



Summer 2021

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

Spring is definitely in the air. Temperatures are warming up and there is starting to be lots of activity going on around the lake. We have docks going back in, boats getting rebirthed and folks opening up their places for summer.

Your DLPOA Board has been very active over the last few months. We have been successful at using Zoom for meetings. We are now trying to have in-house meetings along with a Zoom presence as this guarantees a quorum and allows for maximum attendance at the same time. As you might expect, there is a learning curve associated with this. However, your Board is up to the task. Stay tuned, as they say.

As you will see from the various articles, we have a modified summer plan for activities. We need a Boat Parade Chair as Andy Williams has left us. Should you and or yours like to lead the Boat Parade on the Fourth of July this year, please contact me by phone at 509-979-3260. We'll get you fixed up. Hopefully we will be back to normal next year for all activities and this Covid thing will be in our rear window.



A big shout this time goes to Kevin Schroeder and his crew for shouldering the huge and seemingly unending task of getting us two new Deer Lake signs. Located in the same places as before, they are a welcome change from the tired and worn-out signs of the past. When you see Kevin give him a great big, "Thank You!", for all the effort and time involved.



We are still using the various social methods (DLPOA Facebook and Deer Lake Nextdoor) for notifying our members of any last-minute changes that may occur to any of our sponsored events due to Covid-19 or any other issues. Please keep abreast of those methods for getting quick changes or possible canceling of any activities. La-di-da!

Deer Lake Property Owners' Association Membership

Ken Santora

As of this writing, we have 313 paid members – we are one of the largest Property Owners' Associations in the state.

Thank you for your continued support!

If you have received an envelope in this mailing, it is because you have not yet mailed in the **\$20 membership fee**.

This fee helps us:

- publish three to four newsletters per year,
- mail you an annual calendar,
- pay for projects like the new Deer Lake signs on each side of the lake,
- install blind spot mirrors on some tight corners,
- paint the Fire Station,
- sponsor the Fourth of July activities,
- pay our taxes, electric bills, and insurance,
- sponsor a webpage,
- raise fish and do other good things for the lake!



If you are a member of another Deer Lake Association, we are different from them, and would appreciate your support to DLPOA because we represent the homeowners on the entire lake. Please become a member.



Children's Parade - Some changes this year!

Greg & Karen Presley

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The parade will be Saturday, July 3rd. We are pleased to announce our Grand Marshal this year will be Chief Master Sargent George Lynn, retired. He will be driven in Joe Conner's car.

The parade once again will start at 10:30 a.m. at Deer Lake Resort, thanks to the Crumps, and thanks to Ron and Nikki Coil, we will be ending the parade at Pinelow Park. This will enable all vehicles and parade goers more room to park and enjoy the festivities. Please come early to

Deer Lake Resort early to get your spot in the proper group—walker, biker, or motorized vehicle. Dress in your most patriotic outfit, and be sure to decorate your bike, car, animal of choice, or other vehicle!

We will be serving hot dogs, chips, cookies, and water right after the parade ends. By moving the parade ending to Pinelow, we are freeing up the public boat launch area, and allowing greater access around the lake on Southwood Shores Road on such a busy weekend.

Since we are blocking the North Deer Lake Road at Pinelow, this will mean that we will only be blocking access to the north road at White Pine and Hemlock. We would like to thank West Bay Park for the years that they have provided the ending location to DLPOA's children's parade.



Anyone who would like to help, please contact Greg and Karen Presley at 509-233-8277. These are the areas that we need volunteers: blocking traffic at either White pine or Hemlock, setup, serving and cleanup. Anyone who could help people get organized for the start at Deer Lake Resort should please contact Ken Ring at 509-499-3170.

According to Tri-State County guidelines, this year (to be Covid compliant) we will be furnishing the cookies (instead of having homemade), and all the servers will be masked. Hand sanitizer will be available. Please join us!!

Fireworks Show!

Mike Egan

Happy Summer, Deer Lakers! It's time for another summer filled with activities. Our Fireworks program is scheduled for July 3rd, at 10-ish p.m.

We will have another great show this year, promised by our show producer, Rich Vaughan, at Pyro Spectaculars.



We will set the show up again from Pinelow Park, thanks to Ron and Nicki Coil. The 4", 5", 6", and 8" mortars will be ready, our Pyro techs and crew will be ready.

Will you be ready?

We hope you enjoy the show! For people who like to have their boats out on the lake, please stay back 300 feet as a safety precaution.

Annual Pancake Feed - Cancellation Notice

Bob & Cheryl Schwartz



We're sorry, but due to the pandemic, there is no Pancake Feed this year.

Our hope was that we would be able to have our wonderful traditional Pancake Feed this summer. At the beginning of May, we had to make a decision and commitment for the venue. Although things were getting better, many of the pandemic restrictions were still in place (with no indication by the governor that they would change).

The decision was made to cancel to be safe, and even though (at the time that the newsletter is being written) the regulations have now been relaxed, we need to stick with that, unfortunately.

We look forward to everyone coming back strong and hungry for pancakes next year. Have a great 4th of July weekend!

Boat Parade—Decorate yourself AND your boat



On Sunday, the Fourth of July, around 4 p.m., what will you and your family and friends be doing? Joining the Boat Parade around the lake, of course! We used to have tons of boats participate; it would be great if that could happen again this year.

Please consider these guidelines:

- Gather in the lower neck of the Narrows, eastern side; we'll go counter clockwise around the lake.
- The boat leader will have a megaphone and you follow them in a line (please don't jump boats in front of you)
- Keep a slow and steady pace—be careful not to get too close to docks and cause excess waves.
- No overly zealous water combats that might ruin electronics or scare little kids on the boats, please.





Spring Roadside Cleanup

Cheryl Ring

Volunteers did a roadside cleanup on May 1st, and boy-oh-boy was it needed! We took 1,260 pounds of garbage to the dump, including a hot water tank that someone dumped right off East Deer Lake Road.



On the West side, we found almost a hundred small Vodka bottles in the steep ditches along the main road coming off the highway. There were also the usual pop and beer cans, but much more than any other time that I could remember. (Because of Covid, the Fall and Spring cleanups had been cancelled.)

Then I found a good sized suitcase that had been tossed from a vehicle, and landed halfway down the ravine I was in. I climbed up, started to open it, then thought better of it. As I started to unzip it, I thought about the gruesome things that could possibly be in it (severed body parts? A dead animal? political brochures?)



Luckily, someone else opened it for me, and found it filled with cash!
Not really...just trying to entice more volunteers for next year. (It was empty). No money for me that day, but I did come home with two ticks! Next year, it's someone's else's job to walk the ravine!



Owen's pick up stick is as big as he is!

Thank you to our fabulous volunteers:

Nita Gregg	Karen Presley	Mike Phillips	Ron Watson	Greg Presley
Robin Allison	Mike Larson	Mike Egan	Alex Stone	Eric Kelly
Barb Potter	Jeff Potter	Carol Dlugo	Gary Fochtman	Jenelle Bolyard
Zeke Bolyard	Lyla Bolyard	Jade Welsh	Jerry Groom	Chris Groom
Kathya Sequeira	Stacey Corbin	Jane Nielsen	Lance Corbin	George Craig
Steve Jones	Nate Brown	Neil Andersen	Ginger Nieman	Stu Nieman
Bill Nulf	Laurel Scott	Phil Bray	Jill Bray	Georgene Houda
Dave Greco	Bill Ryan	Jerry Rasley	Dale Winfrey	Ben Campbell
Jenn Campbell	Dick Schroeder	Kevin Schroeder	Carol Schroeder	Christy Overbust
Amanda Overbust	Lori Schroeder	Bonnie Upchurch	Michelle Barbour	Kyle Overbust
Scott Overbust	Benjamin Anderson	Joe Conner	Ken Ring	Cheryl Ring
Claudine Muelken	Owen Magnuson (4 years old)			

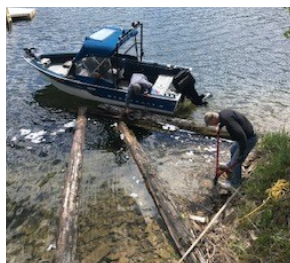


Dock Demolition - 32 tons!

Phil Bray

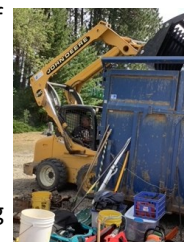
Record breaking cleanup of Deer Lake this year—64,500 pounds removed!!

Mike Phillips reports that the lake level receded several inches on Saturday after the docks came out – just kidding!



After a five year gap, the DLPOA Dock Demolition Day was held on May 22nd at Sunrise Point Resort. Preparations had begun weeks in advance, as the intrepid team of Ron Watson, Bob Schwartz, Ken Ring, and Jerry Rasley canvassed the lake picking up discarded and rotting parts and pieces of dock. All the docks were staged and ready for Demolition Day.

Early Saturday morning, Mike Becker (of Sunrise Point) got the coffee perking, fresh doughnuts had been delivered, and a huge crowd of volunteers had gathered. With the assistance of Mike Reiter on a John Deere tractor and Joe Conner with his John



Deere Bobcat, the chainsaws began to hum and the crowbars were crackin' dismantling the docks. Skip Wells, George Craig, and Mike Becker were stationed offshore to push docks toward the beach, making sure the crew never ran out of docks to break down.



Trailers and pickups hauled loads of rotten wood and water-logged Styrofoam to the dump, driven by Mike Horner, Greg Presley, Jeff Potter, and Ben Bray. In between filling the trucks and trailers, many tons were loaded into a 40-yard dumpster, which had been supplied by Sunshine Disposal.



Many other workers gathered bits of Styrofoam, screws, nails, and miscellaneous debris. The last important piece was the thorough raking of the beach.

The fun ended at about 1:15 p.m., and all the workers were supplied with a chili dog lunch served by Jill Bray, Cheryl Schwartz, Cheryl Ring, Pam Horner, and Claudine Muelken.



Special shout out to Sunshine Disposal for donating part of the cost of the dumpster, and Sunrise Point Resort for being super hosts for the event.

Many thanks also to people who contributed financially to have their dock removed from the lake.

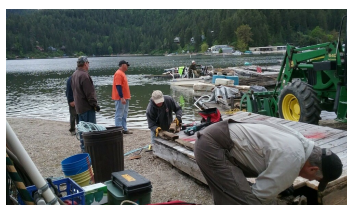
Our gratitude and appreciation to the tireless volunteers below; this couldn't have happened without all their help!



Bob Schwartz
Cheryl Schwartz
Arlen Garlich
Ben Bray
Ken Ring
Cheryl Ring
Rick Martin
Ron McKenzie
Joe Conner
Mike Egan
Mike Reiter
John Lamers
Charlie Kessler
Skip Wells

Jerry Rasley
Vicki VanSlyke
Rick VanSlyke
Jeff Magnussen
Erick Kelly
Phil Souci
Greg Presley
Dan Eshner
David Eshner
Gilbert Oakes
Pam Horner
Mike Horner
Steve Jones
George Craig

Brian Gertxch
Shannon Gertsch
Ken Santora
Dustin Santora
Byron Martin
Dakota Goodwin
Kara Schlosser
Matt Ring
Annie Ring, 13 yrs.
Claudine Muelken
George Craig
Mike Becker
Ennis family



The beach area was totally cleaned up afterwards, too!





Deer Lake Signs Replaced

Cheryl Ring

Have you noticed that the entry signs to the lake are new? Last Fall, the poles rotted out on the East side of the lake, and the whole thing toppled over! The sign on the West side had deteriorated badly, too.

Kevin Schroeder was part of a group that refurbished them years ago, and was ready to help fix them again. Upon inspection, he found that they were pretty much beyond repair and needed to be totally rebuilt. He volunteered his time, and DLPOA paid for the materials. Kevin researched the original signs (from about 50 years ago) and decided to duplicate that same design—it looks somewhat like a pier, with heavy rope binding the poles together.

Kevin started building the wooden signs in his shop, welded the metal frame, then painstakingly used a router for all the lettering. He enlisted help to do the tedious job of painting the inside of the routed letters. John Lamers and Jerry Paffille helped Kevin put on a primer coat, plus two layers of paint. It took months!

Frank Binder, representing Avista in Deer Park, donated the poles, and Phil Bray picked them up with his truck and trailer and stored them. When both signs were completed, some great guys helped to put them in the ground. They look fabulous! The total volunteer manhours was over 250!

Many thanks to Kevin Schroeder, who spearheaded this project (twice!) and did the lion's share of this much-needed work. He is the type of man who works quietly behind the scenes, not seeking recognition, but he certainly deserves it!



The volunteers included:

Neil Anderson	Jerry Groom	Jeff Magnuson	James Tomlin	Frank Alexander	Ken Ring
Ron Watson	George Craig	Mike Egan	Jerry Rasley	Joe Conner	Jeff Potter
Kevin Schroeder	John Lamers	Phil Bray	Bill Ryan (who is glad the project is finally over so he can park his car in the garage and not have to clean snow off his windshield!)		





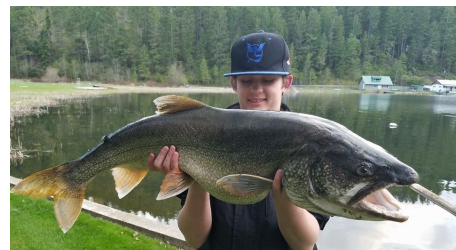
Santora Fish Rearing Report

Ken Santora

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We released 15,000 healthy Brook Trout into the lake on April 4th. This year marked our 30th year of fish rearing, as a family, for our lake. We have had four generations of family working on this project.

Raising fish for Deer Lake has its frustrations. Believe it or not, our main frustration is we have become a fishery for Lake Trout (Mackinaw). Lake Trout are the number one predator for our Rainbow, Brook Trout and Kokanee fish populations. The reason Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has opened our fishing season on March 1st is for us to fish for the Lake Trout to decrease them from our fish population.



A 10-to-30-pound Mackinaw will have 10 to 15 game fish in their stomach at any one time. These Macks hang out on the bottom of our lake, usually at depths between 45 to 85 feet. To reach these fish when fishing, you will need to use leaded line or downriggers. We find that using flat fish works well to catch these predators. Please **DO NOT use the catch and release** method when fishing for Lake Trout. Remove them from our lake.



In a future DLPOA meeting when we can meet in person, a WDFW biologist has volunteered to update our Association concerning their research and suggestions to bring back our lake to the fishery it once was. He will also talk about our allocation of annual fish planting.

We have two fish net pens that are not currently being utilized. This is an URGENT request—there is a danger that we might have to give the pens away to another lake if they are not being utilized! If you have at least 10–15 feet of water depth, and are willing to feed once per week in the late fall and winter, you too could rear either Rainbow or Brook Trout fish. We need a hero—dedicated to help us keep up the fish population. Please contact me if you are interested in this project. (There are volunteers to help set it up and take it down every time) Call 509-869-9196 please.



Veteran's Fishing

Greg and Karen Presley

We are sorry to report that there will be no fishing dates again this year for our popular Veteran's fishing program.

We sincerely hope that this very vulnerable group (disabled veterans) will be able to join us again soon, so that we can continue this beloved excursion for them.

They are not quite ready to venture out, but hopefully they will be able to return again to Deer Lake.

We were mentioned in a recent publication sponsored by the Friends of the Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge—talking about The Kaniksu Unit of the wildlife refuge - located just Northeast of Deer Lake

Visitors might recall seeing a 40' X 60' open-sided hay storage shed located just behind the Information kiosk. After about a year's worth of effort, complicated by the Covid-19 associated temporary closure of the General Services Administration's property disposal branch, the building was auctioned off to a citizen who dismantled and hauled it home to Montana to provide the "bones" of his new workshop.

We (the Refuge) rid ourselves of an unusable asset, the Federal Treasury gained some cash and the building was repurposed by a satisfied citizen.

A classic win, win, win. In the Spring of 2021, the plan is to clean up the remaining unsalvageable, unsightly building debris and watch that site revert to habitat for voles, ground squirrels, hawks and coyotes.



Managed by the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife



A review of Milfoil– what is it, do I have any on my property?

From a government website

(Submitted by Mike Phillips)

Eurasian watermilfoil is an attractive plant with feathery underwater foliage. It was once commonly sold as an aquarium plant. Milfoil originates from Europe and Asia, but was introduced to North America many years ago and is now found over much of the United States. This plant was introduced to the eastern United States at least as long ago as the 1940s, but it may have arrived as early as the late 1800s.

The first known specimen of milfoil in Washington was collected from Lake Meridian near Seattle in 1965. By the mid 1970's, it was also found in Lake Washington. During this same time period milfoil became established in central British Columbia and traveled downstream to Lake Osoyoos and the Okanogan River in central Washington. Now milfoil is found in the Columbia, Okanogan, Snake, and Pend Oreille Rivers and in many nearby lakes. In western Washington, the distribution of milfoil closely follows the Interstate 5 corridor. It is very apparent that milfoil has been spread from lake to lake on boat trailers.

Growth Habit

Because it is widely distributed and difficult to control, milfoil is considered to be **the most problematic plant** in Washington. The introduction of milfoil can drastically alter a water body's ecology. Milfoil forms very dense mats of vegetation on the surface of the water. These mats interfere with recreational activities such as swimming, fishing, water skiing, and boating. In eastern Washington milfoil interferes with power generation and irrigation by clogging water intakes. The sheer mass of plants can cause flooding and the stagnant mats can create good habitat for mosquitoes. Milfoil mats can rob oxygen from the water by preventing the wind from mixing the oxygenated surface waters to deeper water. The dense mats of vegetation can also increase the sedimentation rate by trapping sediments. Milfoil also starts spring growth sooner than native aquatic plants and can shade out these beneficial plants. When milfoil invades new territory, typically the species diversity of aquatic plants declines. While some species of waterfowl will eat milfoil, it is not considered to be a good food source.

Milfoil reproduces extremely rapidly and can infest an entire lake within two years of introduction to the system. Although milfoil produces many seeds, we do not believe that these seeds are important for milfoil reproduction in Washington waters. However, milfoil is able to reproduce very successfully and rapidly through the formation of plant fragments. In the late summer and fall the plants become brittle and naturally break apart. These fragments will float to other areas, sink, and start new plants. Milfoil will also grow from fragments created by boaters or other disturbances during any time of year. A new plant can start from a tiny piece of a milfoil plant. This is why milfoil can so easily be transported from lake to lake on boat trailers or fishing gear.

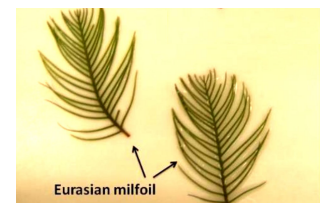
Management

Once milfoil becomes well-established within a waterbody, it is difficult or impossible to remove. In smaller waterbodies (350 acres or less), we have had some success using an aquatic herbicide. Other methods include harvesting, underwater rototilling, installation of bottom barriers, diver hand pulling or dredging. Milfoil management costs the state and private individuals up-to-one million dollars per year.

Identification

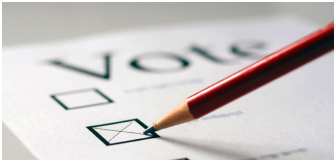
All milfoils have feather-like leaves arranged in whorls around the stem. There are several native milfoil species, but the Eurasian milfoil leaflet has many pairs of closely-spaced segments. Here are some tips to identify Eurasian milfoil from the native milfoils.

- Eurasian milfoil's feathery like leaves tend to collapse around the stem when removed from the water.
Other milfoils species have thicker stems and are usually more robust.
- The mature leaves are typically arranged in whorls of four around the stem.
- The topmost leaves and stems may be reddish-brown or pink.
- Count the pairs of leaflets. Eurasian milfoil usually has twelve or more pairs on each leaf.



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Eurasian Milfoil is here to stay. It's not possible to eradicate it, but with the work we are doing and, the much-appreciated financial help that the residents of Deer Lake are providing, the battle will be ongoing.



Time for another vote on Eurasian Milfoil - 2021

Mike Phillips ⁸

It has been 5 years since our last vote to renew the Deer Lake Management District Agreement with Stevens County.

The Board of Directors that guide the milfoil control activities met on April 8th to determine the budget for the next 5 years, 2022-2026.

After maintaining the same budget for the past 10 years and finding our costs going up, we need to increase the budget by 10%. The increase is subject to a vote of those lot owners involved.

The cost to people who own waterfront lots will go from \$40.50 per year to \$44.55; secondary lot costs will go from \$20.25 to \$22.28 per year. This is an approximate amount, as the county has to calculate the actual amounts based on the current number of lots. Some lots may have been combined or divided. The total budget goes from \$30,000 to \$33,000 for each of the next 5 years.

With the hard work of paid and volunteer lake people (to the tune of about 300 man hours per year!), we have kept the milfoil from spreading out of control. Sixty hours of that are volunteer man hours. The LMD Board is comprised of anyone that wants to get involved, up to 9 members. Currently the Board is made up of 6 DLPOA Board members and 3 community personnel. The County oversees our activities. They collect the assessments and pay the bills.



There will be a public meeting (tentatively scheduled for June 17th) held by the Stevens County Board of Commissioners and a vote will be around September 1st. Lot owners will receive a notice by mail with details before that happens.

Most lot owners on the lake are familiar with what we do to maintain control of Eurasian Milfoil. There have been many DLPOA newsletter articles on the subject written over the years. If you want to know more about the weed itself and how destructive it can be, just google, "Eurasian Milfoil".

Herbicide Treatment

Business and Residential Notice Distribution

Date: Summer/Fall 2021

Eurasian water milfoil will be treated with the aquatic herbicide(s)/algicide(s) on/or between July—October of 2021

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 (e-mail) Kevin at spoprocure.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.



Dean Crump, past President and Board Member of DLPOA, passed away on February 21st at his home on Deer Lake. Dean and his wife, Sharon, owned the Deer Lake Resort.

Sharon told us, "Oh, how he loved the lake and people. That's the whole reason that we built the Resort, so families could reconnect through outdoor activities—swimming, fishing, boating, and best of all, horseshoes.

Opportunities to strengthen family ties are always first and foremost, both ours and others. Building and preserving a strong, service-oriented community for the lake family was also a priority.

The Resort will continue under the guidance of one of our sons, David McCombs."

There will be a Celebration of Dean's life at Deer Lake Resort on Saturday, June 19th, at 11 a.m. at Eagle's Nest.

Deer Lake 2020 season Real Estate Sales Summary (Data as of March 2021)

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Tamarack Realty, Lake Country USA Group

Ann and Steve Hinand, Patrick McHenry-Kroetch and Jake Turley

2020 – Continuing Record High Prices and Price Per Frontage Foot!

The total number of transactions at Deer Lake in 2020 (45) were relatively even to the 2019 sales (43)



The price per frontage foot rose approximately 14% from 2019 to 2020. The highest priced sale was \$843,000 for a home on North Deer Lake Road. Seven waterfront homes sold for over \$500,000.

From Multiple Listing Service and Stevens County data (through March 2021).

There were 45 closed sales at Deer Lake totaling \$12,441,890. Sales in 2019 totaled \$9,876,900. Breaking it down more:

19 waterfront “cabins” ranging from \$172,000 to \$843,000 sold, totaling \$8,004,800.

4 waterfront lots ranging from \$110,000 to \$208,000 sold, totaling \$415,490.

15 secondary “cabins” ranging from \$85,000 to \$425,000 sold, totaling \$3,821,600

7 secondary lots ranging from \$15,000 to \$135,000 sold, totaling \$532,200.



Loon Lake also had 7 waterfront sales over \$500,000. With the exception of one large listing that sold for \$1.3 million, the 2 lakes were very similar from a sales standpoint.

Several items standout for 2020:

- We’re seeing an increase in “investor” buyers looking for flip or Airbnb or VRBO opportunities.
- Only 3 homes/cabins (primary and secondary) sold for below tax assessed value.
- Average “cabin” frontage foot sold value was \$3,600 (up from \$3,100 per frontage foot in 2019).
- The highest price paid per frontage foot was \$7,082 at the south end of the lake on East Deer Lake Road.

A complete spreadsheet analysis is available. Contact us at 509-999-6354 to have a copy emailed to you.

Currently there appears to be a tremendous amount of interest in our little lake, but selling a property for a top price is not just as easy as putting a sign up. Proper marketing to ensure the entire local, regional, and national audience are captured is key. In this market it's our job to try and find you multiple offers and show you how to best navigate safely through those multiple offers to a successful closing.

Overpriced: A property is worth what a buyer is willing to pay for it. “Cabins” on steep hills, in swampy water or that have a road running through the property are not worth the same as properties that are flatter or more secluded.

Unmotivated seller: Some sellers are in the mindset of “make me sell at MY price...” and have such a high emotional attachment that they may never get their price. Or, they base their price on what they “need” from the property, rather than what the market value is.

The first offer is often the best offer: When a buyer signs on the dotted line making an offer, they are serious. They want it today! Sellers who play buyers like a fish lose them as the buyers move on to buy the next property. If and when another buyer makes an offer, sellers often wish they had accepted the first offer.

The market speaks: If a property is not getting showings and/or offers, there are reasons. Sellers need to be able to see their property from a buyer’s perspective and make the necessary corrections. Favorable first impressions are essential! Repairs, price etc. Look at properties that have sold and ask why this one and not that one?



If you want complete market sales data in a spreadsheet format, contact us at: HinandRE@gmail.com or 509-999-6354. You can keep up on Deer Lake properties currently for sale on our website: www.LakeCountryUSA.com or have listings emailed to you.

We are looking forward to a great 2021!



Emergency Services

Skip Wells

Lake buoys are always an issue. The only approved buoys are those that meet Coast Guard Approval.

They are white with fluorescent striping generally saying NO WAKE 5 MPH SPEED LIMIT. They are permitted via the Stevens County Sheriff's office.

Boats and or watercraft that are pulling tubes, skiers, or other devices must be 100 feet away from the buoy.



This is in addition to the boat and or watercraft. When you have a 75-foot rope and a skier, that makes it a 175 foot distance that you need to keep from the buoys.

Those of you that have common launching areas (there are at least 15 on the lake), must keep the launch area clear.

This means moored or anchored boats or watercraft must keep a distance of 200 ft. from shore to open water.

This is for emergency access to the water.



Boat travel on the lake is, by law, to be in a **counter clockwise direction**.

Boats must be newly licensed prior to July 1st every year.



Don't forget to license your trailers as well.

Remember life jackets are required for all on board.



Trailer chains need to be raised above the road to prevent sparks that can cause a wildland fire.



Two tree and log stealing folks were caught at night at about 4:00 a.m. as the result of making a report.



We are in the middle of an early fire season. Brush fires started in February this year. Over 99% of the fires have been people caused.

The Department of Natural Resources {DNR} have already positioned helicopters and air tankers for use due to the lack of moisture.



Debris burning is prohibited. Do not be surprised that all fires, including beach fires using wood are shut down prior to the 4th of July this year. Please take appropriate caution.



Theft is still a problem. Thanks to folks using trail cameras, the law

enforcement officers have been able to catch some bad folks.

Report prowlers and suspicious vehicles to the Sheriff's Office. They will respond even in the middle of the night.

Lakehouse Bar and Grill

What a welcome addition to the Loon and Deer Lake area! If you haven't been there yet, you should give it try!

Summer Hours:

Tuesday—Sunday Dining from 3 pm—9 pm (Bar is open until later)
Saturday and Sunday also have Breakfast available, starting at 9 a.m.
Bingo on Wednesday night starting at 6 p.m.
Friday has live music, followed by Karaoke in the bar downstairs.





Deer Lake neighbors continue to turn to our Nextdoor Deer Lake to stay in touch with each other, share the latest neighborhood news, check lost and found postings, and share fun photos and facts of their lake life.

Most of you reading this already know, and have joined our private community electronic bulletin board. It is free – no cost to sign up! Nextdoor does not sell your name or email address to vendors and you will not receive spam or junk email from them.

We are a restricted electronic bulletin board. You must own property within our Deer Lake boundaries to sign up. If you are a new homeowner at Deer Lake, or if you haven't taken the opportunity to sign up, please join us.

Send an email to Bob & Cheryl Schwartz at rismt@hotmail.com and we will email you a Nextdoor invitation link which you can complete and submit to Nextdoor directly. Thank you and enjoy your summer!

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for Deer Lake Property Owners' Association will be:

- ⇒ Saturday, August 14th
- ⇒ 10 a.m.
- ⇒ Deer Lake Fire Station

Members are always welcome at Board Meetings, but there is usually a larger turn-out at this meeting.

Ratify the Board members and Officers, voice any suggestions you might have, and hear reports from various committee chairs.



Refreshments will be served. Please come!

Community Yard Sale



If you're like me, you have a LOT of junk cluttering up your house and garage. We have had several Deer Lake Community Yard Sales in the past, but it's been several years since the last one. I am READY! Would you like to join in?

- Friday, June 18th and Saturday, June 19th 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Pinelow's open grassy area (lots of room for parking),
- Bring your own tables and stuff, and take it away afterwards,
- Ken and I will make and put out all the signs, and advertise,
- Not collecting for DLPOA or anything - keep your profits!
- Call Cheryl Ring at 509-499-3148 or cherylring@gmail.com, and I'll save you a spot!

As of right now, we have 8 households participating. If you aren't going to be in it, would you please come by and,

"Buy some of our treasures?" (Pretty please?)

Ridler Piano Barge Stays Afloat!

Deer Lake was so lucky last summer to be entertained by the Ridler family and friends aboard their barge. Although the pandemic was the reason they started the concerts, they had so much fun and positive feedback, that they are coming back again this summer, only bigger and better!

They bought a pontoon boat to pull the barge, which has been rebuilt to be sturdy enough to travel to many local lakes this coming summer. They don't have a schedule for us yet, but watch for notifications on Nextdoor and DLPOA's Facebook page. They appreciate your donations greatly—Venmo@theRidler (and you can request a song at the same time, too!)

When the Ridlers play in the sandbar, please do not infringe on the private swimming area of Sunrise Point. They placed buoys there to warn boaters and save propellers in this shallow area. Please keep your distance. Some folks last year were anchoring too close, and even parking their jet skis inside the roped off area and swimming inside the resort's property. The owner asks that you respect her area, please.



Sunrise Point Resort

Cheryl Ring



If you've driven on North Deer Lake Road, you have seen this sign, just past Pinelow. Sunrise Point is nestled among the trees, right off the lake, but what is it? Are there cabins for rent, or camping spots available? If you've ever wondered about it, but never driven inside the road that loops through there, here's what's hidden that they don't want you to know about.

Clyde and Mareitta Innis purchased the resort 53 years ago. Clyde was one of DLPOA's charter members, and a Board member for 15 years. He was involved in water quality and safety, beautification, building and installing the signs into both entrances of Deer Lake, the sewer project, and started the first dock demolition. When he passed in 2014, his family carried on his legacy of hard work, and continued his vision of what a family-owned-and-run property should be.

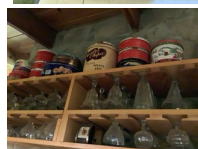
Sunrise Point Resort has existed for well OVER one hundred years! It has had at least five different owners. Originally there were small cabins and boats to rent, plus a dance hall nearby!

Today there are 54 spots there—7 cottages for rent, and the other spots are filled with motorhomes and trailers (that don't travel anymore!). There is a waiting list, because there are NO openings. The people who were lucky enough to find this gem of a property come back year after year, and are permanent residents now.

Years ago, their store sold small needed items and served cold pop, ice cream, milkshakes, and food from the grill. Stepping into the closed store today brings back such nostalgia for simpler times, one can imagine Beaver Cleaver coming to the store in a bathing suit with a quarter, ready to buy a special treat.

As Mrs. Innis's grandson, Mike Becker, said, "The one thing we want you to tell people in this article is... that we don't exist." I promised them I wasn't writing this trying to get more people to come flocking to their door trying to get a place to put a tent up, but just to let people know that Sunrise Point is a beautiful spot that is filled with great people (owners and guests) who enjoy the quiet peacefulness of their little piece of heaven on Deer Lake. They have been very good to DLPOA.

They have a huge beach with a roped off swimming area, two big docks for guest's boats, two large decks that have wonderful views of the lake, numerous picnic tables and green space everywhere. I'd say, "Go check it out...but it doesn't exist".



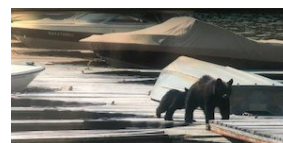
Still in the store today—
slice of Americana.



This newspaper is on display in the old store—found in a wall when they remodeled. Dated June 28, 1913.



This brand new dock was installed in 1998—it met its fate this year in our Dock Demolition

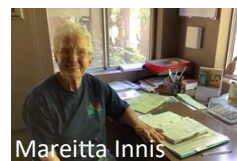


Bears check out the dock



Clyde Innis
1923-2014

Statue of Capt. Clyde—
new and 50 years later



Mareitta Innis

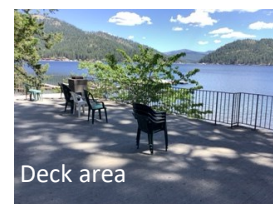


Keep
it in
the
family

This cottage owner now rents the
cabin that belonged to her mother!



Old
and
new
live
side
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Deck area



Mareitta did, and still does
zip around in a golf cart



Cabin #17 in 1925 and
original bathhouse on
the beach.

Southwood Shores Road Update

Mike Larson & George Craig



In 2019, over 200 homeowners on the 2.18 mile unpaved portion of this road signed a petition asking Stevens County to form a Road Improvement District (RID) that would “chip seal” the road. The original cost estimate was over \$2 million.

With new administration now in place, the county now thinks the job can be done simpler—for \$218,000. WOW!

The road repair affects approximately 228 lots on the south side of the lake.

As of June 1st, the county has not made a decision on the project. In question is the cost for each property owner, and the amount the county will contribute.

We asked new Commissioner Mark Burrows to review previous recorded correspondence from his office regarding our need to solve the dust problem. It was discussed at their May 10th meeting, and was tabled for further conversation. Our Road Maintenance Committee will be in contact soon encouraging a plan from them on the 2022 budget. We know an alternative solution called a “Cost Share” program has been discussed.

Meanwhile, Pine Bay, Cedar Bay, and Julius Terrace are collecting money to apply LINGO road abatement product to cut down dust in their areas on June 15th.

Questions? Contact Mike Larson at 509-998-5517 or Mark Burrows at Commissioners@stevenscountywa.gov, Wayne Cornwell, publicworks@stevenscountywa.gov



FOR FUN AND SAFETY ON DEER LAKE

THE LAW

1. No wake (5 mph) within 100' of other craft, shoreline, docks and buoys.
2. Approved life vests required for all PWC & children under 12 years of age in boats.
3. Do not operate any boat or PWC under the influence of alcohol.
4. Use running lights & observe no wake (5 mph) after dark (1/3 hour after sunset).
5. 3 person PWC's required for waterskiing.
6. Anyone 12 years of age or older is required to pass an approved boating safety course exam and receive a Washington State Boater Education Card before operating a boat 15hp or greater.
7. No person under 14 years of age may operate a PWC.
8. Pass all other craft on the right.

LAKE COURTESY

1. While running and skiing observe counter clockwise direction within 400' of shore
2. While zooming & playing on PWC, please stay out of bays and narrows.
3. Please inform any person operating boat or PWC of safety and operating procedures.
4. Do not disturb wildlife on the lake.
5. When approaching shore, be extremely careful of swimmer, divers and other craft.
6. Please offer assistance to stranded vessels.

HAVE FUN AND RESPECT THE RIGHTS & SAFETY OF OTHERS AROUND YOU ON THE WATER AND ADJACENT LAND!!

Clogging Classes at Deer Lake

Barbara Cagle

If you've clogged, or tap danced in the past, and would like to dance again, (or if you've never danced!) now's the time to give it a try! Join as a total beginner, intermediate or advanced. Drop in and see what it's all about! Clogging classes are offered at Bobbie Cagle's home studio at Deer Lake and on Zoom.

So, if you're ready to do something fun...try clogging! Clogging is a dance form like tap dancing that is great exercise and easy enough for all ages to learn.

- * Classes are on Wednesday mornings, year-round.
- * 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for new beginners,
- * 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for combined beginners class
- * 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. for intermediate and advanced.
- * Cost is \$40 a month and \$8 for drop-in members of other visiting clogging clubs.



Heart Beats is a local non-profit clogging organization. We perform occasionally for small groups, but that is not a requirement.

Contact Barbara Olivo Cagle, instructor, and founder of the Heart Beats for more information concerning clogging at (509) 951-7300, or barbara@barbaracagle.com



DLPOA has a Facebook page where information will be posted to keep you informed about activities.

It's a very convenient way to connect with our 1,061 members, for example, if you lose your dock, find a lost dog, or just need help doing something!

It has also been helpful when neighbors spot people hanging around that they know don't belong here, and report it, so all of us can be on the lookout.

Send a "Friend Request" to Deer Lake Property Owners" and I will friend you!



Please send any comments, complaints, or suggestions about the newsletter to:

cherylring@gmail.com

I also encourage you to please send me pictures and any ideas you have for articles.



If any events need to be cancelled, word will be sent out via DLPOA's Facebook page, and the Nextdoor site.

It's a good idea to join them both!

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. Time, location, and dates are on the DLPOA calendar.