



Newsletter

Lake Sawyer Community Club

May, 2011

Boater Education

State Law requires boat operators to carry a Washington State Boaters Education Card when operating motorboats with 15 horsepower or greater including personal watercraft or **any** motorized watercraft. The chart above indicates that if you are 35 years old and younger you will need that card this year. There is very good information about taking the class and getting the card online on the following website: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/boating/>

When do I need my card?

Year	Your Age
2008	20 and younger
2009	25 and younger
2010	30 and younger
2011	35 and younger
2012	40 and younger
2013	50 and younger
2014	59 and younger

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Spring Work Party and Road Clean Up

The Spring Cleanup gets underway Sat. the 21st at 9am. Ted at Lake Sawyer Grocery will provide morning coffee, water, and maybe some Gatorade to keep us going. You might see some doughnuts also.

Holly Nichols is organizing the Road Clean Up portion of the morning and Steve Frank has organized the work party. He asks that you bring gloves, rakes, shovels, pruners, and elbow grease. He has also put up a "honey-do" list and promises to have materials needed available for the fix-up.

Here's what's on his list: Clean roof and gutters * Weed/rake flower beds * Prune trees and bushes * Fill pot holes * Fix gutter * Splash plates for downspouts * Wells around crawl space vents * Remove yard debris.

He's figuring a couple hours with a good turn out. Many hands make light work.



Triploid Rainbow Trout

Lake Sawyer was the recipient of 491 of these hybrid rainbows on April 25th and 196 more will be planted this month. The average weight of these fish is 1.6 pounds. They are voracious feeders and grow rapidly and are extremely good contestants on light lines.

A very strong case can be made for voluntary "catch and release" of these fish. The one pictured is probably 5 or 6 pounds and 2-3 years old. Left alone to grow and mature, triploids can reach well over 25 pounds. Though sterile, they are very healthy and have come to be known as "super trout". They prefer light lines and carefully presented bait and can get quite finicky as they grow. Imagine a 10 pound trout on a light fly rod..... Just FYI, Lake Wilderness was stocked with 15,000 trout in April with those fish averaging 2 to 3 fish per pound.

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Meet the new LSCC President and Vice President



LSCC President Alan Gangl and wife Joan

Alan and Joan Gangl moved on to Lake Sawyer in October 2006 from Issaquah where they lived for 23 years while raising their son, Adam, and daughter, Alison. Originally from Ohio, they met at Miami University, married and moved to the Northwest to start a new business, Formula Corp. They always wanted to live on a lake after experiencing Joan's family's cottage on Amhic Lake in Ontario, Canada. They enjoy living on Lake Sawyer and more importantly the new friends and neighbors they have met and who have welcomed them to the community.



LSCC Vice President Sheila Hoefig

Sheila and Brian Hoefig and their two children Tara and Jonathan, have lived on Lake Sawyer for about six years. About four years ago they were joined by Brian's dad (Charles) and have recently been gifted with the love of a loyal puppy, Sawyer. An engineer by trade Sheila chooses to stay at home with her children in hopes of doing them some good. "I am not sure if that is actually happening but it works for us." She volunteers at Sawyer Woods Elementary School and for things that take an environmental direction, recently taking an active role on the Lake Sawyer Shoreline Master Plan committee.



Meet Steve Frank, Trustee Position # 1

Steve and his wife Julie have lived on the lake since 2000. They have four grown children and 7 grandkids with one more due this fall. With both of them retired, they have time for family, friends, travel and when the weather cooperates, golf. "We've enjoyed all the benefits of living on Lake Sawyer and look forward to being able to give back to our community."

Membership in the LSCC is at the 100 mark generating about \$5,000 in club revenue. Fireworks donations total about \$4,000 and expected firework expenses are \$12,000 this year. With over 300 homes on the lake, LSCC is shooting for a goal of 200 annual memberships. The clubhouse is in need of some major subfloor repairs that will add \$11,000 to the budget. Your executive board is balancing the need for a reserve account with needed repairs and the annual 4th of July celebration coming up. With five new faces and a solid core of returning "veterans" there are many ideas for increasing membership and providing greater benefits in belonging to the lake community. If you haven't joined yet, get an application online at www.lakesawyer.org



Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual LSCC Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Boat Launch Park attracted over 150 people under beautiful sunny skies. 1200 candy filled eggs were plucked from the park area in under 15 minutes by 107 (best count) excited youngsters. The five and six year old age group was particularly fearless and fast, locating all 250 eggs within two minutes!

The event keeps growing, up from 82 participants last year. Naturally the weather helped to make this a complete success for all who attended.

Julie Earley shopped the sales for next years prizes and the total number of eggs for next year will likely be raised to 1500 or more.

Special thanks to our LSCC volunteers who made this possible and to Monica and Dick Stewart for organizing the egg stuffing party



The 4th Of July Weekend

is just seven weekends away! Plans are already underway to make the weekend another fun filled one on the lake. With the 4th coming on a Monday this year, the 18th Annual Bike Run Walk event will be Saturday the 2nd. The course is 5.2 miles around Lake Sawyer, 10am start.

Boat Parade Theme this year is: **Disney Movies**. Planning for the traditional events such as the Canoe Paddleboat Kayak Race, Water Ski/Wakeboard, House/Yard Decorations, is underway.

The East-West Volleyball Tournament has grown over the years to a hotly contested, well attended, major event. So much so that the usual hosts, Wes and Kristy Butt are hoping for a larger venue with two nets available. With so many teams competing, two courts would provide for a double elimination tourney and many more games being played. The soccer field at the south end of the lake comes to mind, but special permission to use it would be required. *Great ideas welcome!*

A bear ! In your garage??

Gary Farmer spotted bear tracks on one of the trails last week. He marked them to let Carol Benson and Sharon Veldhuis know where the sighting was as they frequently walk in that area east of the lake. They went to check it out and found "It was one BIG print." Later, Mr. Estes stopped Carol and Sharon to let them know **a bear had taken up residence in his garage**. His wife found it all snuggled up asleep and told Mr. Estes to "Get it out of there!" So he went out and shooed it away. It had eaten a wheelbarrow full of apples saved from last year, some nuts, and also knocked some stuff over. The bear thought it had found a lovely summer cottage. Mrs. Estes didn't think so.

Lake Sawyer July 4, 2011 Celebration

Boat Parade Theme: "Disney Movies"

Saturday, July 2nd

Annual Fun Run, Walk, Bike

10:00 AM

LSCC Clubhouse
29006 216th Ave SE



Join us for the 18th annual Fun Run, Walk or Bike around Lake Sawyer. The course is 5.2 miles long; the race is held rain or shine, and begins promptly at 10:00 AM so come early to check in and sign up. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult and all cyclists must adhere to the rules of the road and wear helmets. Bikers will begin first with runners and walkers following. Participants will be asked to sign a liability waiver at check-in and a parent must sign for minors. Please contact an LSCC board member for information or if you wish to help. LSCC members will participate for free with non-members paying \$5. T-shirts will be provided courtesy of the LSCC.

Each year LSCC seeks the permission of the landowners and residents at the southeast end of the Lake for permission to use their property for the annual Fun Run around the lake. Palmer Coking Coal Co. has once again graciously agreed. Please remember that this land is private and there is no permission to use this route other than the June Fun Run date provided through a Special Use Permit. At all other times during the year please respect their property and privacy rights. Please note NO SMOKING will be permitted on Palmer land. Thank you.

Monday, July 4th

Waterski/Wakeboard Event

8:00 – 11:00 AM

South End of the Lake

This is a great way to start your 4th of July. Break-out your slalom ski and join us for some turns on glassy-smooth water, or strap on your wakeboard and show us some big air! Everyone is welcome; meet the group near Duck Island at the southeast end of the lake at 8am.

The action is first come, first served; skiers go first, followed by wake boarders, and wake surfers. Bring your friends and family, tie-up with your fellow LSCC members and take it all in. Spectators are welcome and encouraged, this is a fun time and we want to see you out there, but no wake please. Participants have to sign a liability waiver and a parent has to sign for those under 18. Because we're tearing it up before normal speeding hours, the Lake Sawyer Community Club arranges a special permit with the City of Black Diamond for this event.



The tow boat is allowed to exceed the normal 5 MPH speed limit, but anyone else over 5 MPH will be chased down by the officer in charge, get a talking to, and possibly even get his autograph, so go slow. For more information or to pre-register, contact Jeff Merrill 253-350-2553.

Monday, July 4th

Volleyball Tournament

12:00 – 2:00 PM

We are hoping the volleyball tournament will be held again this year. We are looking for a volunteer to organize the tournament and for a location. Get your team together and defend your side of the lake. Site of this tournament will be announced later.

Paddleboat & Canoe/Kayak Race

3:30 PM

Between Big Islands



Two races will be held, one for the paddleboats and one for the canoes and kayaks. Race individually or as a team. Meet between the two big islands in front of Sunrise Resort at 3:15 PM. Race starts at 3:30 PM. There is no need to register, just show up and race.

Parade of Boats

5:00 PM

Dock#40

“Disney Movies” is the theme for this year’s Parade of Boats. Special prizes will be awarded for the best decorated boat, best theme, and the most original. Boats need to be off dock #40 at 4:50 PM. The parade will be lead by the Black Diamond Marine Patrol boat. The parade will proceed counter clockwise around the lake. Uncle Sam has promised to attend this year with candy for the kids. Let’s set

a record for the number of boats in the parade!



House and Yard Decorations

2:00 – 5:00 PM

Prizes will be awarded for the best patriotic house and yard decorations. Judging will take place between 2:00 and 3:00 PM with prizes awarded during the Parade of Boats.

Fireworks Extravaganza

10:15 PM

Middle of the Lake

The perfect ending to a perfect day. The display will be as close to the center of the lake as possible to optimize viewing for everyone. The location of the raft is chosen for maximum safety and in an area where most residents can view the display. Remember, if you plan to view the fireworks by boat, you must stay at least 400 feet from the raft. **Please utilize your navigation lights!** State law mandates that all motorized vessels shall display red and green side lights and an all round white light. Manual powered vessels (canoes, kayaks, rowboats, etc.) must at a minimum have a white light displayed which is visible in all directions (flashlight or lantern). The Black Diamond Marine Patrol will be present to ensure the safety of all observers and enforce a safe distance from the fireworks raft.

Questions concerning the 4th of July activities should be directed to a member of the LSCC board unless otherwise noted.

BLACK DIAMOND FOOD BANK



Your Lake Sawyer Community Club is committed to supporting our community through regular donations to the Black Diamond Community Center Emergency Food Bank. A portion of your dues are donated to fund a \$1000 per year contribution to the Emergency Food Bank, in \$250 quarterly contributions. The Black Community Center has several other Emergency Assistance resources for those in need including Clothing and Household Goods, Energy Assistance, Gas and Propane Vouchers, and is a Red Cross Mass Disaster Center. In addition the Black Diamond Community Center sponsors Community Events, Senior Programs, and Youth and Family Programs, and is a vital resource for our community. Please take a few minutes to visit them on the web and learn about the good work that is being done at the Black Diamond Community Center. <http://www.blackdiamondcc.org>

\$500 Donation to Black Diamond Police Dept.



A significant part of boating safety on Lake Sawyer is upkeep on the lake's buoy system. Buoys are anchored around the perimeter of the lake to serve as markers between the 'no-wake' zone and the 'speed-zone'. Each year buoys are lost to damage, deterioration, and bad weather. In the interest of keeping the lake as safe as possible, your Lake Sawyer Community Club recently made a \$500 donation designated to replace 5 missing buoys, to the City of Black Diamond. The board would like to encourage the membership to monitor and maintain the buoy system on the lake, and notify board members if buoys are missing.

Lake Sawyer Community Club

Benefits of Membership

- **Monitor water quality of lake and inlets**
- **July 4th Events: Fun Run / Paddle Boat, Canoe, & Kayak Races / Volleyball / Boat Parade / Uncle Sam Boat / FIREWORKS!**
- **Rental of Lake Sawyer Community Club Facilities (members only)**
- **Input on Lake Regulatory Issues**
- **Santa Boat / Holiday Giving Tree / Community Donations / Easter Egg Hunt**
- **Dock Parties – Get to know your neighbors**
- **Road Cleanup**
- **Newsletter**
- **Community Club Activities: Annual Meeting / Board Meetings / Parties / Rentals / Receptions**
- **Dues are voluntary (\$50 per household) from January 1 to December 31. You are also encouraged to contribute funds for designated activities or functions (clubhouse maintenance and/or repairs, July 4th activities, Santa Boat, etc.).**
- **If you have special skills or contributions you would like to offer our organization, please feel free to contact any board member and/or visit our web site at www.lakesawyer.org**

Lake Sawyer Community Club (LSCC) Membership Application

Name _____ Email _____

Lake Address _____ Phone _____

_____ Volunteer? Yes ___ No ___

Mailing address (if different) _____

Dock Number _____ Do you need a dock plate? _____

Dues (\$50) _____ 4th of July Donation _____ Total _____
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Mail payment to LSCC, P O Box 191, Black Diamond, WA 98010

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2011 LSCC Board of Trustees

Executive Board

President:	Alan Gangl	206-949-0999
Vice President:	Sheila Hoefig	360-886-5011
Secretary:	Sue Sherer	360-886-6968
Treasurer:	Jeff Merrill	253-350-2553

Trustees

Position One:	Steve Frank	360-886-0878
Position Two:	Monica Stewart	253-653-5408
Position Three:	Kurt Kulesza	360-886-0476
Position Four:	Renee Brealey	360-886-2687
Position Five:	Julie Early:	360-886-8286

Clubhouse Manager: Monica Stewart

As in every volunteer organization, there exists a variety of opportunities. Fresh talent and fresh ideas are always welcome. If you are interested but have some questions, call a board member or email the president at: president@lakesawyer.org

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