

Smoke Signals

Lake Shores Association

P.O. Box 63

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August 2011 - Summer Edition



<http://www.indianlakes.org> info@indianlakes.org

Our goal is to make our lake a clean, fun and safe environment. We welcome any additional help and assistance.



Special Thanks:

Special thanks to Keith Alexis for the great 4th ski show, and Mike Workman for his work with our fireworks show.

Annual Association Meeting August 6 10:00 am at the Pavilion:

Guest speakers – Don Cooper (Drain Commissioner) & Spicer Engineering Group to talk about lake level.

Monthly LSA Board Meeting:

The monthly LSA Board meetings are scheduled for the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the pavilion. Please come and share your ideas! Also see the President's report on page 6.

Indian Lakes Boating Regulations:

1. **Absolutely no visiting watercraft are permitted on our lake.**
2. There shall be no high speed boating/jet skiing or in other words no wake for the entire lake before 11:00 am and after 8:30 pm. Note: this also applies to fisherman.
3. When any watercraft has a person or persons in tow in any fashion, a spotter must be present on the tow-craft as proscribed by Michigan law.
4. All watercraft must stay a minimum distance of 100 feet from all other boats and objects as proscribed by Michigan law.
5. All traffic must be going in a counter-clockwise fashion around the lake.
6. The launch is for association members only. Only watercraft with appropriate stickers will be allowed on this lake.
7. The appropriate stickers must be applied to all trailers at the boat launch.

These rules have been established for the safety of all members and will be enforced.

Boaters please be aware of wakes created near shorelines. They take a huge toll on seawalls!

Pow Wow Point:

There's a new sign for swimmers & parking boats. The intent is to keep swimmers safe. Please beware when boating around there. There are lots of swimmers this year.

Pavilion:



There is a flat \$50 rental fee payable to the Lake Shores Association plus a separate \$50 cleaning deposit payable to Tammy for the use of the pavilion. Dues must be current for members to be able to rent the pavilion. The pavilion can be reserved for your personal event by contacting Tammy Williams at 231-629-1877 or by completing and submitting the Pavilion Rental form on our website. The two separate deposits (rental and cleaning) must be paid to the treasurer 2 weeks in advance of your planned event at the Pavilion.

Please note that the cleaning deposit will be forfeited if fasteners such as tape, nails, wires, paperclips, and screws are used to attach items to walls, ceiling, or windows. Smoking is not allowed in the pavilion – smoking in the pavilion will also result in the forfeiture of the cleaning deposit.

Fish:

The board encourages all fishermen to practice the custom of catch and release. Please be respectful when fishing around docks and boats.

We have volunteers willing to build a spawning habitat for our walleyes. More information on this process will be available later.

This is a picture of a nice walleye caught in our lake this summer. =====>

We hear that there have been several 17" walleye caught and released. Who knows someday you may catch a 3 or 4 "pounder"!



4th of July:

What a beautiful weekend it was. We could have used a few more boats in the parade, but the ones there were well done. The fireworks were awesome and nobody got hurt.

A couple of pictures from our ski show on the July 4th =====>



Dumpsters:



There will be yard waste dumpsters (no rubbish, trees, plastic or liquids) available starting October 15th through the 30th. Dumpsters will be positioned at Shady Oaks and Pawnee Points Parks.

Architectural Committee:

Building regulations are spelled out in LSA covenants, restrictions and township zoning ordinance. All structures and alterations must get approval and/or permits from LSA architectural committee, township zoning administrator, and county building department.

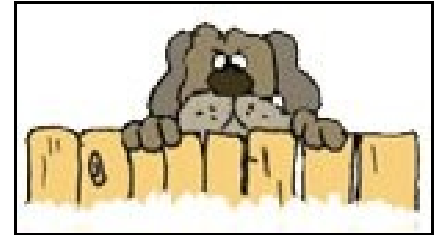
John Westveer has resigned from the Architectural Committee. We sincerely thank him for years of dedicated service. Thanks John!

Anyone interested in filling this position should contact Steve.

Break-ins:

Just beware, there are still break-ins happening around the lake, and there is still the recurring theft of gas tanks and boat batteries.

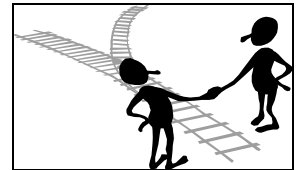
If you are interested in surveillance equipment or security cameras to protect your property, call Tom Kropewnicki at 231-937-9973 or 616-291-7854.



Neighborhood Watch:

Report any suspicious behavior to the Montcalm County Sheriff or the State Police in Lakeview,

If you are new to our community and have not received your new Welcome Packet or are a lake member who knows of new members please contact Doug or Darlene Ringler at 231-937-5525.



Central Office:

If the sticker on your boat has faded, please pick up a fresh one from the office. The latest issue of Smoke Signals is also available at the office. Contact Tammy at 231-629-1877 or Ray at 231-937-7946 to meet you at the office. A message can also be e-mail to Tammy at secretary@indianlakes.org

Marine Patrol:

EVERY boat must be registered with the state before being used on public or private lakes. Everyone that attended an annual meeting agreed that we want the marine patrol out on our lake.

Did you know?

You can access this newsletter on our website at www.indianlakes.org and it also can be delivered via e-mail. Members who would like Smoke Signals via e-mail can e-mail a note to info@indianlakes.org requesting that their newsletters be e-mailed to them – newsletters that are e-mailed are in color.

Smoke Signals is published 4 times yearly. Two issues will be mailed and two issues will only be posted on our website and e-mailed to members whose e-mail address we have on file. Lake members are always welcome to pick up their copy of Smoke Signals at the office.

Remember in Your Prayers:

Please remember Leatha Meinko and David Tebeau in your prayers.

<u>Board Members:</u>		<u>Home Phone</u>	<u>Cell</u>
President	Steve Pritchard	231-937-5010	
Vice President	Ray Brimmer	231-937-7946	
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	Ken Kool	616-293-2022	
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	Steve Pritchard	231-937-5010	
	Tammy Williams		231-629-1877
	Glenn Irwin	231-629-4797	
<u>Welcoming committee:</u>			
	Doug & Darlene Ringler	231-937-4198	
<u>Law Enforcement Numbers:</u>			
	DNR	616-225-3414	
	Poaching	800-292-7800	
	Animal Control – Montcalm County	989-831-7355	
	Drain Commission – Don Cooper	989-831-7322	
	Montcalm County Road Commission	989-831-5285	
	Michigan State Police/Lakeview Post	989-352-8444	
	Montcalm County Sheriff	989-831-5253	
	Howard City Police	231-937-4311	
	Fire Chief William Knapp	989-815-0905	
	Emergency	911	
<u>Drain Commissioner's Lake Level Committee:</u>			
	John Westveer	231-937-5280	
	Steve Pritchard	231-937-5010	
	Dave Van Dam	616-937-4170	

Calender of events for Summer and Fall 2011

August 6	<u>Annual Association Meeting 10:00 am at the Pavilion</u>
August 14	David Tebeau benefit. Bethel Lutheran Church Ice Cream Social Fund Raiser/Benefit 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM. See sign at the entrance to Indian Lake.
August 20	Lake wide yard sales
September 3	Bass Tourney 7:00 A.M.to11:30 A.M. – more details later or contact Steve.
October 15-30	Dumpsters for yard waste will be positioned at Shady Oaks and Pawnee Points Parks.

Sweatshirts:

Indian Lakes Sweatshirts are still available at the board office. A hanger is shown here modeling the hooded style. Blue is the only color available at this time. Washing instructions are on the label. The sweatshirts are 50% cotton and 50% polyester. Those interested can contact Tammy or reply via e-mail to info@indianlakes.org. All profits from sweatshirt sales (after expenses have been paid) go to our fireworks fund.

The prices for are:

\$25.00 for hooded style

\$20.00 for regular style

These prices are also for child sizes.



2011 Water Treatment To Our Lake:

The Tentative Treatment Schedule for 2011 is as follows:

Week of Treatment	Type of Treatment	Week of Treatment	Type of Treatment
05/16/11	Spring Survey, Water Quality	05/23/11	Optional Algae
05/31/11	Weed & Algae	06/20/11	Weed & Algae
07/18/11	Weed & Algae, Water Quality	08/16/11	Weed & Algae
09/06/11	Fall Survey, WQ, Weed & Algae		

The notice that LSA members received from PLM contained the following statement.

“DEQ permitting restriction, national holidays, and/or weather conditions may influence the timing of treatments throughout the 2011 season. PLM treats each lake according to a schedule or season plan, established with the cooperation of your lake association, lake board, or residents on the lake. The treatment schedule is approximate. Please watch your shoreline for the posting of the 8.5 x 11 inch, yellow or green signs. The signs will indicate the date of the treatment, the product used, and any restrictions on the use of treated water for swimming, watering lawns, etc.”

PLM did a full algae treatment on July 21, treated for some pond weed (especially in the channels), and will be back to treat some mil-foil. That will bring us to our \$15,000 budget.

Presidents Report:

I've been on the board for a few months now and starting to get back in the groove. I'm glad to see more and more people are coming to the monthly meetings. Good ideas have been presented. I'm currently working with a committee and we are updating the covenants and bi-laws. We hope to have it done and mailed out on or around August 20th.

I know there are people out there that would like to volunteer to do things, if we could get your name and phone number and put you on a list that we could call from, that would be great. I would say it was worth knocking on doors for fireworks donation, the show was super! Hopefully next year we won't have to do the walking. As always you can call me with any concerns and I will always return the call. Enjoy the summer and see you at the annual meeting.

Steve

Consider Advertising in Smoke Signals. We still have room for you!!

Contact a member or the newsletter committee if interested! Ads come in three sizes. A full page ad is \$125, a half page ad is \$75, and a business card size is \$75 for one year – four issues.

Dog Walking:

Loose Leash Walking Recipe from thethreedogblog.com - provided by Rachel from TheDogTrainingSecret.com

Ingredients: Patience, love, lots of deep breaths, steadfastness and attention to detail

Step 1: Attach leash to dogs collar (preferably a martingale/no-slip or flat buckle)

Step 2: Wait in front of door you will be exiting until dog sits. Dog will whine, jump and protest; act completely unaffected by the poor manners; dog will eventually give up and sit down; praise lavishly in a high pitched happy voice

Step 3: Reach for door knob then pause, dog will get up from sit and eagerly go for the door, remove your hand from the knob and stand paying no attention to the dog until he returns to the sit position

Step 4: Repeat above step as necessary until the dog remains sitting as you turn the knob and begin to open the door just a crack

Step 5: As the door opens the dog will get up from the sitting position and try to go through the opening; the minute the dogs bottom lifts off the floor shut the door, remove your hand from the knob and pay no attention to the dog until he returns to the sit position; once in the sit position praise lavishly in a high pitched happy voice

Step 6: Repeat above step as necessary until the dog remains sitting while you open the door completely

Step 7: Give your dog a release command such as "OK" or "let's go" and take a single step forward; the dog will jerk forward; stand firm and ignore the dog, dog will continue to pull, might walk close to owner but then will immediately dart forward again; wait the dog out, he will usually give a calming signal such as a yawn, lip lick, or sigh and then return to the owner in a silent surrender. Praise the dog lavishly in a high pitched happy voice

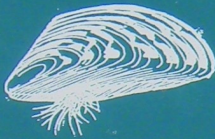
Step 8: Take a step forward and repeat the above step; the amount of time it takes for the dog to surrender will decrease each time until the dog no longer pulls but only if you NEVER let the dog walk even a step until he loosens the leash on his own, without the use of force or coursing by either walking behind the handler or returning to the left side of the handler and waiting.

Sign posted at our launch ramp!!!

Please

HELP!

*Prevent the spread of
aquatic nuisance species
plants and animals*



ZEBRA MUSSEL



ROUND GOBY



EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL

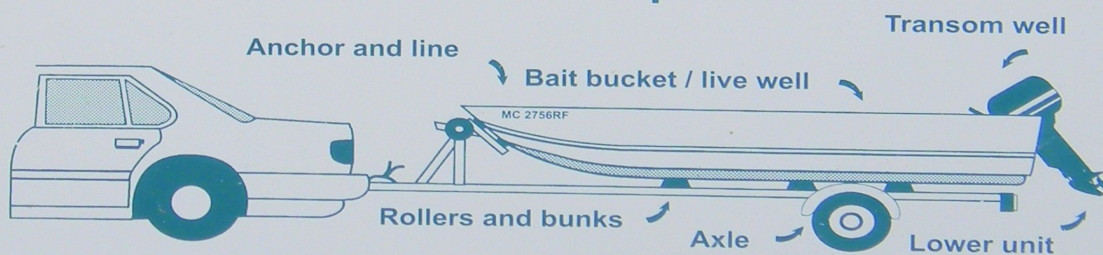


RUFFE

Before launching...and before leaving:

- REMOVE aquatic plants and animals
- DRAIN lake or river water from boat/ personal watercraft, bilge compartments and live wells
- DISPOSE of unwanted live bait on land

Where to look for nuisance species:



Graphic courtesy of Minnesota DNR



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