



# Fish/Royer Lake Association

March 2020

## Annual General Meeting:

Our 2020 annual meeting will be held at the Maplewood Nature Center on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 10:00am. We are hoping to have Jill Hoffman of Fish Lake as a guest speaker. All residents, members and board members are encouraged to attend! However, if you are not unable to attend, please be sure to email any ideas or concerns to a board member, prior to the meeting, so they can be addressed. If you are able to attend, please bring a pot luck snack to munch on. Come join us for some snack food, split-the-pots, and discussions on further improving our community.



## COVID-19 - Do Your Part To Help Stop The Spread:

As a Registered Nurse I am sharing that COVID-19 is a very contagious virus. My peers and students are on the front lines - working in ER's and ICU's.

Please do your part to flatten the curve by:

1. washing hands often and for at least 20 seconds;
2. limit going to stores, groceries, etc.;
3. use hand sanitizer;
4. practice social distancing - maintain at least 6 feet;
5. use paper towels to open doors, touching carts, etc.;
6. sneeze into your elbow bend, not your hand;
7. don't touch your face.

*Thank You - Connie Ross McIntosh*



## LAKE STRUCTURES & WEED / PLANT COMMUNITY:

**Please don't kill our lake weeds.** Our lakes need our plant community to sustain fish population. The Indiana DNR and the Fawn River Hatchery have notified us they are suspending all weed control permits until further notice.

After speaking with a fisheries biologist at the Fawn River Hatchery about our lakes ecology we have learned a lot about our lakes. Unfortunately, we do not have much structure left in our lakes. Why are lake structures so important? They increase not only Oxygen Levels but Fish Cover as well. Predator fish depend on the structures to ambush their prey. Forms of natural fish structures we should have in our lakes are fallen trees, rocks, beaver lodges and weeds. It was noted during the last survey that both Fish and Royer Lakes do not have sufficient weed growth to sustain a healthy fish environment. Weeds are our most important form of structure; they provide the oxygen and cover needed for our fish to survive.

We will be meeting with a biologist this spring. He will be informing us about how to improve our lakes ecology by protecting our lakes weeds and natural habitat, and will help us map locations for new lake structure placements. The forms of new structures will consist of brush piles, logs and possible rock piles. Once we have mapped out where to add the new structures, we will obtain a permit from the state for the placement.

To view the Report of Data Collected by the Fisheries Biologists, the Aquatic Vegetation Control Laws, and the Acoustic Imaging Maps from 2013 and 2019 visually showing the declined plant community, please visit our website [fishandroyerlakes.com](http://fishandroyerlakes.com). Lake structures and weed/plant control will be a topic of discussion at our Annual General Meeting in June. - Erik Pearson, President

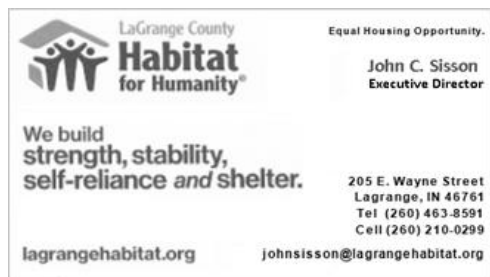
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or our Facebook page: Fish-Royer Lakes Association**

## CURRENT 2020 EVENTS:

*If in accordance with government restrictions*

- May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Family Fishing Tournament
- May 30<sup>th</sup>: Chicken Dinner Fund Raiser
- June 6<sup>th</sup>: Annual Association Meeting
- June 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>: Community Garage Sales
- July 3<sup>rd</sup>: Family Fishing Tournament
- July 4<sup>th</sup>: Flotilla
- July 4<sup>th</sup>: Pig Roast by The Considines'
- August 1<sup>st</sup>: Golf Outing Fund Raiser
- September 5<sup>th</sup>: Family Fishing Tournament
- September 6<sup>th</sup>: Fish Fry by The Pearsons'

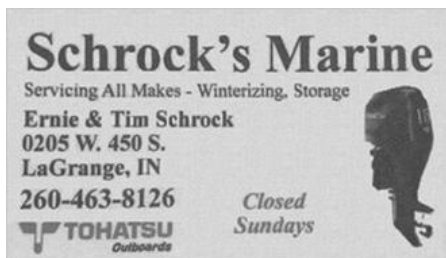


### FAMILY FISHING TOURNAMENTS - May 23<sup>rd</sup>:

- Memorial Weekend: Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 8am-8pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend: Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 8am-8pm
- Labor Day Weekend: Saturday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 8am-8pm

Tournament Day Rules: Start fishing our lakes after 8am; take a picture of the caught fish next to a ruler; release the fish; forward your picture to Jay Benak before 8:00pm.

\* To be eligible, entry must be a 2020 paid Association Member. The entry fee of \$20 should be paid to Jay Benak prior to 8am on tournament day. The entry fee will cover the member's entire family. Winners will be contacted the following day. Be sure to visit our Facebook and website pages to stay updated as the tournaments approach, and after, as winners are announced. Entry fees will be split between winner(s) and our Fish Stocking Fund. Prize(s) will be determined upon the amount of entries, so we encourage early sign up!



**CHICKEN DINNER FUND RAISER - May 30<sup>th</sup>:** Our Fish/Royer Lake Association is hosting a Chicken Dinner Fund Raiser on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at the LaGrange American Legion Post 215. Come join us for an evening of an All-You-Can Eat Chicken Dinner, Raffles, Silent Auction, Prizes, Music and Fun Times! Funds raised will go to support the Fish/Royer Lake Association's Fish Stocking Program and Activities. \$20 per person tickets will be available as of May 1<sup>st</sup> by contacting Erik Pearson, Dave Arrington @ the American Legion, or can be purchased at the door. Tickets will still be honored should we need to postpone fund raiser to a later date. Watch for Updates!



**GARAGE SALES - June 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>:** Our Annual Father's Day Weekend Garage Sales will be allowed on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00am to 6:00pm. The Association will advertise with signs, place ads in local papers, posted on our Website and Facebook pages, as well as posted notices on local Facebook Sale Facebook pages. In addition, we will be creating a map of all the garage sale site addresses, to be provided to all those participating for customer distribution!

\* \* \* If you are participating in the 2020 Garage Sale \* \* \* Please provide your name, address, sale dates and hours to Christine Benak at kris23@aol.com or to Mendy Albert at mendyandmark@live.com by June 1<sup>st</sup>.



**4<sup>th</sup> of July Flotilla:** Decorate your boats, meet up at the public landing at 3pm, and float parade around our Fish & Royer Lakes in celebration of Independence Day!

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Pig Roast:** Our lake neighbors Bob & Mary Considine are hosting a Pig Roast Fund Raiser to benefit our Fish Stocking Funds, starting at 5:00pm! All are welcome! Grab your chair and join them at their home on Fish Lake - 1420 S. 505 E. - for a pig roast, silent auction, basket raffles, kids games and live music featuring "Motor Folkers!" Side dishes or desserts are welcome too! This event is a B.O.Y.B.

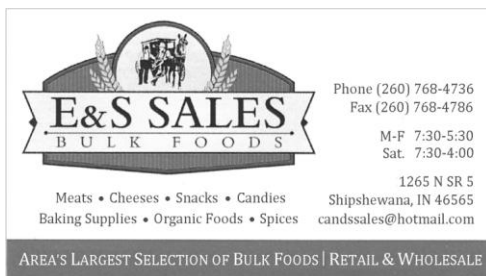
*\* Silent Auction items and Basket Raffle: Individuals or families are encouraged to fill a basket with items and drop it off at the Considine's home to be auctioned or raffled at the pig roast. Empty baskets will be available at our Annual Meeting in June, or by contacting Bob or Mary Considine.*



### Golf Outing to Benefit Lake Association:

- Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> – 8:00am Start
- Heron Creek Golf Course, Lagrange
- 18 hole, four person scramble
- \$55 per person: includes golf, cart, lunch, prizes
- A Variety of Games and Challenges will be available!

Sign up and pay fees by contacting Erik Pearson, or just show up and join at Heron Creek Golf Course on August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are unable to golf, but are available to volunteer to help with activities, please let Erik Pearson know.



**Fish Fry:** Our Association Board President Erik Pearson, and his wife Carmen, are hosting a Fish Fry on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Gathering will begin at 4:00pm, with dinner at 5:00pm! Grab your chair and join them at their home on Royer Lake - 2065 S. 445 E. - to enjoy a fish fry and raffles to raise funds for our Fish Stocking Program. All are welcome to join! Side dishes or desserts are welcome too! This event is a B.O.Y.B.



**Annual Chicago Joe Scholarship:** For the past several years, the Lake Association has offered a scholarship to a current association member, their child or grandchild, for post-secondary education or training.

**2020 Topic: Lake Property Owners' Environmental Responsibilities.** Entry must be a 200-300 word, double spaced essay on the benefits of lake property owners being responsible in keeping our lake environmentally safe and helping maintain our lakes natural habitat. It must contain an introduction, a body and a conclusion.

The essay must include a cover letter indicating the writer's name, address and phone number, the name of the college or school attending, and the name of their relative, who must be a Fish/Royer Lake Member. Emailed entries must be submitted to Dave Schneiders at [davidschnieders@sbcglobal.net](mailto:davidschnieders@sbcglobal.net), by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

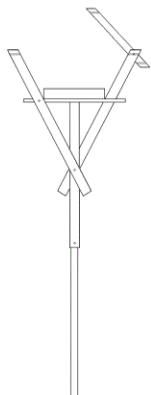
**The winner will be announced on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020!**




**SPEED LIMIT:** To protect the safety of our Lake families, friends, visitors and public access, John & Jennifer Walker of Fish Lake have started a petition to reduce the speed limit on S. 500/525 E. between 100 S. and 200 S. from 55MPH to a residential 35MPH limit. 30 have already signed! If you would like to sign the petition, please contact Jennifer Walker at [jwalker@ligtel.com](mailto:jwalker@ligtel.com), before April 1<sup>st</sup>!




**Osprey Nesting Platforms:** There has been interest in adding Osprey nesting platforms to our lakes. Tom McCue has taken the lead and has provided the Association Board with research regarding adding these platforms. Jim & Patti Koza of Royer Lake and Terry Voss of Fish Lake have offered locations on their properties for placement. The Board has approved up to \$400 in order to construct these platforms, and REMC will supply the poles, labor and photo equipment. Be sure to visit our Facebook page and website to stay updated as the project proceeds.



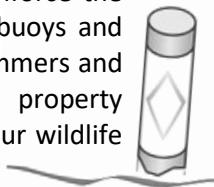
*Denise Scott*



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**Lake Buoys:** Thank you to Jeff Klebe and Jim & Patti Koza for once again volunteering to place, maintain and retrieve the buoys this year! The two newly purchased buoys will be placed in our lakes in order to help enforce the No Wake/10MPH laws. Remember, the buoys and the laws are in place to help keep our swimmers and boaters safe, damage to shorelines of property owners to a minimum, and help protect our wildlife and lake environments!





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#### REMINDERS:

- 2020 Association Member Dues are currently due!
- Days of Caring: All paid Members are eligible! Let Erik know if you are looking for a little help around your home, or if you are willing to help on a Day of Caring!
- Looking to Rent: We have lake family and friends looking for places to stay! Let us know if you want to rent your home and share our beautiful lakes!

\* \* \* forms can be found on our website \* \* \*

**2020 Fish Stocking:** With a plan for new lake structures in the works, we are continuing to stock fish! On March 25<sup>th</sup> @7am, we stocked another batch of Northern Pike! We were fortunate enough to get fish that were hatched last year and from the same brood we stocked in fall. The best part is, even though these fish were larger than last year's fish, we only paid last year's prices! The stocking video has been shared on our Facebook page. Our 2020 goals will also be to add 3600 Walleye, 2000 Smallmouth Bass, and the possibility of Flathead Catfish!

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**Fly Creek Clean-Up:** Thank You to Everyone who has volunteered their time and efforts into the Fly Creek Clean-Up Projects! These Projects are a great source of fund raising income for the Fish Stocking Program, and would not be completed without your help. While working on these projects, we have found that the man power needed to clear logs out of Fly Creek was the biggest issue that our volunteers were experiencing. Therefore, the board has approved and purchased a winch. This purchase made a world of difference when used it during the March 7<sup>th</sup> clean-up day! It will definitely help finish this project, as well as any future creek fund raising projects! Please see our Facebook Events page, or contact Jay Benak, for the next date scheduled date, and Volunteer if you can!

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**Treasurer's Report Total March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020: \$ 12,546.88**

General Fund:	\$ 2,527.88	Expenses: \$ 2,451.70
Fish Stocking:	\$ 9,514.00	
Bouys:	\$ 180.00	
Scholarship:	\$ 325.00	

