



Fish/Royer Lake Association

Newsletter July 2019

Upcoming Events:

July 4th: Flotilla-meet at the public landing at 4 PM

July 5th: Family Fishing Tournament 8am-8pm

July 6th: Golf Outing at Heron Creek 8:00 am

July 6th: Fireworks – At dusk on Fish Lake, by the channel to Royer

August 23rd: Scholarship essays due

August 24th at 1:00pm: General meeting and Hog Roast/Election of Board at Hickory Hills

September 28th at 6:00 pm: Fried Chicken Fall Fundraiser at The American Legion in LaGrange

Family Fishing Tournament

Friday, July 5th 8am-8pm

- \$20 registers your entire family.
- The biggest fish will split the pot with the lake association.
- Take a pic of your fish next to a ruler, post it on the website or facebook, and release it.
- **To register, contact Jay on facebook**

Golf Outing to benefit the lake association

- Heron Creek Golf Course, LaGrange
- Saturday, July 6th 8:00 am start
- 18 hole, four person scramble
- \$55 per person, includes golf, cart, lunch and prizes
- A variety of games and challenges will be available!
- Volunteers are needed to help with this event.

Contact Erik to register by email or phone at Erikpearson4@gmail.com or 260 463-6789, or just show up on July 6th!

Visit our website at fishandroyerlakes.com
LIKE us on facebook: Fish-Royer Lakes Association



Highlights from the June 1st General Meeting:

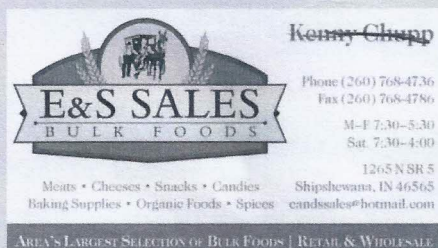
- Winners from the Memorial Day fishing tournament were:
David McIntosh-Largest Bass
Mark Albert-Largest Walleye 9"
Skip Swopes-Largest Channel Cat 21"
Kaylee (Michelle Hannon)-Kid's entry
- Dave Schnieders is heading up a sub-committee to investigate and pursue fish stocking options. The association plans to stock walleye again this fall, and possibly Pike.
- A hard-working crew cleaned out Fly Creek, and the Lake Association will receive \$4500 from the county for doing this. A HUGE thanks to all who helped!!
- The LaGrange County Utility District has proposed much needed changes in our sewer system. They are currently taking bids, and we can expect an increase in our bills. We are looking into some programs that might help seniors with their bills, and will communicate new information on this topic on our facebook page, website and information boxes.





Fish Survey

You might have noticed the DNR on the lakes a week or so ago. They were conducting a fish survey. Larry Koza, District Fish Biologist with the DNR, reported some preliminary findings: "There were a lot of shad, mostly 6 to 7" long, which would be the fish spawned last year. Also we got a lot of bluegills, mostly 5 to 7", none reached 8". We did collect a lot of quality size bass from Royer. The biggest one was probably pushing 7 pounds, although we didn't have a scale to weight it. We had 5 in the 18" range, 3 in the 19" range and 4 over 20". That's exceptional for June sampling. Also a couple dozen channel catfish up to 20" and quite a few suckers. About a dozen Walleyes, all last years' fish. Some other miscellaneous fish. " Larry will be at our August Hog Roast to give a more in depth report.



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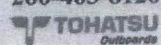
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Chicago Joe Scholarship

For the past several years, the Lake Association has offered a scholarship to a current association member or family member, including children and grandchildren, for post-secondary education or training (colleges, trade schools, etc.) To apply for this scholarship, submit a 200 word, double-spaced, typed essay on the following topic:

This year's topic: Pollution in the Great Lakes has been a MAJOR problem for the past 50 years, affecting both Canada and the United States. In a 200 word, double-spaced essay, explore the topic of possible solutions to this problem.

Submit to: Nancy Block, 1785 S 445 E, LaGrange IN 46761 or nancyblock09@ligtel.com

Due by: August 23, 2019

With your essay, include the following on a separate piece of paper: Name, Address, Phone, Program or School that you will be attending, and name of the lake resident to whom you are related. Any questions can be directed to Nancy at 260 499-0087. Essays will be anonymously judged by the Board of Directors, and the winner will be announced at the August Hog Roast.

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ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

For the upcoming election, to be held at the 2nd Annual Meeting/Hog Roast on August 24, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Hickory Hills, Tom McCue served as the nominating committee. The following people have expressed interest in being on the Board of Directors (in alphabetical order):

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Your lake association has now received 501(c)(3) status! So what does this mean??

- The association is considered a not for profit group.
- We will be able to pursue public and private grants for helping to fund activities such as cleaning out the dead end channel.
- Donations can be tax deductible.
- The association will be governed by an elected Board of Directors.

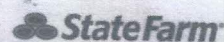
This also means that The Fish and Royer Lake Association is required to follow by-laws and must keep detailed records and submit annual filings to the state and IRS. A complete copy of the by-laws is available on the website.

One of the areas of immediate consequence is the composition of the board and how elections are managed.

- The board is to be comprised of not more than 9 members, with at least 3 representatives from Royer, and 3 from Fish.
- Members will serve 2-year terms, with half of the board being elected each year. (For the initial board, half will be selected for a one-year term, the other half for a 2-year term).
- A nominating committee will present a slate of potential board members to the membership at least 30 days before the election.
- Board members will be elected at the 2nd Annual meeting. (This year on August 24th.)
- The new board will select officers, with rotating terms.
- Each dues paying household will have 1 vote.

Mark Albert - CHANNEL
Jay/Christine Benak - ROYER
Pam Deetz - FISH
Ron Lucas - FISH
David McIntosh - ROYER
Tom/McCue - ROYER
Erik Pearson - ROYER
Dave Schnieders - FISH
Jeff Slabaugh - FISH

If you are unable to attend the August meeting, but would like to vote, contact Tom or Erik. Each household of dues paying members of the association has one vote.



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Treasurer's report: (From June 1, 2019)

General Fund: \$ 4610.10
Fish Stocking: 6218.00
Buoys: 225.00
Scholarship: 185.00
Total: **\$11,238.10**



Expenses in 2019: \$47221.87

As of June 13, 2019, **124 households** have paid dues for this year. If you have not paid your dues, it's not too late! Dues of \$40 per year are payable to the Fish and Royer Lake Association. Send to:

David McIntosh, Treasurer
1207 North Meadow Lane
Muncie IN 47304



Fishing Challenge for the Summer of 2019

Catch the longest Walleye during 2019, take a picture of the length when measuring it, video releasing it back into the lake, post the picture and video on the Fish/Royer Facebook Page and you will win \$100! Catch the longest Northern Pike (Yes, there are some good size Northern Pike in our lakes!) during 2019, take a picture of the length when measuring it, video releasing it back into the lake, post the picture and video on the Fish/Royer Facebook Page and you will win \$100! The \$200 challenge is funded by a private donation.

Written and Submitted by David McIntosh



Are you bugged by bugs??

"What comes to mind when you think of warm weather? Maybe a nice, relaxing day on the beach or lake? Or maybe it's the reminder that pesky bugs will be making their comeback for the summer. Out of all the little annoyances, mosquitoes are often considered the worst. In addition to being annoying, mosquitoes pose a serious threat to public health, as they transmit dangerous diseases like Zika and West Nile Virus. Luckily, there are several management strategies to help prevent mosquitoes from bugging you this summer. So, put down the citronella candle and take notes on how you can protect yourself from these pesky intruders.

Mosquitoes breed in standing or stagnant water and will lay about 300 eggs in their six- to eight-week lifespan. This is an overwhelming number of mosquitoes! One of the easiest ways to help manage mosquitoes is by dumping any buckets or small containers that have standing water in them, picking up litter and clearing gutters. These are all areas where little pockets of water will sit and become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

In addition to making sure there is no standing water around your property....maintaining a buffer of beneficial vegetation such as swamp milkweed, pickerelweed, and arrowhead will help provide habitat for mosquito predators like dragonflies. Not only will the buffer help limit mosquitoes, it will also prevent an overload of nutrients from entering your water body."

Taken from the Solitude Lake Management Website.

A few last thoughts.....

- We encourage all fisherpersons to follow the voluntary catch and release policy for all walleye and northern pike caught in our lakes. We continue to battle an overabundance of gizzard shad in our lakes, and the walleye and pike population will hopefully help to control this.
- Newsletters from this past year are available on the website, and include a wealth of information about lake related topics.
- Report zoning concerns to the zoning officer, Chris Paxson, at 260 463-4179.
- Illegal fishing can be reported to 1-800-TIP-INDNR or the sheriff's office at 260 463-7491.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE 4TH OF JULY!!