

NEWS & VIEWS FROM THE LAKE

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Notes from Nyquist

By Larry Nyquist, Cowan Lake Association President

Hope that everyone is enjoying the lake now that summer has finally arrived. By now all have seen the new sign. Thanks to Ed Hawkins for all his hard work. We are working on a home for the old one.

What a great 4th of July. The pig roast was great and attended by many. Thanks to the Countermans and the Fues for all their hard work and hosting it.

The boat parade was well attended, 19 pontoons. First place was shared by the Yates and Nyquist grandchildren. The prize was a great bottle of wine from the Counterman's winery. Jim and Larry took care of the prize.

At the annual meeting it was brought up about fishing before the season officially opened. Catch and release is permissible. A reminder that we should always obey the conservation laws. Also, always remember that if you take your boat out of the lake and use it elsewhere be sure to wash it before returning it to our lake. Remember to run water through the motor, too.

The officers elected to the lake association board are as follows: President Larry Nyquist, Vice-president Patty DeMey, Secretary Terry Emiley, Treasurer and newsletter Mary Kay Groening, Trustees Mike Latchaw, Ed Hawkins and Elaine Salisbury.

Weed Management Report

By Elaine Salisbury, Trustee

Water Quality

Dissolved Oxygen readings for July 2 show ≥ 5.0 at 7' on both East and West sides of the lake. Water clarity (Secchi) was 6.5' on July 10. Results for chlorophyll sampling (done monthly) and phosphorus sampling (done in spring and fall) will be posted on the website sometime in the fall.

Weed Management Budget And To-date Costs

Budget 2008 = \$13261.00

May 23 Algae treatment = \$739

July 1 Algae treatment = \$739

July 8 Algae re-treatment = \$0

Monitoring registration (Cooperative Lakes Management Program) = \$193.50

Weed harvesting was done July 18-19-20, for a total of approximately 15 hours. With a higher lake level and slower weed growth this year, we were able to wait, and we expect to have only one harvest @ \$212/hour.

Purple loosestrife sightings: What was **thought** to be purple loosestrife (those many clumps of purple blossoms in the water around the lake) is **not** the bad invasive flower. PLM has identified

Join in the Fun on the Lake!

Don't forget we are having Boat tie-ups on the Third Sundays in August and September at 7:00pm. Bring a light snack to pass.

it as a different kind of water flower, which is not harmful. We do need to look out for loosestrife, though, as it will begin to appear in the next week or so.

Bocce Ball

Anyone who wants to participate in the Bocce Ball Tournament, Bocce practice nights will start Tuesday September 9th and each Tuesday in September 7pm-8:30pm at Emiley's 8065 Cowan Lake. The Tournament will be early in October, the date yet to be announced.

Neighborhood Watch

There have been no neighborhood watch issues reported at this time. Please remember to report any suspicious activities. If you are a newcomer to the lake contact one of the following people to find out how the watch program works: Terry Emily 691-7607 or Bob Campbell 691-7773 or Mike Latchaw 874-2935

New Treasurer and Dues Update

By Mary Kay Groening, Treasurer

Jill Counterman has passed on the checkbook to me and I am looking forward to the responsibilities as the new Treasurer of the Cowan Lake Association.

Jill gave me the list of residents who had paid their dues by July 1st. I have received a few checks since but would remind anyone who would like to pay their dues, that you may send your check to me for \$35.00 made payable to:

Cowan Lake Park Association

My address is 8355 Cowan Lake Dr. Thanks to all who have paid and to Jill Counterman who has done an excellent job!

carlmkgroening@aol.com

This is a list of paid members as of July 25th. If your name has been omitted or incorrectly listed please contact Mary Kay Groening at, 691-6318.

Polega, David & Michele	Campbell, Bob & Mary
Hawkins, Ed & Suzanne	Fues, Jim & Mary
Ballas, Bill	Lockwood, Donna
DeYoung, Gary & Mary	Wrona, Randy & Joelle
Smith, Doug & Margie	Sturgis, Dick
Greenland, Richard	Jung, Phil & Joan
Smith, Barbara	Mazur, Cary & Linda
Ziomkowski, Jerry & Marilyn	Groening, Carl & Mary Kay
Syswerda, Dave & Ellen	Bailey, Harold & Donna
Lee, Howard & Barbara	Venman, John & Sandy
DeMey, Patty	Momber, Glenda
Olcheske, Bob & Linda	Campbell, John & Donna
Counterman Mark & Jill	Salisbury, Dean & Elaine
Yates, James & Jan	Nyquist, Larry & Sandi
McCormick, Eleanor	Hall, Toni
Kremers/DeBoer, Karen & Tom	Ohren, Mike & Carol

Another Note: I have also taken on the responsibility for the Newsletter. If anyone would like to place an ad or other information for Cowan Lake residents in the next newsletter please send me an email.

Garage Sales

Our Cowan Lake garage sale was held May 30, 31.

Approximately 15 + families participated and we can say this year's sales were quite successful. Thanks to all who participated this year. We will keep you updated as to when we will hold the next sale.

**Eastern Townships of Kent County
Open Space Council 2008 Photo Contest**

This years theme "Wetlands & Water" pick up entry forms & rules at Grattan Township Office or find info on website at grattantownship.org

Fourth of July

Cowan Lake celebrated this great country on a beautiful sunny day. We could not have asked for better weather! The 30 X 60 ft tent was set up the night before by Aron, Mark, and Luke Counterman. The tables and chairs were assembled the morning of the 4th. Thanks to all who helped.

The boat parade began at around 12 noon. By the time we had finished we counted 19 boats. We had a tie for the best decorated boat. The winners were Jim and Jan Yates and Larry and Sandy Nyquist! Thanks to the two judges who will remain anonymous.

Everyone gathered on the Fues/Counterman lot for the Pig Roast around 2pm. This year's pig weighed in at 175 pounds, dressed. The pig was stuffed with 2 gallons of Countermans' homemade sauerkraut. It then was roasted, using cherry wood, for 14 hours by Karl Chittenden. It was carved by Jim Fues, Mark Counterman, and Fred Crawford (Jill's Father). Over 150 residents, family and friends attended with hungry appetites. The day was enjoyed by all.

There was not enough leftover pork for Christmas, as there usually is. What was left was donated as a thank you to Aron Counterman and Alpine Rental's owner and employees for their \$1000.00 rental-cost donation for the tent, tables and chairs! They really enjoyed their lunch! Thanks to all who helped with setup and cleanup. I would list everyone but I'm afraid I would miss someone. Hope to see you all again next year.

Jill Counterman

Condolences

To Joan Neigebauer whose son passed away in June.

Christmas Party 2008

Marilyn Ziomkowski and Sue Hawkins will be Co-chairing the festivities for Christmas this year. Date to be announced.

Have a great summer.....see you on the lake!