

Spring and
Summer 2018



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

Here we are, finally able to enjoy the Spring blooming, ice-free water, outstanding fishing and the annual "get-things-cleaned-and-opened-up" process. It is nice to see the smiles on the returning faces as well as on the year-long folks, too. We had an interesting winter to say the least. However we did make it through, and summer is on the way. Your DLPOA Board has been working since February on various items and once again a big thanks to them for their efforts.

The water is a little high yet, so let's be neighborly and keep the boat speeds down. This will help minimize the erosion to the lake banks, reduce dock damage and probably keep the docks from being torn loose as well. If you haven't yet been out to check your dock, you might do so, as high water tends to raise anchors not set for this water. It just might make your Memorial Weekend a little better if you could play more and work less!

A shout out to Mike Phillips, aka "Aqua man". Mike is leaving the DLPOA Board after serving 25 years in a variety of capacities too numerous to mention. His lake knowledge, statistics, and historical information is invaluable to us. He also happens to be a very nice man. Can't remember when he did not have a smile on his face and a cheerful comment to whomever he comes in contact with. He is still going to volunteer at times, and is, of course, our mil-foil expert on the Lake Management District Board. A huuuuuge THANKS to you Mike and yes, you will bet calls will still come in from me and others.

In this newsletter, you will be getting the straight information on the DLPOA summer activities. Please be sure to take a read and check your calendars. There are openings for those who would like to volunteer to help on our various events. It's not necessary to be on the Board. Please give it some thought, it's greatly appreciated. La Di Da



The unpaved and dusty Southwood Shores Road

Mike Larson

Almost 50 homeowners came to the dust control meeting with our County Commissioner and the County Road Engineer. It was a great meeting with many homeowners commenting and providing feedback. The result of the meeting is that the County is going to gravel all 2.1 miles of Southwood Shores.!

They will begin work on the road the last week of May. Over 100 truck loads of gravel with "fines" will be applied, watered, and compressed 3 inches deep. Lyman Dust Control will then apply LINGO Road Binder. This is being called a Pilot Project for Deer Lake. Homeowners in the affected areas are being asked to help contribute needed funds.

We will meet in Fall, before snow, and determine the road condition and several options about grading, and not tearing up gravel. I met with Wayne Cornwell, PW Engineer, today in Colville. He is our advocate. He will be meeting this Thursday with the County Roads Administration to discuss possibilities regarding the future of our road. He has several creative alternatives that he is exploring. Also, we discussed service to Julius Terrace. Next summer it is on the schedule. I have much more to share. Come to the next DLPOA meeting on June 14th to hear more. We are asking for a minimum of **\$100** per lot from Pine, Cedar, and Tamarack Bay owners. Checks made to **Lyman Dust Control** are being collected now. We are asking a minimum of \$100 per lot to cover Lyman expense (more if you can afford). Make checks out to Lyman, and mail to Mike Larson, 1425 W. Lawrence Drive, Spokane, WA 99218. All money collected will be reported to DLPOA Board. I can be reached at 998-5517 for question, please pass this on to your neighbors.



Join in the 2018 Deer Lake Boat Parade

Lorraine Morgan Scott

This year's patriotic Boat Parade is Tuesday, July 3rd. To make the boat parade the best it can be, we'll be *staging all parade participants* (just like a regular parade). For staging and pictures, all watercraft will meet in the bay at the Deer Lake Resort at **6 p.m.**

I am organizing the parade, and it will be a little different than in past years. If you'd like to participate, please contact me at Lorraine@peptalkcap.com or call (509) 590-9365, and I will get your watercraft's information, assign you a participation number, provide you all the details, and answer any questions you may have.

The parade will commence at **6:30 p.m.** in the direction of Camp Gifford (counter-clockwise), and for everyone's enjoyment, it's requested that each parade participant complete the full parade route.

Additionally, we'd like those watching the parade to vote for their favorite decorated watercraft. To vote: text or call the attached boat number to (509) 590-9365, or email Lorraine@PepTalkCap.com by midnight, July 3rd. Please only send one vote per phone number/person. The three boat or jet ski owners who receive the most votes will receive a cash prize. DLPOA is giving \$100 for first place, \$60 for second, and \$40 for third!

****Remember— boats must be registered to be voted on.** Ken Scott will be the leader of the Boat Parade in a red canopy Bennington pontoon boat.

Additionally, for everyone's safety and enjoyment, please follow these safety guidelines:

- ◆ Do not operate your vessel under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- ◆ Do not throw ANY frozen items (to include water balloons). *Past incidents have caused injuries and broken windshields on boats.*
- ◆ Watch out for small children who shouldn't be a target of water projectiles, bursts of water, or consistent streams of water (from hoses as an example.)
- ◆ Realize that most people enjoy watching the boat parade, or participating in it and don't want to get drenched. Use discretion and common sense, it's only fun if both parties want to "play".

Let's have a safe, fun parade that brings our community together while celebrating our nation's independence.



Remember to vote for your favorite Patriotic Boat!

Call, text, or email!

Fourth of July Parade

Greg Presley

The parade for patriotic people of all ages is July 4th. This year, Ken Scott, Deer Lake resident and retired Army Colonel, will be our Grand Marshall. Music for the parade will be provided once again by the Ridler family, with Steve on keyboard and his son Chaz on drums.



We start lining up at Deer Lake Resort at 10:00 a.m. The North Deer Lake Road (at both ends of the parade route) will be shut down to traffic at 10:15, with the parade starting promptly at **10:30 a.m.** The parade will end at West Bay Park for hot dogs, chips, cookies and a beverage.

Walkers, bikers, or motorized vehicles all are welcome. Dress up in your red, white, and blue apparel and proudly take part in the parade, or bring some chairs to set up along the route to show your support and cheer people on!



Patriotic Pancake Feed

Bob and Cheryl Schwartz

We are pleased to announce that our annual Pancake Feed will kickoff the celebrations for Independence Day here at the lake. We will once again be in the spectacular and spacious dining facility at Pinelow Park, on **Sunday, July 1st**.

Ron And Nicki Coil, owners of Pinelow Park, have generously offered the use of their facilities for another year. Because of their kindness, we are able to provide much faster service, and plenty of seating for everyone in a wonderful lakefront setting. No more rushing through your meal to give up your seat for others.

Stay, relax, and visit with friends and neighbors.

There is always plenty of parking for you and your guests!

DLPOA apparel will be on hand with new summer inventory including our 2018 Annual Summer Deer Lake T-Shirt (see article on page 11).

Don't forget our Summer Raffle, run by none other than our now-famous raffle ticket selling king, Ron Watson, who will once again have some super cool and wonderful lake-themed toys, massive floaties, and surprise items that you will have a chance to win. Winning tickets are drawn towards the end of the Pancake Feed, and winners do not need to be present.

Lastly, we can always use more volunteers to help put on this fantastic community event. No experience is necessary! If you would like to join us for a bit of work, with lots of fun and comradery thrown in, please contact Bob Schwartz at (509) 951-4329, or email rismt@hotmail.com.



Pancake Feed:

Pancakes, ham, warm syrup, real butter, assorted beverages

Cost: \$5 for ages 10 years—100 years,

\$3 for ages 3 years—9 years,

and the little ones who are 2 years and under are free

Date: July 1st, Sunday

Time: 8 a.m. until noon

Place: Pinelow Park and Conference Center (next to the public boat launch)



Fireworks Display



Thanks to the many extra donations that have been made when people pay their DLPOA dues, we are once again able to sponsor a Fireworks display out over the lake.

The show will be on **Tuesday night, July 3rd**. It will commence when it is dark dark, (as opposed to a little dark, or kinda dark, or mostly dark). It's usually around 10 p.m.

That afternoon, the barge will be hauled out to the spot deemed to be the best for most people to view from their homes. It should have small lights on it, so try not to get too close to it that night.

Many folks like to come out in their boats and view from the lake. If you haven't tried that before, you should...it's pretty spectacular.

The display usually lasts 15 to 20 minutes, and is a great show. Give the little ones a long nap (yeah, right...) and try to keep them up to watch, because they will love it!

Let's talk Turkey!

Candice Bennett



Although not native to Washington, the wild turkey is now abundant throughout much of the state, due to introductions of this popular game bird from other parts of the country. Turkey introduction efforts were made as early as 1913, but concerted efforts by state game managers began in the 1960's and turkeys began to take hold in the 1970's and later.

Wild turkeys are valued not only for hunting but also wildlife viewing. It's exciting to watch adult males (toms) displaying their fans of tail feathers and gobbling during spring breeding season. But turkey conflicts with agricultural producers and in urban areas have increased in recent years. Complaints received by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) range from general annoyance with turkey presence to property damage and safety concerns.

In most cases of large numbers of wild turkeys, intentional and indirect feeding of these large birds has been the problem. Feeding wild turkeys can quickly increase turkey presence, not only at the feeding site but also throughout the rest of the neighborhood. Although many of us enjoy watching bird feeders for colorful song birds, intentionally feeding larger game animals like wild turkeys can be harmful, both for the turkeys and people.

These harmful effects include turkey nutritional deficiencies, disease transfer, habituation to people, and drawing predators like coyotes or cougars to prey on turkeys. Unfortunately reports of injuries to domestic dogs, and even people, have increased in urban areas where wild turkeys are intentionally fed. The first step in reducing wild turkey problems is to remove food sources, especially intentional feeding sites. Removal of feed will encourage turkeys to pass through an area instead of taking up residence. Turkeys are wild animals that need to forage on their own in the wild.

Keeping all wildlife wild is important for both animals and people. Sometimes WDFW wildlife conflict specialists need to take action to reduce turkey presence and damage using non-lethal deterrent tools. These include shooting projectiles like paintballs or rubber bullets, or using sound and light. Although effective in harassing turkeys out of an area, some local governments may limit some of these options through ordinances.

Trapping and relocating nuisance wild turkeys is currently not an option for most urban locations, mostly because there are no places to release them where they won't soon cause more problems. In past trapping efforts, vandalism of traps was also experienced in urbanized areas. It is also very expensive due to the time and labor required to trap and transport these wild birds. Liberal wild turkey hunting seasons, however, can provide some relief from turkey problems.



Please contact the WDFW Eastern Region office in Spokane at 509-892-1001 for further information on turkeys or contact the WDFW Northeast District Wildlife Conflict Specialist at 509-563-5497 or Candace.Bennett@dfw.wa.gov.

What do Turkeys eat?



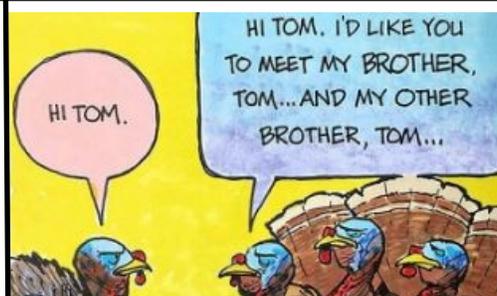
They are omnivores.
They enjoy fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, berries, grasses, and roots.
But 10-25% of their diet also consists of insects, spiders, lizards, frogs, or snakes.

They eat twice a day usually 2-3 hours at dawn and again at dusk.

Where do Turkeys live?

Ideal turkey habitat would include a wide variety of landscapes, including mixed tree, shrub, and grassy areas.

They prefer to roost overnight in tall trees.



Life Cycle

Nests are shallow dirt depressions surrounded by woody vegetation.

Clutch of 7-18 eggs laid, one per day.

Eggs are incubated for 25-31 days.

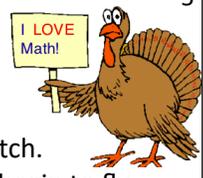


Poults are able to leave the nest in 12-24 hours .

They stay with their mother for up to 10 months.

Male turkeys do not contribute to the rearing of poults.

Turkey Survival Rate



Wild turkeys can live up to 10 years.

The odds of a turkey surviving though are astonishing.

- ◆ Starting from the egg, less than half the eggs will hatch.
- ◆ Only 30% of poults will live another two weeks and begin to fly up to roost.
- ◆ From that point, there is only about a 50% chance of the bird living one more year.
- ◆ So...for every 1,000 turkey eggs laid, only 457 will hatch,
- ◆ 137 poults will live 2 weeks,
- ◆ and 69 will reach one year old.
- ◆ Of that group of 69, only 34 will become 2 years old,
- ◆ 17 of them will make it to be 3 years old,
- ◆ and only 9 will live up to 4 years old.



Besides man, what kills turkeys?

There are more than 20 known predators of wild turkey in Washington, some are:

Black bears, bobcats, cougars, coyotes, foxes, skunks, great horned owls, golden eagles, and ravens.

How big do turkeys get?

Adult males usually weigh between 17 and 21 pounds, but can weigh more than 25 pounds (and that's without stuffing!). They can stand 40 inches tall.

Females normally weigh between 8 and 11 pounds. Hens measure around 30 inches tall.

Can you outrun a turkey?

Both sexes can run swiftly at more than 12 miles per hour.

Are all wild turkeys the same?

Three of the five subspecies of wild turkey have been established in Washington state; the Eastern, the Merriam's, and the Rio Grande.

The three subspecies can be distinguished by the feather color tips of the upper coverts (lower back) and the rectrices (tail) feathers.



How well do turkeys fly?

Turkeys are agile flyers. They usually fly close to the ground and cover no more than a quarter mile in distance.

In open woods, they will fly up to the canopy and find perches.

Some adults have been reported flying at speeds up to 55 miles per hour!

If you plucked a turkey...

You'd get 5,000 to 6,000 feathers.

Juvenile males are called jakes.

Benjamin Franklin wanted to have the Wild Turkey, not the Bald Eagle, chosen as the national symbol of the United States. (I think he meant the bird, because this wasn't invented yet!)



Not to get too personal, but are the wild turkey mating habits wild, too?



Males are polygamous, mating with as many hens as they can. Male wild turkeys display for females by puffing out their feathers, spreading out their tails and dragging their wings. This behavior is most commonly referred to as strutting.

But do they do the "Chicken Dance"?

Their heads and necks are colored brilliantly with red, blue and white. The color can change with the turkey's mood, with a solid white head and neck being the most excited. They use gobbling, drumming, booming and spitting as signs of social dominance, and to attract females. Courtship begins during the months of March and April, while turkeys are still flocked together in winter areas.

Membership Report 2017

Ken Santora

We ended 2017 with 395 paid members! Thank you for your support of our incredible lake and DLPOA. Our current paid membership is at 288 at this writing. If you have a new homeowner that has moved in next to you or near you, please let me know, and I will send a welcoming packet to them.

We are also very interested in bringing new members into our DLPOA Board. Several of our Board members have served for over ten years with their unconditional support of our lake and association. Your willingness to support the continued efforts of DLPOA with current and fresh ideas would be most welcome. Please feel free to join us at our monthly meetings at Pinelow, the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

Thank you again for supporting DLPOA!

See you around the lake!

Veterans Fishing Days



Greg Presley

This will be West Bay's 11th year of hosting local Veterans for a day of fishing, boating, lunch, and stories. We have set up three dates, June 28th, July 19th, and August 16th. Our Veteran guests arrive at West Bay at 10:00 a.m., at which point we start loading them on four volunteer pontoon boats.

We are always looking for people who own pontoon boats to volunteer. There are staff members on each boat to assist with the Veterans, so all you need to do is drive. They fish until 1:00 p.m., then it's back to West Bay for lunch and fish stories! They depart at 3:00 p.m. Any and all volunteers are greatly appreciated. If you can help with your boat or lunch, please contact:

Greg and Karen Presley at 509-233-8277

We are getting more Facebook members all the time—we are up to 780! It's a quick way to be able to get updates about any DLPOA activities. We have had several people make postings asking for help with missing items or lost pets, and it sure helps to have extra folks on the lookout. When you post your summer pictures taken at the lake, be sure to tag DLPOA too, so we can all share in the fun. (Just go to Deer Lake Property Owners' Association, ask to join, and I will "friend" you.)



Chipper Days are Here Again This Year

Skip Wells

Yes, to all of you who have been asking, there are two chipper days scheduled for this year. The date for the first one is **June 2**, 2018. The second is **October 20**, 2018. This joint venture with the Loon Lake Property Owners' Association, along with the Stevens County Solid Waste Management Group is working well.



The location for bringing your brush, leaves, limbs and such (no sawn wood) is on Agar Road, just north of Baldwin's Lumber. The time is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is a small charge that we are asking and that is \$10.00. Big trailer loads are \$20.00 per load. If all you have is a couple of trash cans or a trunk full, there will be no charge. When you figure that the Transfer Station charges \$50.00 for a full standard truck load, this is a pretty good buy.

Oh, and by the way, we are looking for volunteers to help out with the unloading. Bring a rake or pitch fork, as they work well. You can give me a call at 509-979-3260, and we will get you scheduled in. Younger folks with strong backs are most desirable but they seem to be busy...so, anyone, please give me a call.

This year we will be continuing to survey and pull this invasive weed. The first session will start when the water clears to the point the divers can see the plants. We hope that is just before the 4th of July week. A licensed applicator will be applying the approved weed killer to some small areas that were located last Fall. The best time to apply the weed killer is when the plants are just getting started with their summer growth.



If you see a pontoon boat with equipment on the deck nosing closely around the docks, don't worry, they are just doing what we pay them to do. There will be a diver in the water, cruising around looking for Eurasian milfoil. When they find any plants, they will suck them up with a hose and pump, being very careful not to fragment the plant, because if any pieces get loose, they will grow another plant wherever they land. More surveying and treatment takes place in late August and again in late September.

Anyone thinking they may have Eurasian Milfoil around their dock should put a red flag (of their own making) at the end of their dock. Flags are also available at Holy Grounds coffee shop at Pinelaw Conference Center. The divers will pay special attention to that area, if it's marked. Your official notice is listed below:

Herbicide Treatment

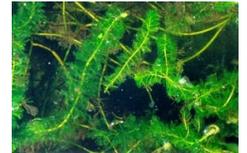
Business and Residential Notice

Distribution Date: May 31, 2018

Eurasian water milfoil will be treated with the aquatic herbicide(s)/algaecide(s) on/or between July 17, 2018 through Sept. 18, 2018

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

Location of Treatment(s): *The Narrows North and East Side*



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.

This herbicide treatment is regulated under a permit issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology.

PERMIT # WAG 994168

Santora Fish Rearing Project 2017-2018

Ken Santora

Another fish rearing cycle has come to its conclusion. This batch of almost 14,000 Rainbow trout were released at four per pound. The fish almost doubled in size from when we received them in October! We continue to have problems with the ever-pesky otters, but we are now better at understanding what we must do to keep them out of the pen.



There is no way I want to end up falling through the ice like I did this year to repair the net tie downs to keep the otters out, so it is very important that we find a solution to this problem. The Department of Fish and Wildlife have also offered their help in finding a solution.

Department of Fish and Wildlife has given us the opportunity to raise either Rainbows or Brook trout for next year. We will be making our decision soon. Thanks again to my son, Kevin, and grandson, Tony, for helping feed the fish over the winter.



If you have an envelope like this included in your newsletter, it means that you are not on our list of **paid** DLPOA members for 2018. The costs remains the same as it's been for many years—only \$20 annually.

Please help support our Deer Lake Property Owners' Association by sending your dues in today. Thank you!

Deer Lake 2017 Real Estate Sales Summary

By Ann Hinand, Broker at Tamarack Realty and Steve Hinand, JPN Inc. Real Estate, Broker

2017 - A Year Of Record High Sales Volume!

Deer Lake sales trended upwards last year—there were 26 sales in 2016, and it went up to 33 total sales in 2017. Both the number of sales and the price per frontage foot rose. The highest priced sale was \$750,000 for a home on Pebble Beach Road, at the south end of the lake.

(From Multiple Listing Service and Stevens County data, through the end of December 2017)

There were 33 closed sales at Deer Lake totaling \$7,477,550:

- 11 waterfront “cabins” from \$160,000 totaling \$4,567,950
- 3 waterfront lots @ \$100,000, \$121,000 and \$125,000
- 17 secondary (beach association) “cabins” from \$60,000
- 2 secondary (beach association) lots @ \$32,000 and \$53,000



By the way, Loon Lake also had an “up” year with closed waterfront property sales totaling \$5,025,650 in 2017.

Several items stand out about Deer Lake sales during 2017:

1. For the first time, there was more than one sale above \$500,000, (there were 3 in fact).
2. 9 of the 14 waterfront sales were for above tax assessed value.
3. Average “Cabin” frontage foot sold value was \$2,910. (It was \$2,305 in 2016).

A complete spreadsheet analysis is available. Contact us to have a copy emailed to you.

Several properties that had been on the market for numerous years sold this season. Plenty of stale inventory remains on the market waiting for the right deal to be made. Most properties that were *not sold in 2017 fall into typical real estate “cliché” categories,*

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. 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.

Volunteers Needed for Stevens County Fire District

Rachel Bren

Stevens County does an amazing job of taking care of their volunteers.

- We offer **free** Fire fighter, EMT and Wildland training, provide all the gear, and give a uniform allowance.
- There is online training and stipends per call, plus training with the potential to earn money for shift work and wildland assignments.
- Also, there is the potential to earn gas cards and pay to travel for conferences.
- Stevens County offers free MedStar Membership and a Disability Policy.
- Working with such a great team helps build pride; you'll be helping your neighbors, and become part of a progressive Fire District. Becoming a part of this team feels more like entering a family.



I have been working with Stevens County Fire District as the Volunteer Recruit and Retention Coordinator since January. I had no firefighter background, so there has been much to learn—new terminology, processes and procedures. But one of the best things I've learned about is about the people I work with.

An outstanding job training program teaches the fire fighters to keep themselves and others safe. They train, and they train hard. They practice for situations where they may have to run into a burning building, learn to quickly put on their protective gear because when they get a call, every second counts.

They conduct and attend trainings every week so they are ready to face whatever call they may get. They train for the public, and to keep each other safe. They follow procedures so we are given the best care. The dedication they have to training is remarkable.

I also learned how hard our office staff, the Chief and the Board of Commissioners work. They are just as loyal and passionate about this district as the fire fighters. While their role is less obvious, it is just as important. The information and facts the front office knows about this district are astounding. I have not heard a question come though that they could not answer. The Chief dedicates far more than 40 hours a week to his job. For him, it is a lifestyle, a commitment to his fire fighters and his district.

The Commissioners are above-and-beyond devoted to making sure this district operates in a way that is effective and efficient. The combination of these three groups working together means that goals are set and attained. They keep us striving for what is best for our fire fighters and our district and encourage us to meet and exceed what we thought was possible.

Stevens County is in really good hands. This group I have been honored to meet and work with are wonderful, hardworking individuals. I have seen firsthand how seriously they take the responsibility to protect this district, the sacrifices they make to keep us safe, and the professionalism they use on every call. I have also seen a passion and a drive in them.

I have witnessed firsthand how they will drop everything (even their lunch!) to answer a call. And I know they love it. If you asked them, they would tell you they wouldn't want it any other way. But they cannot do it alone. They need you.

- * We need you to change the batteries in your smoke alarm every six months;
- * Please put your cell phones down while you drive.
- * Do your part - be involved in your district - because safety is a community effort.
- * We need you to volunteer.



If you are interested in joining our family,
or if you have questions about volunteering,
please come talk to me at the district office.

Rachel Bren
Recruit and Retention Coordinator
Stevens County FPD #1
4532 Railroad Ave
Clayton, WA 99110
Office: (509) 262-9660 ext 312
Fax: (509) 262-9661

This district is amazing because of the people in it,
and we would love for you to be a part of that.



Deer Lake Ice Ribbon

These are pictures taken shortly after Christmas on the Southwest park of the lake. What a great hockey rink! To get to it, one can skate down the "Ice Ribbon" that says

♥ Deer Lake.

Submitted by Pam Long



Bo & Mindi Bos with boys Cooper, Mason and big brother Chase, with girlfriend Alex Chambers

DLPOA Deer Lake Apparel Spring and Summer Update

Bob and Cheryl Schwartz

DLPOA Deer Lake Apparel is ramping up for another fun and exciting summer!

“Lake Life is the Best Life Deer Lake, Washington”

We are proud to announce that our 2018 Annual Deer Lake T-Shirt will be available for purchase at the 4th of July Pancake Feed. This year’s limited edition shirt will be similar to the one pictured here, but will have the words “Deer Lake, Washington” below the Best Life phrase. Sorry, but our proof was not available at the time of printing. Actual photos will be posted on Nextdoor as soon as we receive them, so please check back. Pricing should be close to last year (\$8—\$10) and will also be posted as soon as it is verified.



We will also be accepting earlier requests for your orders – one, two, or as many as you need! Just give us a call, email or text. Sizes available are Youth – XS to XL and Adult – S – 5XL. Last year, many Deer Lake folks ordered shirts in advance for family reunions and gatherings so they were sure to get all of the exact sizes they needed. If you would like to pre-order, send an email to rismt@hotmail.com or call/text Bob and Cheryl Schwartz at (509) 951-5634. Also available will be the very popular Henley shirt, tank tops, hats and sweatshirts. Early orders for these items are also available if you are interested in particular colors and/or sizes.

Your DLPOA Board has continued our policy to keep our pricing as low as possible (with minimal markup) so our items are affordable and to let everyone show their Deer Lake pride! The very small profit goes into the DLPOA general fund which is used to improve and enhance Deer Lake life.

We hope to see you at the Pancake Feed and the Annual Meeting where the items we have on hand will be available.

Questions and additional information on all of our apparel is available by contacting Bob or Cheryl Schwartz who are the volunteer members of our DLPOA Apparel Committee.

New Annual Meeting Date for DLPOA

Skip Wells

Over the years, the annual Deer Lake Property Owners' Association (DLPOA) meeting has been held in June. There has been a dwindling in attendance over time. The meeting used to be on a Friday night, and then changed to Saturday in order to get more folks out. Again, over time, the attendance was reduced due to graduations, the end of season soccer games, weddings, and such.

Last year, your Board of Directors took another look at this issue. They made what I believe is a positive move to enable folks to attend event. As this is your meeting, the Board would like to see you there. This is where annual reports, committee activities, ratification of new Board Members, and swearing in of Officers for the next year occurs. We also have some refreshments. It is a great time to get to know who your Board Members are. I am constantly amazed by the work that occurs by this faithful group of volunteers for all of us and for Deer Lake.



So, we have moved the Annual Meeting of DLPOA to August. That appears to be the period of time when most of you, the members of the Association, are on the lake.

Our Annual DLPOA meeting is going to be held on August 11, 2018. The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. The location of the meeting is, as always, at the Deer Lake Fire Station 5 on Southwood Shores Road . This is just off East Deer Lake Road and Haney Road. Oh, and yes, you can come in your ATV and UTVs as these are County Roads.

Also when there, would please give them a huge "Thank You," for all the work that they do. **SEE YOU THERE!**

Spring Roadside Cleanup Mike Phillips

On a rather blustery Saturday morning, all along the roads leading to Dear Lake, there were a bunch of volunteers gathered to pick up litter. They came from everywhere around our lake to battle rain, mosquitoes and tall grass to remove the ugly litter from our roadways. The day started out a little wet, but ended with clean roadsides and some socializing at the fire station, where we indulged ourselves with conversation and an assortment of foods to nourish our tired bodies and minds.

Some of the volunteers were new people to our lake, along with many old timers, and a few families that worked together to help with the effort. Several people took time during the week leading up to the event to clean, as they had previous events planned for Saturday. We collected 950 pounds of litter. Many thanks to all that participated.

This is a list of those that signed in. I could not read some names but thanks again to the unknown volunteers or misspelled ones.

Bob and Cheryl Schwartz, George Craig, Kevin, Dick, and Lori Schroeder, Scott and Christy Overbust, Lynn Read, Jerry Rasley, Dave Greco, Skip Wells, Suzy Lemay, Jim Gevaas, Mike Egan, Alex Stone, Joni and Lew Marler, Sabrina Burkhart, Alexander Burkhart, Mike Phillips, Barbara and Jeff Potter, Jeff Welsh, Ken and Cheryl Ring, Greg and Karen Presley, Jan Davis, Joanne Ferris, and Jane Nielson.



Dock Demolition Shawn O'Neill

In years past, DLPOA has organized and sponsored an annual Dock Demolition Day. Wooden docks decay from exposure to the elements and can become unusable. It is not an easy task to remove a water logged wooden dock from the lake without a lot of help.

As the number of unusable docks increased, DLPOA saw the need to coordinate the manpower and resources to help our members remove these docks at a very low cost. The first few years were very effective, so the need for an annual dock demolition day was reduced to every other year (on the even year).

We are attempting to coordinate a Dock Demolition Day this year. Unfortunately, to date, we have not received enough requests to justify having a demolition this year. If you have an old dock that you would like removed, please contact me directly at shawn.f.oneill@gmail.com or (509) 939-0396. If we get several requests, it may not be too late. Also, if you have an existing boat dock, and want to replace it, there is a dual permitting process. The process to replace an existing dock is easier than installing a new dock. For more information, contact Stevens County and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The permit application is available on the Stevens County website.



Cougar

Never mind "What's in YOUR wallet?", better worry about "What's in YOUR back yard?"

Game camera - Mike Phillips



Coyote



Moose



Deer



Bobcat



Wildlife Refuge at Deer Lake

Nita Gregg

Did you ever wonder about the blue and white National Wildlife Refuge signs at the northeastern end of the lake? Here is some information taken from 2 different sources* to give you an idea and maybe entice you to explore there.

In 1996 – 1997, the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service bought 750 acres in the northeast area of the lake. It is called the Kaniksu Unit (not

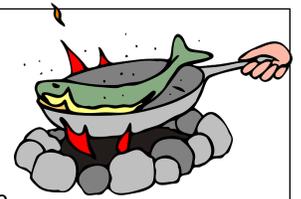
to be confused with the Kaniksu Ranch Family Nudist Resort) and is part of the larger Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge located east of Colville. The Kaniksu Unit is now actively maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a wetland wildlife habitat. Most springs, thousands of pintail ducks and many other waterfowl rest there during their migrations.

In late March this year, my husband, Steve, and I counted 31 white (tundra?) swans in the wetlands while most of the lake was still frozen!

Recipe for Herb Baked Mackinaw Trout

Submitted by Arlen Garlich

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| Fillet of trout | 1/4 tsp. basil |
| 1/2 cup sliced fresh mushrooms | 1/4 tsp. thyme |
| 1 tsp. parsley | 1/4 cups white wine |
| 1 clove garlic, crushed | 1 tsp. shallots |
| 3 Tbsp. clam juice or chicken broth | |



Butter a baking dish to hold fish. Add mushrooms and all herbs. Lay fish on top, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Pour on wine and clam juice or chicken stock. Cover with foil. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes. Remove foil and bake 10 more minutes. Broil to finish it off with a dab of butter and lemon juice on top.

This summer, an informational kiosk with advisory signs, a map and natural history information is planned for installation to help visitors identify the refuge property and enjoy it responsibly. The kiosk and parking area may be located near the barn site where cattle grazed many years ago. Check out refugefriends.com or fws.gov/refuge/little_pend_oreille.

*Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Mgmt Plan manual (August 2012) and Friends of the Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge Spring newsletter, 2018.

Upcoming Events

June 2	Chipper Days	9 a.m.—3 p.m.
July 1	Pancake Feed	8 a.m.—12 noon
July 3	Boat Parade	6:30 p.m.
July 3	Fireworks	Dark (around 10 p.m.)
July 4	Kids' Parade	10:30 a.m.
August 11	Annual Mtg.	10 a.m.

DLPOA OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS:

Skip Wells, President	Bob Schwartz, Vice President	Mike Egan, Treasurer	Nita Gregg, Secretary
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Jerry Rasley	Ken Santora	Doug Davis	Greg Presley
Neil Anderson	Ron Watson	Pam Horner	Barbara Sioux Holston-McKenzie

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



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.

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