



NEWSLETTER

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Letter From The President

Members, Neighbors and Friends

Here we are at the end of February already in the new year and it is time for the first LSCC newsletter. We kicked off the new year with the annual meeting in January with some terrific presentations from the Black Diamond Community Center, Black Diamond MDRT & Economic Development Director, Black Diamond Police Department and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Additionally, we voted in new board members to replace outgoing board members. Please join me in both welcoming new LSCC board members Ann Kulesza & Anna Morris and saying "Thank You" to our exiting board members Jenna Running and Lucas Rubstello. LSCC runs on volunteers and we encourage everyone to volunteer as they are able.

As we look at upcoming activities scheduled this year we rely on your support to ensure we have enough resources to deliver all these great memories in the making. Our first volunteer opportunity is the clubhouse cleanup and chili cook-off, more details inside! Next will be the Easter Egg hunt followed by our summer festivities including dock parties, 4th of July, Oktoberfest, and more. To remain informed, be sure to read your newsletters, email blasts and watch the calendar at <http://www.lakesawyer.org/calendar.html>.

Sincerely,

Scott Sherer
LSCC President

St. Patty's Day Clubhouse Clean-up and Chili Cook-off



March 24th from 9 am – 1 pm (Clean-up starts at 9 am / Chili tasting starts at 12 pm)
“Spring is nature’s way of saying, ‘let’s party!’” – Robin Williams
So in the spirit of this quote, let’s clean up the clubhouse and then have a party!!
These are two separate events and so if you want to come to the post-party and not the clean-up, we strongly encourage any and all participation.

The clean-up will start at 9 am and coffee and donuts will be provided. Bring your gloves and gardening tools. The Chili Cook-off starts at 12 pm! Have a favorite chili recipe you want to showcase? Email secretary@lakesawyer.org to RSVP your soup. In addition to chili, we will have some Irish fare to sample including Guinness, which many consider a meal in itself!

Clean up tasks include:

- Weeding
- Gutter cleaning
- Filling pot holes
- Fertilize rhododendrons
- Trim bushes
- Road clean up
- Cleaning inside of clubhouse



Easter Egg Hunt

March 31st at 10 am at the Lake Sawyer Boat Launch



Some bunny is coming to Lake Sawyer! Join us for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Lake Sawyer Boat Launch Park. The hunt includes 5 age groups: 0-2; 3-4; 5-6; 7-8; and 9-10. Each age group starts separately starting with the youngest. This event is open to the public and so bring your friends and neighbors. Come early to line up and get a picture with the Easter Bunny. Eggs are stuffed with candy and prize tickets!



Notice: Please don't park in the no parking zones to make sure fire/police have access to the park.

Get to Know Your Neighbors

Featuring Val and Shane Brazier

Val and Shane Brazier have a deep seeded history on Lake Sawyer. Not only have they been living here since 1980 as a couple but Val also grew up on Lake Sawyer right next door to where they are now. How many of us can say we lived on the lake when the resort behind the island had a candy store and remember when Rooters, now Europa, was a drive-in with a gas station next door?!

Val's parents (Sky & Sylvia Stusser) bought a cabin on the lake in 1956 and built a house in 1961. Her family of 6 kids spent summers on the lake with her Dad commuting to Seattle for work back when there wasn't any traffic! She remembers a lot of the families on Lake Sawyer were transient, only spending summers and/or weekends on the lake. Unlike nowadays, the kids from all sides of the lake got together back then. Val remembers these "good ole days" when each of them would take turns hosting parties with dancing and music. Sometimes the boys would sleep on the island and Val's Mom would make everyone breakfast in the morning. Most of the boys called her parents "Mom and Dad." When the lake would freeze over (happening about every other year according to Val during this time), all the kids would be skating around to each other's houses. One year, she remembers a group of boys skating right down the middle of the lake all the way from "the boot" to her house (dock 11 at the time) with 2x4s on their shoulders just in case they fell in. They were young and daring! Val still has reunions with the "kids" she grew up with on the lake.



Val met Shane at Tahoma High School in 1970. Val was a cheerleader and Shane was a punter, half back and defensive end on the football team. The "All American" duo. Once together, they never separated and aren't shy to say they're soul mates. Shane's family lived in Hobart but spent countless hours with Val's family on the lake. When they weren't together, they made sure to call every night. Shane's family had a party line (for those of you who don't know... I didn't... this is when multiple families share a phone line) and so Shane would walk to the Hobart store at a specific time when Val was scheduled to call on the pay phone.

Right out of high school in 1974 they got married.

One of the first places they lived was the small cabin just south of the boat launch that the Covey family owned. Val babysat for the Covey family when she was in high school. The cabin had no insulation and was therefore extremely cold. They remember waking up and hanging their clothes on the heater and standing there until they mustered the courage to strip down and change. Living next to the boat launch they also remember hearing many scuffles back in the day. One time Shane felt the need to walk over to confront a group of men after hearing some shouts for help. Val remembers waiting nervously at home and luckily Shane was able to stop the fight and save the day! It's no wonder he served 25 years as a Game Warden.



Mandatory Boater Education Announcement

Boater Education class will be held by the Black Diamond Police Department on April 28th. Contact Sgt. Mike Girias (mgirias@blackdiamondwa.gov) to register for this event.



As a reminder, you are required to have a Boater Education Card if you fit the following criteria:

- You operate a vessel with a 15-HP (or greater) motor
- You were born after Jan. 1, 1955
- You are 12 years of age or older

LSCC Annual Meeting Recap - January 24, 2018

The LSCC met with about 70 members. We were very fortunate to have had some very interesting speakers from the community and great pizza and drinks to enjoy. Cheryl Hanson from the Black Diamond Food Bank gave a year end presentation regarding the operations at the food bank and an update about the needs of the community. The Black Diamond Police introduced their new commander, Larry Colagiovanni, and talked about how the importance of obtaining your boater's license (see later article in newsletter on a class they're offering to get your license). Andy Williamson from the City of Black Diamond provided an update about the Oakpointe Ten Trails development. Daniel Garrett, a representative from Fish & Wildlife, gave a presentation on the fish habitat in Lake Sawyer and specifically highlighted their studies done in 2011 on Lake Sawyer (see later article in newsletter for more details on this study). And finally, Coast Guard representative from Renton talked about safety on the lake. Sue Sherer also provided us with a treasurer's report for the LSCC. After the meeting, we had a record number of members for the LSCC this early in the year.

New board elections were made for 2018 at the meeting. Ann Kulesza and Anna Morris will be filling the two trustee open positions. We thank both Jenna Running and Lucas Rubstello for their years of service on the board.

2018 Board Members

NAME	POSITION	YEARS ON LAKE	YEARS ON THE BOARD
Kurt Geiger	Trustee	27	3
Monica Stewart	Clubhouse Manager	16	7
Sue Sherer	Treasurer	17	7
Scott Sherer	President	17	7
Caryn Sandwith	Trustee	13	2
Anna Morris	Trustee	?	1
Ann Kulesza	Trustee	?	4
Lauren Landis	Secretary	?	4
Lynn Siedenstrang	Vice President	5	4
Steve Paige	Trustee	3	3

Fish & Game Information

At our Annual Meeting we had a representative from Fish & Game come and talk with us. He had some very interesting data to share with us. Below is some of this data for your to review including a 2011 Species Composition Survey, and a length species distribution of large and smallmouth bass from 2011 showing a fairly healthy population of both species of fish in our lake.

Species	by Weight		by Number		Size Range (mm TL)	
	kg	% of Total	N	% of Total	Minimum	Maximum
Brown Bullhead Catfish	6	8	27	3.1	177	305
Black Crappie	2.7	3.6	40	4.6	110	316
Coastal Cutthroat Trout	2.4	3.1	16	1.8	139	320
Coho Salmon	0.5	0.7	17	2	128	161
Common Carp	0.1	0.1	3	0.3	142	150
Cottus spp.	0.1	0.2	11	1.3	54	124
Largemouth Bass	10.3	13.7	46	5.3	106	482
Pumpkinseed Sunfish	1.6	2.1	30	3.5	73	155
Rainbow Trout	2.6	3.4	5	0.6	180	449
Smallmouth Bass	11.9	15.8	80	9.2	110	470
Yellow Perch	37.1	49.3	591	68.2	52	263

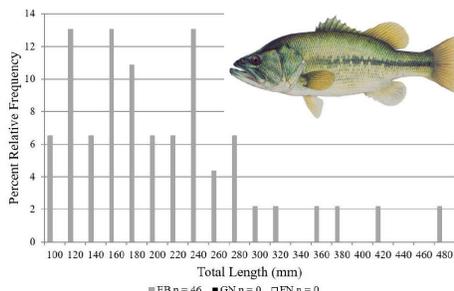


Figure 3. Length frequency distribution of Largemouth Bass captured at Lake Sawyer (King County) in June 2011.

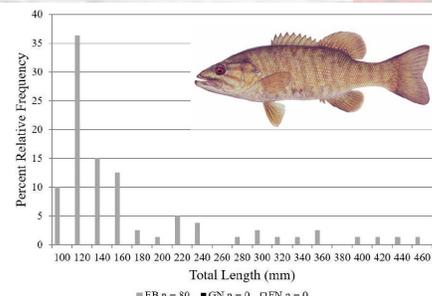


Figure 5. Length frequency distribution of Smallmouth Bass captured at Lake Sawyer (King County) in June 2011.

Stay Informed About LSCC Events & Community Updates

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Are you receiving LSCC emails? Email president@lakesawyer.org to be added to the email list

Follow LSCC on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/lakesawyerWA



Visit the LSCC web site: www.lakesawyer.org

Calling all Lake Sawyer teenagers! Need community service hours? Volunteering to help at an LSCC event can be a great way to give back to your community. Please reach out to us if you are looking to volunteer at any time of the year.



Helpful Reminders BDPD

For those of you who were not able to attend the annual meeting in January, we wanted to recap a couple of key messages from the Black Diamond Police Department (BDPD):

1. If you are leaving on vacation, notify the BDPD and they will perform checks on your residence while you are away. This is a great service and can help to keep your home safe while you are traveling.
2. Again, this year the BDPD asked that anytime you see something suspicious, a car, someone out of place, or just something that causes you to be concerned to please call. The calls they receive have assisted them in closing some cases, arresting those who were involved and the return of stolen property. It is easy to contact the police, you can simply call 911 to report something. If you wish to contact them on their non-emergency number, it is 360-886-0022.



Get Your 2018 LSCC Membership

Remember to sign up to be a 2018 LSCC member! The table below is a list of 2018 members to date. If you don't see your name, tear out the application form on the back of the newsletter and mail it to the LSCC! Thank you to all who have joined so far!

Members as of February 28, 2018			
SHARON VELDHUIS	DOCK 009	JAY & BARBARA NEWTON	DOCK 147
VAL & SHANE BRAZIER	DOCK 010	KEN & MARCI DOCKTOR	DOCK 148
CINDY & BILL WHEELER	DOCK 013	JOSEPH & BRENDA RIORDAN	DOCK 151
SUSAN & MICHAEL WAGNER	DOCK 017	SCOTT & MISCHA SWANSON	DOCK 154
PETER & MARCIA WAHLMAN	DOCK 024	MIKE & WENDY WARD	DOCK 162
GARY FARMER & CAROL BENSON	DOCK 029	ERIC & RHONDA BURCHAM	DOCK 163
BOB & JANIE EDELMAN	DOCK 030	JOHN & PENNY BLAIR	DOCK 168
STEVE & ANNE PAIGE	DOCK 031	ANNELIESE & KEVIN SOUTHALL	DOCK 172
CHARLES & ULLA KEMMAN	DOCK 032	ETHELMAE ANDERSON	DOCK 180
STEVE & PAULA MOERGELI	DOCK 033	KEVIN & EMILY BROOM	DOCK 183
DOUG GEIGER	DOCK 035	GARY BECKWITH	DOCK 186
DEREK & MELANIE STREY	DOCK 036	COVEY FAMILY	DOCK 193
DOUG GEIGER	DOCK 043	PETER & THERESA GARRETT	DOCK 194
LOU & BROOKE OWEN	DOCK 044	PETER KRENZKE	DOCK 195
ALEX & KERI OROZCO	DOCK 045	SCOTT & CARYN SANDWITH	DOCK 201
DEAN ALDRIDGE	DOCK 049	SUE WALLER & ROBERT FISH	DOCK 212
ROD MEADER	DOCK 052	GARY & GERRI MITTS	DOCK 216
BOB & LAURA ROTHSCHILDS	DOCK 058	AUDREY WARREN-SEKO	DOCK 232
BETHANY & LUCAS RUBSTELLO	DOCK 060	SCOTT & SUSAN SHERER	DOCK 234
STEVEN & TRICIA SCHRECK	DOCK 061	DENNIS McDEVITT	DOCK 240
BILL & LILLIAN DAVIS	DOCK 062	BERT & KATHY EVANS	DOCK 243
MARK & SUSIE DAVIDSON	DOCK 065	RICHARD & MONICA STEWART	DOCK 246
JASON & KARLI GOETZ	DOCK 069A	RAY & MARTA PETERS	DOCK 248
ERIE & DEBBIE STONE	DOCK 071	LEE PLAVINS	DOCK 249
TOM & PATTY HARDEBECK	DOCK 079	CHARLES & SANDRA JENKS	DOCK 256
DAVID & LINDA HAGEN	DOCK 092	ANTHONY MARTINEZ	DOCK 258
BERNICE NICHOLS	DOCK 094	JAMES & KAREN MURPHY	DOCK 276
KAM & TERRI CAYCE	DOCK 096	MAUREEN MORRISON	DOCK 277
PHILIP & PAULA ACOSTA	DOCK 098	CINDY & SAM KERLEY	DOCK 279
GARY & LINDA PATTERSON	DOCK 100	RICK & TERRY RYERSE	DOCK 287
JIM & MARY JO HAWK	DOCK 104	ALAN & JOAN GANGL	DOCK 294
JAMES & CAROL NODDINGS	DOCK 108	SEAN DOUTHETT & JODEEN SWANSON	DOCK 295
GEORGE & KAY McPHERSON	DOCK 120	RON & PAM TOMICH	DOCK 298
FRED & PATTY WESTON	DOCK 121	BRIAN & BARBARA O'DELL	DOCK 305
KURT & ANN KULESZA	DOCK 122	SUSAN BALL	DOCK 306
MARK & SALLY BERGMAN	DOCK 126	DAVID & KAREN NODOLF	DOCK 314
ERIK & JESSICA SIRE	DOCK 127	JEFF & GAIL GANZER	DOCK 315
LOIS & NILS LADDERUD	DOCK 129	SHEILA & CHARLES HOEFIG	DOCK 319
MARY & TOM CZAPLINSKI	DOCK 138	JAN BERIAULT	ISLAND-1

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Lake Sawyer Community Club

"Building Community"

The purpose of the Lake Sawyer Community Club is to bring together all Members in good standing to inform and discuss mutual problems, concerns and interests affecting our community, the lake and our surrounding environment.

Lake Sawyer Community Club (LSCC) Membership Form 2018

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

E-mail _____

Mailing address (if different) _____

Dock Number _____ 2016 Dock Stickers Will Be Mailed to Members. Do you need a dock plate? Yes No

LSCC Membership Dues (\$50) _____

July 4th Donation: _____	Platinum:	\$500+
	Gold:	\$200-\$499
	Silver:	\$100-\$199
	Bronze:	\$1-\$99

Please mail payment and form to LSCC, PO Box 191, Black Diamond, WA 98010

Membership in LSCC provides a sense of community and opportunities to meet neighbors and participate in the variety of events we hold every year.

LSCC Member Benefits:

- Preferred rates to rent the newly remodeled clubhouse for special events.
- Year round Newsletter, if you are not a member, you miss out on the later editions such as:
 - 4th of July special edition newsletter detailing the week long list of fun family activities.
- Free admission to family nights at dock parties & Oktoberfest with food and refreshments provided.
- The Santa Boat!
 - Exclusive dock side gift delivery from Santa, Mrs. Claus and crew of Elves and 8 Reindeer!
- Members can vote on issues brought up at the annual meeting.

Membership fees also support the Black Diamond community as well. The Black Diamond Food Bank receives quarterly donations. Funds go toward buoy maintenance and replacement, lake water quality testing and reports. The LSCC holds an Easter Egg Hunt open to the public at Boat Launch Park and supports the BDCC with a Holiday Giving Tree at the Lake Sawyer Grocery.

If you have any special skills you would like to offer, or to volunteer with the LSCC, please feel free to contact any board member and don't forget to visit our web site at www.lakesawyer.org

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