



Dewart Newsletter

"The Dewart Lake Protective Association was founded in 1965"

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* Between Lanes 12 & 13 All (574) Area Code

** Between Lanes 17 & 18

IN REMEMBRANCE

Allen Barrett, passed away October 30, 2014. He and his wife JoAnn are residents of EMS D23 Lane. Allen volunteered for DLPA activities and served as Secretary in the mid-2000s.

Rosemary Gerrity passed away on October 24, 2014. She was as resident of EMS D18.

Please check out the DLPA website for up to date information regarding projects and reports about the lake.

www.dewartlake.org

EVENTS FOR 2014

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON</u>	<u>DATE</u>
ROAD CLEANUP	ALEX BARRETT	APRIL 11
LAKE GARAGE SALE	EVON FOYLE	MAY 15 & 16
ANNUAL MEETING	RANDY YODER	JUNE 14
GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER	TOM & JANET ROTH	JUNE 8
CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISER	CHUCK RANEY	JUNE 20
FLOTILLA	BRENDA SMITH	JULY 4

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As residents of Dewart Lake we all have our favorite activities we enjoy at the lake, for some it may be fishing for that trophy large mouth bass, or just relaxing and enjoying another picturesque sunset. Whatever it is that makes your time at the lake a memorable family experience it is for that reason that we come to the lake. Whether you are a full time or a weekend resident, Dewart Lake is a place where we all love to spend our time.

I, as many of you, remember the early 60's when water levels at the lake dropped to record lows, and hearts and attitudes for the lake were not so favorable. Thankfully those days have not revisited the lake in recent years; however, that's not to say there are no others areas of concern for property owners. As property owners we each want to enjoy, protect and preserve the lake and our investment.

I know for many of you the weed population on the lake has been a major concern in the last few years. The DLPA Directors understand that, and realize that we need to be pro-active in our weed management plan. The Directors met with Rod Engel from the DNR and Jim Donahoe from Aquatic Weed Control during our Oct. meeting. We received valuable information to help us as we move forward in our weed management plan. Please be patient as we work with these professionals and together we will work toward an effective solution. Feel free to contact your Lane Director or myself if you have questions on this or other matters of concern.

I want to thank each of you for allowing me to serve as the Pres. of the DLPA. I so appreciate the DLPA Officers and Directors and look forward to working with them over the next couple years. I appreciate Ken Brehob and his past years of leadership to the DLPA, and his willingness to Assist me in becoming familiar with the DLPA activities.

DEWART LAKE SIGN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - continued

Temperatures are falling and ice is forming, remember to be safe as you venture on the lake to enjoy the winter activities it has to offer.

May this Christmas season be a blessing to each of you and your families.

Randy Yoder, DLPA President

WEED CONTROL UPDATE

By Ken Brehob

The October Director's meeting was dedicated to a discussion of our "nuisance weed problem". Expert guests were Rod Edgell, a biologist with the DNR and Jim Donahoe of Aquatic Weed Control. The following were the main topics of discussion:

1. We have a very long record of scientific weed sampling data compared to other Indiana lakes. The records show great annual variation in Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) dominance in the lake. For example, "none" in 2007 (after the full lake SONAR treatment) to large amounts in 2012 & 2014. See www.dewartlake.org for the data.
2. The data also shows that the lake has a large variety of native weeds compared to other Indiana lakes--13 to 15 different species are found most years. These native weeds, in appropriate amounts, are necessary for a healthy lake and fishery. Non-native weeds, especially EWM, that in some years crowd our native species, have been the focus of the DLPA's weed control programs (herbicides before 2012 and weevils since).
3. Rod & Jim agreed t there is probably as much *acreage* of EWM as there will *ever be* since it is now growing in nearly all of its preferred muddy bottom areas that are less than 20 feet deep. The 4 year weevil program has been an attempt to keep the EWM from "topping out" rather than trying to kill it with herbicides.
4. Next year, 2015, we will continue with the last year of the weevil program that has been 80% funded by the DNR. No new weevils will be placed next year, but the annual weevil and weevil damage surveys will continue enabling a final weevil program evaluation by the DNR and the DLPA. Herbicide use permit requests made by shoreline owners and applicators will be evaluated once again on a case by case basis by the DNR.
5. The DNR will fund a major lake wide study in 2015 that will result in an "Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan". This plan will make recommendations on how we should proceed with our "nuisance weed" control program.

Thank you once again to Travis Harris for donating his time and material to repair the sign posts on our road sign on 300E. Thank you for doing the leg work to have the sign made.

BUOY REMOVAL

Our thanks to Scott Kirkham and his crew for volunteering to remove the buoys on the North Shore. If you would like to volunteer to help put in or remove the lake buoys next Spring or Fall, please call Jeff Kelscheimer at 457-2841.

VOLUNEERING

Do you have some extra time during the spring and summer months? If you do the DLPA could use volunteers for our fundraising events, and road cleanup. The chicken BBQ sale and the annual golf outing are our two great fundraisers and extra hands are always needed for these events.

The road cleanup is a community service project, and a great way to have you and your teenagers give a hand to support their community by cleaning up the side of the roads surrounding the lake. Please give Alex Barrett at 658-4895 a call if you're interested.

LANE DIRECTOR NEEDED

Presently there isn't a Lane Director for Lanes 7 & 8. If you are a property owner on either lane and would be interested in representing your lane at director meetings, please give Randy Yoder a call at 574-773-7169. Without a Lane Director these lanes have no voting representation at meetings and will be unable to have their concerns heard by the Officers and Directors. There are only six meetings a year (April thru October) and you don't have to be a full-time resident.

FREE FISHING DAYS

The Dept. of Natural Resources is allowing for four free fishing days in 2015. Here's the dates:

April 18th; May 16th; and June 6th and 7th. If you fish more often and need an annual fishing license here's the fees:

Year around	\$17.00
One-Day only	\$ 9.00
Youth	\$ 7.00
Senior Fish-for-Life	\$17.00

You can apply, pay and print the license on-line at the Indiana Dept. of Natural Recourses website.