

Fish/Royer Lake Association

Annual Member General Meeting

The Annual Hog Roast was held on September 24th at Hickory Hills. At the meeting we received updates on the business of the Lake Association and elected new Board Members for the upcoming year. We had the privilege to enjoy a hog from the Young Family Farm along with some fantastic side dishes and desserts provided by our members. Thank you all who brought dishes to share!

Congratulations to Nancy Block and Cheryl Albergo for their dishes being voted the best dessert and side dish at the event. They received \$50 gift cards from two of our sponsoring restaurants. (Fireside and Linder's) Check out their secret recipes at the end of the newsletter.

Chicken Dinner Raised Over \$1100 to Benefit LaGrange County Miracle Tree

The annual chicken dinner was held on October 22nd at the American Legion. We had a good turnout and great evening of food, fellowship, music and prizes. Thank you to all who donated door prizes.

The \$1111.00 proceeds of the evening went to Miracle Tree of LaGrange County. These funds will allow them to provide Christmas presents and assistance to families in crisis such as fire loss and domestic violence.

Treasurer's Report: \$25,952.54

General Fund:\$ 10,161.54

Buoys: \$ 1,055.00

Fish Stocking: \$ 8,310.00

Scholarship \$915.00

Comprehensive Study Fund: \$ 5,511.00

Members: 139

President's Corner

Hello, I want to give a brief, but BIG thank you for the past two years. I am passing the torch on to Jeff Slabaugh but will remain on the board. It has been a great experience serving our community and working towards improving our lakes. I look forward to remaining on the board and continuing with current and future projects.

Sincerely, Jolyn Strahm

WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T GO OUT!

BEWARE OF THIN ICE

Every winter, thousands of Hoosiers enjoy fishing, skating, hiking or just sliding around on frozen ponds and lakes. And every year, people drown after falling through ice. Like driving on snow, Hoosiers need to re-learn how to have safe fun on ice.

WARN KIDS ABOUT PLAYING ON FROZEN LAKES AND STREAMS WITHOUT SUPERVISION!

If You Are Fishing:

1. Drill your own test hole near shore. Your test hole should show at least a four-inch thickness of clear ice like you get from your freezer.
2. Wear a life jacket for extra warmth and safety.
3. Be aware of various ice strengths and qualities.



One area of a pond may be a foot thick while another spot of ice may only be an inch thick.

4. Ice strength can also change. Thick ice is rotten after rain. Old honey-combed ice, slush ice or ice with current under it is also dangerous. New ice is almost always stronger than old ice. Wind, waterfowl and beavers can also keep areas of ice thin.
5. Indiana law limits ice fishing holes to a diameter of twelve inches.
6. Fishing shanties must have reflectors on each side so snowmobiles won't crash into them at dusk or during snowstorms.

<u>Ice depth</u>	<u>Activity</u>
1"	STAY OFF
4"	Needed for safe ice fishing
5"	Needed for snowmobiling
8"	Needed to support the weight of a car or light truck.
10"	Needed to support a medium weight truck.

Can you spot Termites?

Termites can cause expensive damage to homes and outbuildings. Damage is caused by the termites feeding on wood causing a tunneling effect which weakens the structure. The Native Subterranean Termite is the most common termite in our area.

Termites and winged ants look similar; they also have distinct differences for identification. Ant's front wings are longer than their hind legs. Ant antennae are bent at a 90-degree angle. Termite wings are equal in length. The termite antennae are straight; may droop. Inspect your home and other structures periodically for Termite damage by probing exposed wood for hollow spots. Other signs of termite infestation include mud tunnels, swarms of winged termites, and shed wings/frass (waste) on windowsills and along edges of flooring. Make your home and outbuildings less "attractive to termites. Keep soil around the foundation dry by maintaining gutters. Use downspouts that drain away from foundations. Use cement, grout, or caulk to fill foundation cracks, as well as where utilities enter."(1) Keep foundation vents from being blocked by plants, leaves, and other debris. Don't plant trees or bushes so close to a structure that they grow against exposed wood. Keep firewood and wood debris away from structures. "Use mulch sparingly. Don't let mulch contact wood siding or framing of doors or windows."(2) Stones should also be kept away from wood siding and framing. Mulch and stone help hold moisture in the soil. There should be a 1-foot perimeter around buildings with no mulch, stones, or plants. Don't allow soil to touch siding or wood framing. Dig soil away from structures to allow 5 inches between siding/framing and the ground.

Both chemical and non-chemical treatments are available for eradication and prevention of termite infestation. Non-chemical treatments include a physical barrier of steel mesh which is generally incorporated during construction. Non-chemical treatments also include biological control agents such as nematodes and fungi. Chemical termite treatments include liquid soil applied pesticides, termite baits, and wood

treatments. Injecting the pesticides into the soil and/or being applied around structures creates a protective barrier. This type of treatment can contaminate "...wells, cisterns, nearby ponds, lakes, or streams, plenums, sub-slab heating, drainage systems, inaccessible crawl spaces."(2) Water contamination through a termite baiting system is not a concern. Baits use a small amount of pesticide. "The bait is confined below ground in tamper resistant stations...Stations are inserted into augured holes in the ground, with the cover flush with the soil...The bait housing is a hollow plastic tube with slits along the sides for termites to enter."(2) Termites eat the bait and return to their nest with bait which other termites feed on. Bait stations are located 10-15 feet apart from each other and 1-2 feet away from structures. Bait stations need to be inspected on a regular schedule and the bait replaced as needed.

Termite treatments and prevention should be done by a licensed professional. Get more than one estimate. Be leery of high-pressure salespeople.

Entomology.ca.uky.edu Termite Control Answers for Homeowners (2)

Extension.msstate.edu.

Termites: How to Identify and Control. Epa.gov (1)

Upcoming 2023 Board Members

President	– Jeff Slabaugh
Vice President	– Amy Coburn
Treasurer	– Krystal Thompson
Secretary	– Cheryl Albergo
Board Members	Ron Lucas
	Jolyn Strahm
	Tom McCue
	Geoffrey Wedwaldt
	Valerie Campbell

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CHERYL'S GREEN CRUD

INGREDIENTS:

1 – 10OZ FROZEN SPINACH, THAWED, RINSED & DRAINED SLIGHTLY
¾ CUP CHOPPED ONIONS ¾ STICK OF SALTED BUTTER
½ CUP CHOPPED CELERY 1 CUP INSTANT WHITE RICE
8 OZ. CHEDDAR, SHREDDED 1 CAN OF COND CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP (CAMPBELL'S)

INSTRUCTIONS:

PREHEAT OVEN TO 350°
MELT BUTTER AND POUR INTO BOTTOM OF PAN, SIZE DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH YOU'RE MAKING.
SET SOME OF THE CHEESE ASIDE TO SPRINKLE ON TOP AFTER BAKING.
ADD EVERYTHING TO PAN AND MIX WELL
LIGHTLY COVER WITH FOIL AND BAKE FOR 30 MIN
ADD EXTRA CHEESE SET ASIDE EARLIER
COOK AN ADDITIONAL 15 MIN UNCOVERED
IF COOKING MORE THAN A DOUBLE BATCH EXTEND COOKING TIME ACCORDINGLY (15-30MIN)

NANCY'S CHERRY BARS

INGREDIENTS:

1 ½ CUP SOFTENED BUTTER	3 CUP SUGAR
1 ½ TSP. SALT	5 EGGS
1 ½ TSP. VANILLA	1 ½ TSP. ALMOND EXTRACT
5 ½ CUPS FLOUR	1 ½ TSP BAKING POWDER
2 CANS CHERRY FILLING	
FOR GLAZE 1 CUP CONFECTIONER'S SUGAR	3 TBSP. MILK

INSTRUCTIONS:

PREHEAT OVEN TO 350° AND SPRAY 12X17 PAN
IN MIXING BOWL, CREAM BUTTER, SUGAR, SALT, EGGS, VANILLA, ALMOND EXTRACT, MIX TOGETHER
ADD FLOUR, BAKING POWDER, MIX UNTIL COMBINED. RESERVE 1 ¾ CUPS.
SPREAD DOUGH ON PAN, ADD CHERRY FILLING, PLACE SMALL AMOUNT OF RESERVED DOUGH ON TOP.
BAKE 50 – 60 MINUTES
COMBINE CONFECTIONER'S SUGAR AND MILK CREATING GLAZE. ADDING TO COOLED BARS.
MAKES 48 LARGE SQUARES (6 – 8 PIECE ROWS)



THE LAKE BOARD WISHES EACH AND EVERYONE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!

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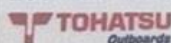
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