximately three feet tall and ten feet long. The boys worked until 5:30 p.m. on Saturday then finished the project by 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. When the two pens were completed, they were transported across the Narrows to Ken Ring's house. There were around 20 guys there to help finish with the setup of the pens - attaching the nets (below AND above). It took just a couple hours.



Unrolling the nets is somewhat like untangling your Christmas lights.

The new sides, fabricated with metal and wood should keep the otters out.

A net goes over the top to keep the birds out, too.



Double pens help raise more fish for Deer Lake.



Nets need to be attached first to the bottom of the frames.

Got to keep the little fish IN and the predators OUT.



Whee! A short ride down the hose and pipe to their new home for the next few months. Does it feel like going down a water slide?

Meet Your Deer Lake Property Owners' Association Board of Directors 12



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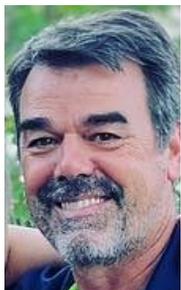
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DLPOA 2022 Annual Meeting Recap

Pam Horner



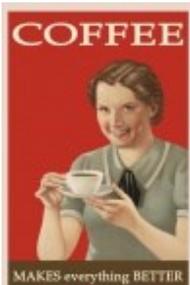
DLPOA members gathered at 10 a.m. on August 13, 2022, at the Old Fire Station for their Annual Meeting. President Skip Wells welcomed everyone and the Board of Directors for 2022-23 was introduced. Thirteen of the 16 Board members attended. There were over 60 members of DLPOA in attendance with 41 voters in place. (For couples who only own one property, just one vote is allowed.) Thirty-five voting members are required for a meeting quorum.

Our longtime Treasurer, Mike Egan, announced that he would be stepping down at the end of August. Vice President, Bob Schwartz, has volunteered to continue with banking and the financial reports until a new Treasurer is appointed. New Board members, George Lynn, Mike Nixon, and Jeff Potter were ratified along with the officers: Skip Wells-President, Bob Schwartz-Vice President and Pam Horner-Secretary.

DLPOA is still seeking a Fireworks Committee Chairman, as well as a Signage Committee Chairman. Volunteers should let President Skip Wells know of their desire to be appointed.

There were thorough reports from our Project Chairmen about the various summer events that Deer Lake residents and visitors enjoyed and they also thanked all of the volunteers who put so much effort into making Deer Lake a beautiful, safe, and clean place to play.

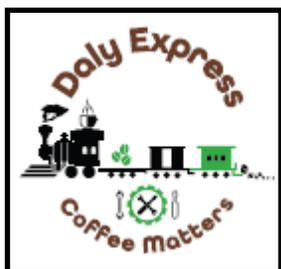
Patrick and Leanna Daly provided delicious coffee to go along with the yummy cake DLPOA had ordered for everyone to enjoy at the conclusion of the meeting. The Apparel team displayed many pieces of clothing for purchase, and many people added to their DLPOA wardrobe with the lovely items.



Cheryl Schwartz
A special thank you to Patrick and Leanna Daly from DLPOA for donating and their delicious coffee for our DLPOA annual meeting this past August.

The Dalys have owned a cabin on Deer Lake over 20 years and recently moved to the lake as full-time residents. They will continue to operate their custom-blended craft coffee roasting company here.

They deliver FREE locally, so anyone who lives on or near the lake gets it delivered free.



When I ordered some, I received beans that had been roasted the night before and then ground specially for iced coffee.)

The beans can be ground or whole, whatever you want. Order by phone or text 509-904-5707, or go to their website : <https://dalyexpress.com/>

My name is Ian Cotton. I grew up spending summers at 'Momma and Pops' lake house on Deer lake. Now that I'm all grown up, I am an electrical engineer by trade, however we still frequent the family lake house. The fourth generation is now enjoying making memories at Deer Lake (the 4th of July is always a favorite)!



My brother and I fishing for rainbows in 1985



I recently was inspired by my fond memories at Deer Lake to find a 'Bathymetric' wood map of the lake. Since I wasn't able to find anything like it on the market, I made one. I wondered if others might enjoy having a similar item for their homes or for their own lake house.

The finished product is approximately 21-inches from opposite corner to opposite corner, and 18-inches side-to-side. The materials are a 3-inch walnut trim with 1/4-inch birch plywood making up layers of the bathymetric portion. I can add custom text or messages to the front if you'd like.

Cost to purchase is \$425 (includes S&H in the US). Feel free to email me if you're interested. If you order by Nov.1st, I can get it done and to you by Christmas.

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The next issue of the newsletter will publish several pages of photos. This will be your chance to show off your family (and pets!) to the rest of us. Photos can be new or old, just have them occur at Deer Lake. If you want to mention names, or a cute story about the photo, please do, and I'll try to get it in.

Email cherylring@gmail.com right now while you're thinking about it, or wait until November when I will ask for them on the DLPOA Facebook page. The cutoff day for submitting photos is **November 16th.** Thank you!



Our new hairdos for the Big Hair Revolution band concert on the lake this summer.

Deer Lake residents who are members on our DLPOA Facebook page, were made aware of the fire within minutes. Word (and photos) spread quickly.



If you haven't joined yet, just send me a "Friend Request", and I will add you to our group that now totals 1,178 people.



Making a "To Go" bag

Although the fire at Deer Lake was small and contained quickly, a majority of Deer Lake residents may worry about the lack of a quick access route OUT of the lake. There are only 2 roads out, and some of us are quite a distance away from the main highway. Give some thought to your best way to get out while the emergency vehicles could be coming in! Also, what you would take in a "To Go" bag if there was ever an emergency evacuation? Things to think about and have a plan for.



I encourage you to please send me pictures or ideas you might have for future

articles in the newsletter. cherylring@gmail.com

More information about Deer Lake Property Owners' Association (including Board Meeting minutes) can be found at our website: www.dlpoa.com

Deer Lake Property Owners' Association has a Board that meets 9 times during the year, plus has an Annual Meeting each summer. Members are welcomed and encouraged to come to any of these meetings. The time, location, and dates are on the DLPOA calendar.