

President Rick Anderson's Thoughts

On July 1, lake level was minus 3 inches; favorable July rains & the pump are holding it at about minus 3. The weed treatment: The Conservancy District and Aquatic Control did quite an effective job. I like effective jobs. I do not like Eurasian Milfoil.

This July is different. This July is the first July in my lifetime that the Bass Lake Marina is closed. I'm not sure when I first met Dale Fishburn; however, in 1954 I considered him a good friend of mine. I remember one day that year asking my mother if I could swim and walk to the Marina from the State Beach to see Dale. Our family spent the summer of 1954 at the Beach. Beside a couple channels, the only stretch of deep water requiring swimming was from the Beach to Gull Point. The day was sunny and the only problem I had was climbing up the marina sea wall. After a visit with Dale, who was working on a small Johnson outboard motor in his workshop, I walked back to the Beach using SR 10. That is one of my youthful marina memories. I would have taken my brother with me; however, at seven, I thought him too young for the trip. I think Dale started "Fishburn's Marine" in 1934. The attached picture is Dale in his channel with a vision. The marina has been a Bass Lake landmark until this July. My bet is many of you have marina memories too. Attached are two additional marina pictures that may rekindle some of your old memories. I wonder what the future has in store? I hope my last memory of the marina will not be buying a trailer so I can store my Malibu somewhere else this winter,



The Annual Property Owners meeting: Guest speakers were Jerry Gurrado, and Brenda Palmer from the Chamber of Commerce, Commissioner Mark Gourley and Sheriff Bill Dulin. Introductions of and comments by candidates followed. Annual Election Results: Rich Linkus was voted in as Vice President, AJ Gappa was again voted in as Treasurer. Re-elected board members were Mary Jesso and Ron Vendl. New board members elected were Shirley Grajewski and Stefanie Neal. The new intersection at 600 S & CR 210 East could still use a great "Welcome to Bass Lake" sign. I intend to set up a meeting of the sign committee this fall. Work on the second pump is progressing; a test well is expected to be drilled next week. The Conservancy District is working with the DNR on repairs to the Public Launch. The 6th Annual Property Owners Bike Ride will be July 16th; the group will be leaving the Property Owners Building at 8:00 a.m. (CST) headed for the new Erie Trail extension. Volunteers are needed for the fall Soup Social. A thank you to all who participated in our meeting and our election.



Good luck at the "V. After the first drawing, the new Jackpot has grown to \$28,574. I believe two Easter eggs are still out there; I need to ask One Way for an update. Perhaps one or both have been found. *Stay Safe and Healthy, Rick*

Property Owners Association—Saturday, August 6 at 9:00 a.m., BLPOA Building

Bass Lake Neighborhood Watch: Monday, August 1 at 6:30 p.m. BLPOA Building in the Blue Room

Bass Lake Festival Planning—Sunday, July 24 at 10:00 a.m. CDT, at the BLPOA Building

Prairie Trails Club—The next Membership meeting is Thursday, July 20 at 5:30 p.m., CDT (6:30 p.m., EDT) at the BLPOA building. www.prairietrailsclub.org

Bass Lake Conservancy District: (sewers, pump & lake weeds) August 8, 6:00 p.m. CDT, BLPOA Building

Starke County Park Board (our Beach & Campground): August 9 at 6:00 p.m., Starke County Annex

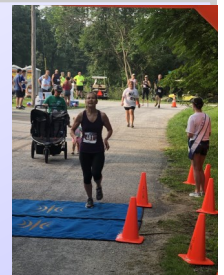
Prairie Trails Club—The Prairie Trails Club will host the 2022 Bass Lake Fest 5K/3K, Run/Walk again this year. It is important to note a new and improved timer has been hired! For complete information and to register go to the link on the Festival website: www.basslakefest.com.

The PTC is very welcoming to new members. Check out our website, www.prairietrailsclub.org. The Erie Trail is now just over 11 miles long from North Judson to 700 E. Have you been to the new section of the bike trail? There is an easy way to find it—go to Scoops N Smiles, turn down 600 E. Ride for 2.5 miles and you'll find it!

6th Annual BLPOA Bike Ride—July 16, 2022

We will be leaving the BLPOA building at 8:00 (CST). This is your chance to see and ride the Erie Bicycle Trail and take a leisurely Saturday morning bike ride with other Bass Lake folks. The route is from the BLPOA building to 650 South and then south on 600E to the new 2-mile trail extension. We'll ride several miles on the trail and then back to the BLPOA building. The total route will be about an 8-mile ride. REPLY TO: barefootrun@mchsi.com with participant names so we know who is joining the fun!

Aquatic Invasive Plant Workshop sponsored by The Indiana Lakes Management Society. The class is on July 18, at WACF Center Pavilion in Syracuse from 10:00—2:00. Cost is free for ILMS members and \$5 for non-members. Presentations will be made on submerged and invasive plant identification, management techniques and native alternatives. Register at www.indianalakes.org.



Bass Lake Property Owners Association

President Rick Anderson
 Vice President Rich Linkus
 Treasurer A. J. Gappa
 Secretary Kathy Laiter

Board Members

- Tom Busch
- Terry Chmiel
- Shirley Grajewski (just elected!)
- Stefanie Neal (just elected!)
- Mary Jesso
- Val Williams
- Ron Vendl

Board member contact information is on our website: www.inbasslake.com



Bass Lake Yacht Club—Aggressive and competitive racing on July 9 with 4 boats finishing within 9 seconds of each other! The field of 6 at the start had spread out but all grouped together just before rounding the 1st mark... they once again hit a dead calm spot at the north end of the lake. After rounding, it was a great downwind sprint to the finish. The Race Committee was frantic getting scores in, but a lot of fun. Congrats to Lauren Zible, Moses Demis, and Bruce Wakeland. The Club is gearing up for the capstone July 30th Festival Race—The Bill Lavery Memorial and we are honored to have Jeanene Lavery as parade Grand Marshal. The Festival race is open to all sailboats, including nonmembers, www.blinc.org.

Thank you Rik Ritzler—Rik Ritzler is a departing (retiring) member of our BLPOA Board of Directors. He served us well since 2014! For most of that time, he was the head of the Starke County Highway Department, which helped considerably as we had questions about road paving, signs and shoreline projects. His knowledge, reasonable approach and experience will be missed.



Bass Lake Conservancy District - BLCD reporting! June rainfall - 2.12", YTD 14.40". Average June rainfall - 3.80". At the 6 month mark we are well below the average annual 38.57". Nothing new, in 1917 the average annual was 36"! Our lake pump in June added 28 million gallons of water, year-to-date, 114 million gallons

Jerry Broadstreet and Russ Blais met recently with the local DNR Property Manager. The entry to the public launch, over the culvert, was in bad shape. The next day, additional stone was brought in and reflecting markers were installed. The vegetation growing between the weir and CR 210 was also discussed. A "boom box mower" is scheduled to clear this area in the next few weeks. One machine works several properties but, we are in line. Thank you Doug!

NIPSCO has installed an LED light at Lift Station J (CR 210 & 450S). The light will also be changed out soon at the pump. Less light pollution at our properties. Remember to check our web site for important info - www.blcd-ind.org. Give your email address to be updated on current happenings. Your address will not be shared or sold. Also consider ACH/EFT to pay your monthly sewer bill. Directions are on the website. Finally, have you been in the South Bay recently? The invasive vegetation is down! The shores are clearer! Enjoy our beautiful Bass Lake safely. *Submitted by Russ Blais—BLCD Board Member, www.blcd-ind.org.*

Bass Lake Festival—July 29, 30, 31— There are events all around the lake and throughout the weekend. Check the festival website for information, www.basslakefest.com. Contact Tabitha Dillner for further information, (219) 314-2030 or Mary Topelian, mjtopelian@att.net. Here are the planned activities, by day! Note: The Miss Bass Lake pageant is on July 23.

Friday, July 29: Historical display at BLPOA, drop off "build-a-boat" and photos for photo contest at BLPOA building, 5pm- 8pm.

Saturday, July 30: 5K Run/3K Walk, Beer Garden, Artisan Market, Bouncy House, Car Show, Cornhole Tournament, Fireworks, Ice Cream Eating, Magic Show, Sailboat Race, Water Volleyball Tournament

Sunday, July 31: Lions Club Breakfast, Bike Race, Cardboard Boat Race, Goat Drop, Parade (begins at 12:30 p.m. CST)

All Weekend, July 29—31: Cover Your Boat, Fishing Derby, Photography Contest, Sno-Cone Booth (new!)



Bass Lake Beach and Campground Update—The Park superintendent position is open. The person in the position resigned earlier this month. June was a very busy month for both Bass Lake Campground and Beach. Our campground is nearly at capacity and our beach visitors have been many. We have worked diligently to get our grounds and areas looking nice. We have wonderful volunteers who have helped with various projects. Our Wi-Fi has finally been installed and working with minimal issues that are being resolved.

Our 4th of July was reported to be the biggest turn out in many years. It was heartwarming to see so many families spending time together in the great weather and water. We are still looking for help in manning the beach gate, assist with kayak rentals and janitorial services. If you know of anyone interested in a summer job on the beach please call 574-772-9181.

Melody Drive-In Theatre—Open 5 nights a week, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. (574) 772-2042, www.melodydrivein.com. Did you know this is a historic treasure? There are only 20 drive-in movie theatres still operating in Indiana!

Need Space for a Family Party? Rent the large, renovated BLPOA building. Members pay \$125. Contact Rich Linkus for details, linkusr1@hotmail.com. Not-for-profits use the building at no cost.



Ferretti Resort—The Ferretti Resort was located on Bass Lake's southeast side. Guido and Veneta Ferretti purchased two Bass Lake properties in 1925. One was an empty lake side lot. The other property was directly across the road and had a large farmhouse. Soon eight more bedrooms were added to the farmhouse, and the dining room was enlarged to seat ninety-six people at a time. Then a large cottage was built on the lake lot that could sleep another twenty-seven guests. It was nicknamed the "White House". Additional sleeping cottages were added through the years.

Three meals a day were served family style, using many home grown products. Guests were always welcome in the kitchen to taste this or that and share in congenial conversation. The Ferretts retired in 1954 and sold all the property and buildings, except the "White House". After some remodeling, it became their retirement home for the next fourteen years. The home was sold in 1970 and demolished to make way for a new owner's home. Thanks to Dottie Ferretti Kasprzak for the photo and information. *Submitted by Ron Vendl, photo from Starke County Historical Society*