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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents of Indian Lake:

It's hard to believe, but spring is almost here - at least it was last week. Your Board is making preparations for the summer season and your help is needed.

At the next Board meeting, a decision will be made concerning "security patrol" for the summer. Security patrol was suspended for the winter months this year, which substantially reduced our security costs.

Now we must decide if we want to obtain the same type of security patrol for the summer months. There are several questions that need to be considered. Is the security patrol worth the cost? What type of security do we want? Should more money be spent for increased security? Or, should less money be spent for security? Can the north beach gate be opened and closed in some way other than using the security patrol for the purpose?

We want to provide a security program that will satisfy the needs of the residents of Indian Lake. To do this, we must know your feelings. If you have any thoughts on the type of security patrol you would like to see your Board purchase for the summer, please contact a Board member and let him know your thoughts.

I have heard a few comments concerning the need to repair or resurface the tennis court. The tennis court is one of our Association's important assets, and we want to keep it in proper condition. What's needed are some specific recommendations on what needs to be done to the tennis court and costs involved. Again, please contact a Board member if you wish to have repairs made to the tennis court.

The Board has made plans to begin tracking down the source of our lake's sewage pollution problems. All Board members will be giving a lot of time and effort this summer to taking water samples all along the several miles of Indian Creek. Several hundred water samples may be involved.

The samples will be taken in accordance with a system recommended by an environmental consulting company. They will analyze our water samples and locate the source of pollution.

Since Board members will be collecting the water samples, the only costs involved will be for analysis of samples. These costs will be minimal.

Our next Board meeting will be on March 21st. We will be looking forward to hearing from you before then.

Sincerely,

Tom Lyons

LONG RANGE FISHING PLANS

By Ted Adolay

Joe Janisch, Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, recommended the following guideline for successful management of Indian Lake as a fishery of a self-sustaining nature.

1. The lake should be stocked with a predator fish such as northern pike to cut down on the population of crappies.
2. Introduce structure to the lake to aid the fish in being able to feed on smaller fish in the lake.
3. Stock more largemouth bass in the one-pound area to replace the fish removed from the lake and to help control the crappie problem. (The bass in the lake have not successfully reproduced in the last two years due to the rising crappie population.) The bass should not be removed for one year.
4. Stock channel catfish as was originally recommended in the plan given when the lake was filled. (This would mean 1,500 fish in each of the next two years, with the fish in the one-pound range. The reason the catfish are not reproducing is that the bass are feeding on their spawn. The bass need lake cover to hide and effectively attack other fish. Catfish swim in a ball, and as the bass feed on them they move right back into a ball each time the bass passes thru them until they are all gone.)
5. Carefully watch the bluegill population to make sure the stocking made in 1982 was successful. (Reason this is important is that the stocking made earlier was with hybrid bluegills. They do not reproduce. This stocking was made against the recommendation of the Fish and Wildlife Dept. This Dept. also advised against stocking crappie.)

In line with the above recommendations, your Board arranged for the following to insure good fishing:

1. Purchase and stocking as follows: 470 northern pike, 12 to 24" size - \$2,000; 500 bass, 1-pound size, \$2,000; 1,500 1-pound channel catfish - \$1,840; some yellow perch - at no cost.
2. Planting of 50 lily pads around the lake and monitoring their growth.
3. Sinking of 20 Christmas trees for cover.

LAKE NEWS.....

Shelter Plans

The request for suggestions for building shelters for youngsters waiting for the school bus brought a generous offer from Fred Lee to build one at the edge of his property, says Carol Sweeney, Women's Committee president. She did not receive any other phone calls concerning the shelters, tho. If Indian Lake parents are interested, please give her a call. Her number is -4891.

North Beach

The North Beach gate will be open during the daytime starting April 1, according to Joe Rohrman. Boat owners who want to launch their boats before this date should give Joe a call on -4218.

Women's Tea

Indian Lake women are cordially invited to the Women's Committee's Annual Tea, Thursday, March 24. It starts at 7 p.m. at the home of Maureen and Bob Wagner, 6910 Winona Drive (south side of lake). Do plan to come and spend an enjoyable evening visiting with friends and neighbors.

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What the Board wants you, the fisherman, to remember for better fishing for all is:

1. Do not remove the northern pike from the lake. They will not reproduce in this lake. Their purpose is to control the small crappies. If the pike are removed, small crappies will take over the lake. Do not touch the pike by the mouth or gill, as they are sharp and will cut you.
2. The Board has been advised that no bass should be removed this year, to help control the crappie problem. So, we are asking that no residents remove bass from the lake this season, and hopefully we will have good fishing in the future without stocking the lake. Bass will be allowed to be removed next year.
3. The Board asks that all crappie caught be removed from the lake whatever their size.
4. The Board is concerned about the bluegill population. If any large catches are made, please notify me, 823-6750. This information will let us know if more stocking of bluegills is needed.



ACROSS THE FENCE

Maureen Wagner

The winter and I just do not seem to enjoy one another's company. Now, as soon as the first sunshine starts bringing the promise of spring, you would be amazed at the transformation that takes place.

Needless to say, walks around our neighborhood during our springlike week has worked wonders for my disposition. Can you imagine crocus in bloom in February, yes - in the Schaney garden. Daffodils just about to bloom in several other home's gardens, and tulips at least 6 inches high.

On that upbeat note, we would like to send congratulations to Joe Rohrman. Joe's two clay sculpture entries in the 39th Annual Wabash Valley Exhibition were accepted for competition, and one of them won the Award of Excellence. This highest award of the exhibition brings Joe a \$1,000 prize. The winning entry, "Unemployment Line", will be on permanent exhibition at the Sheldon Swope Art Gallery in Terre Haute.

We have mentioned before that Will Peck is on the committee for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. Will's preparation for the games is taking him somewhat further afield than L.A., Athens, Greece, the very birthplace of the Olympics. The only sad note in the itinerary, Flo cannot go with him.

Lloyd and Lou Powers, long time lake residents, are planning on retiring to Brown County later this spring. The Powers are not planning on cutting their ties with the lake entirely. Their daughter, Jana, her husband and children will be living in the home where Jana grew up. It's a rather nice thought that another generation of the family will be here on the lake.

Joe and Donna Godward and their two boys are another second generation family. We would like to think that these young folks

wanted to stay on the lake because it was and is a very special place to grow up.

Joe and Kathy Zainey fulfilled a longtime dream with a trip to Hawaii in January. They thoroughly enjoyed their vacation on the beautiful island of Oahu. Then in February they headed for sunshine again in Florida, taking along with them their daughter, Jamie, and their two grandchildren. During 9 days in the Daytona area they found time to visit Disney World, to the delight of the children. Joe now is back at work, but lucky Kathy is on extended vacation visiting Jamie in Tenn.

When this little spring hymn comes to mind, I know for sure that winter is almost over. It never fails to remind me of the beauty around us on Indian Lake.

" All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all. "

"Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings. "

" He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. "

Maureen



UNWELCOME GUESTS

The meandering trails in the front, side and back yard, and down the hill are a bit too much to control this year.

A telephone call to the Department of Natural Resources last year brought advice to use poison pellets to get rid of those pesky moles. A good source is the Farm Bureau Co-op in Fortville.

The poison pellets work well if there is little ground to work on, but this year the warm weather brought out a multitude of the pesky critters. So, a phone call was made to the County Extension Agent this time to secure additional advice.

Diazinon was recommended - trade name is Spectricide. This, too, can be purchased from the co-op. Follow directions to apply. It is expensive, we were told. Actually, the agent said that moles are not particularly harmful. They aerate the ground. We should mash down their tunnels and spread grass seed.

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We're sure that Indian Lake residents would appreciate any information that would help in getting rid of these persistent pests. Give us a call - 4184, and we'll be glad to put your advice in the next issue.

OUR APOLOGY to the Women's Committee members who were not listed in the last issue of the Smoke Signal. This was because while typing them in alphabetical order and crossing them off, they were missed. They are: Dolores Serra, Flo Peck, Kathy Zimmerman, Louise Hoskins, and Debbie Adolay. They and the other members are surely appreciated for their fine community spirit.

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Sewer Hookup

Bob Davis, Lawrence Utilities, reports that they will be sending out notices for homeowners to hookup to the sewer system, starting April 1. With construction now on the increase, those who contract for the work early will pay less than during the busy season.

Women's Committee Meeting

Lou Powers' home will be the site of the Committee Meeting, Tuesday, March 15. The Powers house is the second on the right as you turn off North Drive onto Shoshone.



"Would that our Indian Lake News were piled so high!"

Your Editor, Jane Quirk - 4184