

# Lake Views

For Winans Lake Association Members – June 2016

## **The WLA Annual Meeting was held on Thursday May 26th at LGCC**

The current board is:

Greg Dygert - President  
Jack McAllen - Vice Pres  
Mike Paulson - Treasurer  
Shannon Rau - Secretary  
Lynn Boyer - Governor  
George Voegeli - Governor

## **Goose Roundup**

➤ *Bruce Mendenhall*

To all concerned Lake residents that have kayaks and are active lake users. WLA has received a State Permit for a Goose Roundup this year. We have reserved Sat morning, June 25th, at 8am with the GooseBuster Co. to come to Winans Lake to round up our geese. I have been scouting the lake most every evening and I am seeing a steady count of 7. A family of 5, and a couple of adults. The geese will begin the molting process soon and should be flightless by the end of June. In the mean time, we may have an influx of geese looking to find a safe place to stay over for the flightless month of July. If they arrive, we are stuck with them for the summer.

Please set aside about 2 hours on Sat morn, June 25th to meet at the Beach at 8am, in your kayak, to help corral our geese, which will be safely removed. If we do not get more than our current total of 7 geese, we have the option to cancel with GooseBusters with no penalty. We won't know how many we will have until shortly before the Sat June 25th date. But, we need to be ready if we get a late arrival of geese. Please contact me if you are available for this activity as we are required to have enough volunteers to make the roundup work. Also, if you know of any other lake members who could help, please let them know.

Thanks for your help on this. I'll be waiting to hear from you. (MHALLSX4@aol.com)

## **Lake Treatment**

➤ *Water Quality Committee*

On Monday May 23rd Jack McAllen and Bruce Mendenhall placed fifty buoys that marked the drop-off edges, points, and underwater features to help direct Aquatic Technologies airboat for the lake treatment.

On Tuesday May 24th Jack McAllen rode the airboat to help the applicator to properly navigate the buoy-marked path. The lake was fairly calm and the sun was bright and allowed good locating of Eurasian milfoil beds.

Granular 2-4-D was distributed along the buoy marked course. It sinks immediately and stays put. The effective bandwidth is about 130' wide at the lake bottom and is intense during a three-day time-release period. The general depth of the treatment zone is about nine to twenty feet deep.

On Wednesday May 25th Jack McAllen and Bruce Mendenhall picked up the marker buoys. They will be stored for use again next year.

We are slowly developing better control of the Milfoil infestation based upon a trend over the last three years of less chemical usage each year (5% to 10% reduction each year). Lake survey work in later June will reveal the true effectiveness of this spring treatment.

The current Eurasian milfoil beds will be slowly dying off. They will turn a dull green then gray green and finally collapse to the bottom during the next four to five weeks. The June survey may indicate that a later treatment after Labor Day might be considered.

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## 2016 Beach Hours and Fun Days

➤ *Carrie Dygert*

Friday, June 3 through Labor Day:

- Sunday, Monday and Tuesday: 11:00am - 7:30pm
- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 12pm - 8pm

Fun Days: June 25, July 16, and August 13

For additional information about the beach facility, please contact Lakelands Golf & Country Club: 810-231-3000.

## 2016 Beach Opening

➤ *Carrie Dygert*

We had a wonderful turn out of families that donated their time and skills in the massive effort to making sure that the Beach House was in full operational mode before summer arrived. We had neighbors bring their muscles and machines to clear away the winter debris.

We couldn't have done it without the help of Byron and Amy Bunker; Mary Evergreen; Robert Krisher; Jack McAllen; Connie Harris; Sarah Grusin; Dan Luria; George Voegeli; Alex and Trish Ibrahim and kids; and Greg, Samantha, and Carina Dygert.

I also would like to extend my appreciation to Donovan from LGCC for launching of the raft in a timely manner. I had a couple of inquiries about how to donate to the beach house. There are three categories: I do have a "wish list" of items that would be appreciated posted at the beach house; There are still a few items that need to be checked off of the "to do" list for those of you who would like to donate some of your time to the up keep of the beach house; or you may submit funds to Mike Paulson to deposit into the beach budget.

Just a quick side note, we had some projects completed last Fall and this Spring. To name a few: We have installed the black fencing that was donated to The Beach House a few years ago. Another new installation is that of the soffits in the covered patio areas! Thank you Victor Leabu for making the soffits economical. The garden along the fence line also went through a small face lift! Our iron filtration system has been repacked, which means no more rust in our water. Lastly, the wall in the shower area has been scraped down and repainted to remove the unsightly rust staining and peeling paint.

Come on down and see all of the improvements!

If you are interested in volunteering some time to keep the beach running smoothly, please call me at 231-2644 or email me at [cdygert@hotmail.com](mailto:cdygert@hotmail.com).

## Wish List for the Beach

➤ *Carrie Dygert*

1. Weeding (both in lake and in flower beds)
2. Tree trimming near the Beach House. Will need a telescoping tree pruner or saw on a stick.
3. Division of hostas. I'll need a hand one morning near the end of June. I'll post on both Face Book and the Winans Lake Blog page. If you would like to have a head start, I would be happy to open the gate for you.
4. Edge around the gardens
5. Band aids for the first aid kit
6. Tweezers for the first aid kit
7. Plastic cups (for patrons who forget that glass bottles are not allowed on the beach)
8. Help in locating 3 new logs to replace our older ones and possible ways to raise money need for the transport of the logs.
9. Marine Tex to fix the paddleboard for the guards.

## Like us on Facebook

➤ *Carrie Dygert*

Just do a Facebook search for: Winans Lake Beach Club. It's a good place to find out current events!

(If you don't belong to Facebook, check out the Winans Lake Association website, [www.winanslake.org](http://www.winanslake.org), for the latest happenings in our community.)

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## Fish Study – Volunteers Needed!

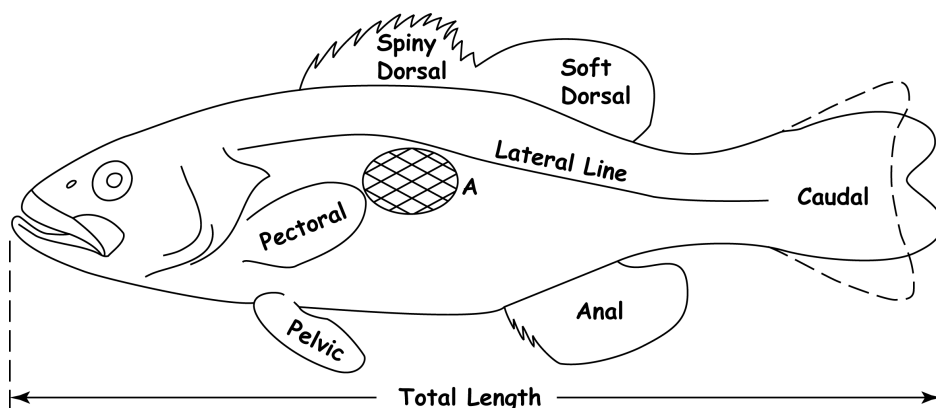
➤ Greg Dygert

Since it has been more than 30 years since our last lake study, the fish committee has concluded that more recent data should be obtained to assist the WLA in making effective fishery management decisions. Accordingly, the WLA board has commissioned our lake advisor, Dr. David Jude of Freshwater Physicians, to conduct a professional fish study of Bass, Pike and Bluegill. The study will determine the growth rates of these species to determine if there are any predator-prey imbalances or other ecosystem issues affecting our fishery. The results of the study will help guide the WLA in making fishery management decisions for the next several years.

The study involves taking scale samples and length measurements of bass, pike and bluegill to determine the growth rates in Winans Lake vs state averages. A minimum of 50 samples of each species across all age groups is required. The WLA has agreed to help in gathering the samples for this study in exchange for reduced cost, so we need the help of our angling community! Prizes will be awarded to the volunteers submitting the most samples by Sept 30 2016 or the first volunteers to submit 50 samples of a species. Please help!

For those who would like to assist us in sampling, here are the instructions:

- For each Bass, Pike or Bluegill caught, carefully remove 5-10 scales using forceps, tweezers, knife, etc. and measure the length of the fish as detailed below. Scales for bass and bluegill should be taken from under the spiny dorsal and below the lateral line. Scales for pike should be taken near the end of the pectoral fin and above the lateral line. If possible, lay the fish on a wet towel while you handle it to protect the fish's slimy layer. As always, bass and pike should be released unharmed.
- Place the scale samples for each fish in a separate baggie or envelope and record the species (bass, pike or bluegill), length, date and name of angler (optional) on the baggie/envelope with a permanent marker or other suitable means.
- Submit the samples to Greg Dygert, Frank Ferguson or any WLA board member.
- Contact Greg Dygert ([stanleywings@yahoo.com](mailto:stanleywings@yahoo.com)) with any questions.



## Enjoying The Night Sky

➤ Winans Lake Association

The Perseid meteor showers peak July 11th and the sky should be moonless and dark after 1:00am. This will be one of the better viewing years. The Winans Lake Association endorses the Abrams Planetarium Dark Skies program and asks that you eliminate lakeside outdoor lighting when you are not outside. This will enhance the night quality of our lake and provide your neighbors across the lake with a better view of the night sky. The night magic of our lake is diminished by unnecessary outdoor lighting. Eliminate lake side outdoor lighting when you are not outside. Your neighbors will appreciate your efforts.

The MSU Abrams Planetarium home page offers sky and telescope information: <http://www.pa.msu.edu/abrams/>

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## **Recycle Livingston**

➤ *Mary Evergreen*

The only non-profit recycling center serving the residents of Livingston County, they are committed to reducing the flow of solid waste to local landfills today.

For more information or to join, please visit their website at: [recyclelivingston.org](http://recyclelivingston.org). On the website is also information about Livingston County's dates and times for their Hazardous Waste collection.

Recycle Livingston is so excited to announce that we are now accepting unwanted clothes, shoes, toys, and household textiles. Every donation will go where it is needed the most and everything donated will get a second life. Please do not bring large furniture or mattresses. If the items will not fit in our bin on site, we cannot accept them. Items may be brought in cardboard boxes, brown paper bags or clear plastic bags.

Our charitable partners receive much-needed funds from our donation programs to support local programs and services. The process of reusing, redistributing and recycling these items creates a circle of jobs locally, nationally and abroad while diverting millions of pounds of textiles from the municipal landfills. It's a WIN WIN WIN for our community!

American Textile Recycling Service ensures everything is graded, sorted, reused or recycled and nothing is thrown away. A portion of all profits will be donated to the Michigan Humane Society.

Just one more way we can work together to reduce the amount of materials going into our landfills. Please call if you have any questions! We can be reached at 517.548.4439. If we are not available in the office, we will return your phone call as soon as we are able.

*Mary is willing to collect these items and get them over to recycle livingston. The items can be dropped off on her front porch.*

## **Welcome New Neighbors**

➤ *Mary Evergreen*

Mary and Steven Hendershot

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email: [maryallison23@gmail.com](mailto:maryallison23@gmail.com).

son Calum and new baby daughter Ella

Brie and Devin O'Halloran

5990 Winans Drive

email: [kohler@gamil.com](mailto:kohler@gamil.com)

## **Lake Views**

➤ *Melissa Benzie*

If you have any news or information to share with your neighbors please send to [melrobhil@yahoo.com](mailto:melrobhil@yahoo.com) or call 231-1239