



## Winans Lake Board Meeting

The Winans Lake (WLA) Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14th, at 6:30 pm. It will be held at Lakelands Golf and Country Club (LGCC).

WLA board meetings are typically scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 at LGCC in bad weather or at the beach otherwise. However, due to travel schedules or other conflicts they can be rescheduled on short notice. If you are interested in attending a board meeting, please let Greg Dygert (stanleywings at yahoo dot com) know so you can be notified of any rescheduling.

## Ice Fishing

Well, as of the writing this newsletter, the lake has not yet frozen but after our warm December heat is once again escaping from the lake and the ice fishing season is being eagerly anticipated.



(Picture courtesy of Sarah Grusin Facebook post.)



- Valid ice fishing flags must be clearly displayed at all times when ice fishing. No more than 1 shanty per flag. LGCC members must be present with their flag.
- State fishing laws and WLA fishing rules, whichever are more restrictive, shall be observed' ([see Winans Lake Rules](#)).
- No tip-ups, tip-downs, or other setlines are permitted. Setlines are defined as any fishing line that is more than fifteen (15) feet from the fisherman or that is not under the direct sight and control of the fisherman.
- Bass over 18" and pike under 26" must be released. Catch and release on all bass and pike is recommended.
- No spearing is allowed at any time.
- Any baitfish used must be obtained from a State-certified dealer and must not be disposed of in the lake or on the ice.
- Gas powered ice augers or other liquid fueled equipment or chainsaws may not be used. Ice holes must not exceed 8" in diameter.
- No snowmobiles, ORVs or motorized vehicles of any kind are allowed.
- Shanties shall be removed from the lake at the end of each day.
- No litter or human or animal waste shall be placed in or on Winans Lake.
- Guests are subject to WLA rules, and their conduct is the responsibility of the member hosting them.
- Any angler in violation of lake rules may have their fishing privileges revoked.
- Ice fishing flags must be returned to the WLA or LGCC by April 1st each year.

Ice fishing flags are readily available from Greg Dygert. You can reach him by phone (810-two-three-one-2644) or email (stanleywings at yahoo dot com).

### Courteous Winter Driving

True snowy winter weather has arrived and with that we know slick and restricted conditions will be with us for quite some time. I would like to pass along a gentle reminder about driving on our roads around the lake this winter. Most of our roads are narrow and, I believe, should be treated as one lane roads. especially with snow piled up along the sides and with people and animals walking/running on them. I especially wish that everyone would remember that while driving up and down the hills, the vehicle coming UP



the hill should be given the right of way. So please remember to drive carefully, courteously and safely.

Thank you, Mary Evergreen

## First in the Lake



This contest is a long-standing tradition on Winans Lake. With the unusually warm winter, questions about the contest rules have been raised. And yes, the lake must first freeze before the clock starts for First in the Lake.

Here are the rules:

- On or after January 1st
- Lake has to have completely frozen over
- Have to go through a natural opening (can't cut a hole in the ice)
- Have to go all the way under
- Have to have a witness
- and a photo if possible (highly recommended by the Winans Lake Views editor)

If you have satisfied all of the above, then contact Martha Leabu at 810-923-05three five. You will get a trophy at the 4th of July Gathering.

The [Winans Lake Association website](#) also has the rules.



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Lake Life

Pictures from early December with a beautiful golden light.  
(Thanks to Eileen Somers)



Here are some pictures from the December Christmas caroling and after glo party.







A striking sunrise January 14, 2024  
(Thanks to Liz Larwa)





## **New Neighbors**

Mary Evergreen does a great job welcoming new neighbors but could use YOUR help. Please send her an email if you see movement on houses next/close to you. Her email is mlevergreen at charter dot net.

## **WLA Web Site**

The Winans Lake Web Site is up and running. Check it out for the latest news and beach schedule at [WinansLake.org](http://WinansLake.org).

## **Newsletter**

Please send any articles or pictures you'd like included in the newsletter to Terre Voegeli (voegelit@gmail.com).

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