



Old Glory flies over Schaefer Lake (Tom Jekel photo)

Schaefer Lake Newsletter

July 2019



Taking stock of fish-stocking plan

The Schaefer Lake Lot Owners Association has made two investments in its fish population this past year, reflecting \$4,000 in monies budgeted for each of 2018 and 2019.



Riley Kinsella of Jones Fish displays a net full of Bluegills and Bass placed into Schaefer Lake on June 21 (left). Above is a close-up of a Largemouth Bass that was part of the spring stocking. (Tom Jekel photos)

The most recent stocking was June 21, when 1,200 Bluegill Sunfish ranging from 4 to 6 inches were stocked, as well as 300 Largemouth Bass ranging from 5 to 7 inches long. Rounding out the order from

Jones Fish of Cincinnati were 105 pounds of Fathead Minnows (roughly 25,000 of them), providing ample feeding opportunities for the lake's fish.

Schaefer Lake has typically stocked the lake in the spring. With a new lake association leadership stepping in last year, however, the 2018 schedule for stocking was delayed until the fall, said board member Anthony Paul, who oversaw the stocking program.

Paul worked with Jones Fish last fall to stock the lake with 500 Hybrid Striped Bass, which are known to eat the pesky shad, which feast on fish eggs in the spring and fall. The striped bass ran from 8 to 10 inches long, a size that would allow them to survive the winter months and be large enough to eat the shad, Paul said. The association last fall also purchased 25 pounds of Flathead Minnows to feed the lake's fish.



Riley Kinsella of Jones Fish used a net to remove minnows from a tanker truck to be placed into buckets and emptied into Schaefer Lake during a June 21 stocking.



Pontoon parade planned Saturday, July 6

Schaeffer Lake residents are invited to participate in a 4 p.m. Saturday, July 6 pontoon boat parade around the lake. Decorate your boats in festive fashion for the holiday. A winner will be picked and awarded a prize.

Bill Lewis and family in 2016 pontoon parade

Managing water levels

The Schaefer Lake Lot Owners Association board has been spending a lot of time on issues related to water levels. For example, a full assessment of the Emergency Spillway Project was provided to the membership during this year's annual meeting.

When we get a heavy rainfall, as we did most recently in June, some association members have asked that the 24-inch drawdown pipe be opened to drop water levels.



At the lake association board's request, a hydraulic flow analysis by Burke Engineering of Columbus reviewed the Schaefer Lake discharge capacity from two significant storm events.

At 100-year-flood conditions, the flow capacity of the drawdown pipe has an impact of lowering the lake by 3/64 inch on the maximum lake level, the Burke Engineering study found. That's 0.5 percent above the flow capacity of the main spillway – not enough to make a significant difference, Burke found.

As a result of this information provided during the annual meeting, the lake association board recommends that the 24-inch drawdown pipe not be implemented during an anticipated storm event.

The Schaefer Lake main spillway was moving water over the dam quickly June 22 after a storm.

OFF THE DEEP END ... The lighter side of lake living



If this rain continues we won't
need to dredge the lake for a
4th of July Parade

PICNIC HEAD'S UP

The Schaefer Lake fall picnic will recognize the 60th anniversary of the 100-acre lake's construction by Albert Schaefer by the end of 1959.

Watching for upcoming newsletters and Facebook postings for details, including the date of the picnic and special activities.

By Mike Champlin



Addison Dailey samples French Toast on a Stick.

Healthy Living Recipe

By Shannon Dailey

French Toast on a Stick

Here's a breakfast recipe that is super fun to make with kiddos or for you if you're a kid at heart.

For the French toast:

Ingredients

4 eggs
1 T unsweetened almond milk
1 T cinnamon
1 tsp pumpkin pie spice
1-2 T raw honey
2 tsp vanilla
4 slices wheat or Ezekiel bread (I used homemade Honey Oat bread from a little shop near my house, Swiss Maid)

Instructions

Heat skillet over medium to medium high heat, spray with cooking spray
Mix all ingredients and spices together in shallow bowl/dish (except bread)
Coat both sides of bread in egg and spice mixture and put on skillet
Cook for a couple minutes on each side or until golden brown
Serve with fresh berries and some pure maple syrup

*You can also use a baguette cut into 1 inch slices if you like it thicker

Then for the "on a stick" part.

Ingredients

the cubed French toast

10 strawberries (or more)

1 banana (or more)

1/2 cup blueberries (or more)

Slide a piece of French toast, a strawberry half, a slice of banana, and a blueberry onto a skewer. Continue until skewer is full. Repeat to make more.

Serve by itself or with pure maple syrup. Enjoy!!

Upcoming area events

JULY 5: Summer cruise-ins, first Friday of each month through October, 5 to 8 p.m., east side of square sponsored by Main Street of Hope. Special features this month: Baby contest and ice cream floats. Food, craft, produce vendors. Musical entertainment on the bandstand, 6 to 8 p.m. Info: 546-0423.

JULY 7: Sunday Social at the Yellow Trail Museum, 2 to 4 p.m. Focus this month on Hartsville and Hartsville College. Michael Cartwright of the University of Indianapolis will share some of his research. Add your stories to the discussion. Snacks provided. Info: 812-546-4673.

AUG. 2: Summer cruise-ins, first Friday of each month through October, 5 to 8 p.m., east side of square sponsored by Main Street of Hope. Special features this month: Bake contest. Food, craft, produce vendors. Musical entertainment on the bandstand, 6 to 8 p.m. Info: 546-0423.

Minutes of recent board discussion, actions

SLLOA Board Meeting

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Thursday, May 16, 2019 7:00pm

Brad Anderson's House

Attendance: Rob Dailey, Rob Daly, Brent Engel, Diane Jekel, Dean Parrish, Brad Anderson, Candy Towsley

Move to begin: Rob Dailey, 2nd Dean

1. Review April Minutes: Candy

Propose abbreviated minutes to be shared with LOA. Pass

2. Treasurer's Report & Financial Update: Diane

Diane to send out new invoices, adding the \$40 late fee to overdue lots without payment arrangements
Recommend we explore finding a third party bookkeeper to assist with books. Passed, Diane to pursue.

Dailey & Diane to close old account

3. Update on Dredging/Spillway: Brent

Committee kicked off last week. Rick Gardner, Rob, Scott Towsley, others.

Brent has silt for analysis.

Message to share for now is to start saving, start planning.

4. Key distribution results, info update: Diane
Very positive feedback. One of the best & smoothest.
Big thank you to Diane to provide this
5. Update to LOA Emergency Action Plan: Brent, all.
Brent provided proposed updates, pass
6. Followup on valve, dam maintenance: Anthony
Need something firm under dock by spring: Dean
Checked valve, appears to be OK, but will check specs to determine if/how
to oil it: Brent, Dean
Mole tracks on dam
Propose to purchase Milky Spore (organic, nonhazardous to apply
grub deterrent) to treat the dam & reduce moles by reducing food
supply. Pass
Diane to send payment to Rising Sun for water treatment
Anthony to order \$4,000 of fish (per budget). Passed.
The white pipe beside the spillway needs some maintenance. Propose to
delay until warmer weather, as will be wet.
7. Approval for Scott T. to move forward with Burke on sediment survey. Pass
8. Action items Updates:
Followup on LOA park: Rob Dailey
Will pursue LLC proposal
Followup with lawyer on bylaws change, bill concerns: Rob Dailey
We are paid to date & accurate
Followup on GoDaddy, Quickbooks & other accounts that need credit
card, as well as Adobe accounts: Candy, Diane
Need new credit card info for GoDaddy & Quickbook.
Need to develop a better transition plan.
Officers to start collecting notes on what they do/have done. At
one point, compile together: All officers, Candy
Follow up on Lake Santee (selling dredging materials): Dean
Covered above
Followup with actions from discussion with lawyer
Setting up LLC for property purchase on hold
Bylaws: Rob Daly
Rob to form committee
Hardcopies of 2017, 2018 & 2019 for lawyer (minutes & proxy results,
packets & invoices) No progress: Candy
Directory reprint. No progress: Candy
9. Walk Ins
Request for social committee to exist & organize activities. Candy to pursue forming social committee
Try to coordinate with Hope garage sales
See if social committee wants to pursue 4th of July pontoon boat parade
One of the dam warning buoys has shifted closer to the dam. Need to get
to move it out again
10. Next meeting: June 12, 7 p.m., Brad Anderson's house
Brent to cover minutes as Candy will be unavailable

Our leadership team

Officers and other board members on the Schaefer Lake Lot Owners Association board:

President – Rob Dailey

Vice President – Brent Engel

Treasurer – Diane Jekel

Secretary – Candy Towsley

Members at large – Rob Daly, Anthony Paul, Dean Parrish and Brad Anderson (there is one board opening).

What's next: The SLLOA board's next meeting will be 7 p.m. July 16 at Rob Dailey's house. While anyone is welcome to attend, it is helpful to let the board know in advance if there are issues you would like to address so they can be placed at the top of the agenda.

Helpful information links

SLLOA website:

sloa.com/

The Republic daily newspaper in Columbus:

therepublic.com

Town of Hope, 404 Jackson St., Hope

Townofhope.org

HSJ (Hope Star Journal) Online:

hsjonline.org/

Community Center of Hope, 543 Washington St., Hope

communitycenterofhope.org/

Yellow Trail Museum, 644 Main St., Hope

yellowtrailmuseum.wixsite.com/yellowtrailmuseum

Columbus Area Visitors Center

columbus.in.us/

Bartholomew County Public Library (536 Fifth St., Columbus; 635 Harrison St., Hope)

<https://www.mybcpl.org/home>

From the newsletter editor

Thanks to all of the contributors for this edition of the lake association newsletter. If you have questions or content suggestions, please contact newsletter editor Tom Jekel at 812-344-4325, through his email at paperguys2@gmail.com or the LOA email: Schaefer.lake@yahoo.com. See you on the lake!

