

ELDA NEWSLETTER

ELK LAKE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

SUMMER 2018



The July 21st Field Day events kicked off with our Annual Donut Eating contest. This year's winner was Ellie Lakites! We had a lot of fun with our relay races and the new bounce ball race. We topped off the races with the tug of war and even had an "adult" heat for all the parents, family and friends who came out to help the kids. We had an amazing wooden painting craft this year topped off by ice cream sandwiches. We thank the rain gods for holding out in the afternoon (and through dinner!) so we could have a great event.

Thank you to my sister-in-law Theresa Dethlefsen for the beautiful sign and craft project, the Palonis family for all their help, and my own family - Sierras & Dethlefsens - for chipping in. An extra big thank you from the ELDA community to Sarah Sierra for organizing the entire event!!

ELDA Officer Elections

The Nominating Committee of Pat Dills, Jim Firmstone and John Parker presented the slate of officers and board members for the 2019 calendar year.

Nominated were: George Firmstone for president, Dave Stanton for v-p, with incumbents being nominated for the remainder of the positions.

Five members were nominated for 3 open board positions. Nominees were: Jack Cleary, Mike Connelly, Dennis Gregory, Mike Matzko, and Stan Rush.

Committee chair John Parker welcomed nominations from the floor, but none were made. Written ballots were distributed to members present according to ELDA by-laws, one ballot per lake right.

Ballots were tallied, and these results shared at the end of the meeting:

- President: George Firmstone;
- Vice President: Dave Stanton
- Treasurer: Bill Reif;
- Corresponding Secretary: Nina Martin;
- Recording Secretary: Cynthia Matzko.

Elected to the board for 3 year term were:

- Jack Cleary, Mike Connelly and Michael Matzko.
- John Parker invited members to reach out to him at his cottage on Giles Road if anyone wants to review the ballots.

Congratulations to our ELDA Officers and Board of Directors and "Thank You" for your time and service to ELDA!

Thanks go to the Nominating Committee of Jim, Pat and John for their efforts on behalf of ELDA members.

And a special "Thank You" to outgoing president Bob Keen who has served ELDA for the last 7 years as a most conscientious, principled guardian for the health and beauty of Elk lake and ELDA members. Hope you can enjoy more sailing and fishing, Bob.

Also at the August ELDA Meeting

Under "New Business" on 8/4, Bob Keen summarized the goals of the ELDA board with 3 focuses: Boating Safety, Lake Preservation and Recreation. The suggestion of two new committees was brought up by board member Jack Mulka. A "Recreation" committee would meet to develop sport and community activities around Elk Lake. Suggested were the possibility of pickleball or table tennis at the pavilion.

Also suggested was a "Lake Preservation" committee. It was felt that any lake concerns can be handled as part of the Water Quality committee. Discussion was polite, but there was no support to establish either committee.

911 House Address Number Signage

If We Can't Find You, We Can't Help You

The Browndale Fire Company is requesting that residents of Clinton Township assist them in finding your residence in a time of emergency by having your house number on a sign that is easily readable from your nearest road. They have made it easy for you to order your reflective house number signage using the instructions and order form found in the link below.

Specific sign recommendations include:

- 6"x18" vertical or horizontal sign
- Reflective blue background with white reflective numbers.
- Posted on the same side of the road as your residence, near the end of the driveway
- Visible from both directions on the road.

Good news for township residents is that we can purchase 911 Address Signage from the Browndale Fire Company for just \$13, plus \$3 for the metal post!

To order, obtain the form from the Clinton Township website <http://bit.ly/WayneCountyPA-Clinton>.

Winter Fishing Guidelines

Winter fishermen still must be ELDA members or invited guests of Elk Lake members. When ice fishing, please carry your ELDA membership card or obtain an ELDA Access Permit from Gene Pryor who resides on Clubhouse Road. He can also be reached by phone by calling 570-466-5984.

The same fishing limits apply and catch-and-release is encouraged:

- Walleye - 20 inches minimum; max 2 per day.
 - Bass - 15 inches minimum; maximum 2 per day.
- Observe seasons in accordance with a valid, yearly Pennsylvania fishing license:

- Walleye - Through Dec 31st with a 2018 fishing license; Jan 1st - Mar 14th with a 2019 license. (Please check FishInPa.com for specific date)

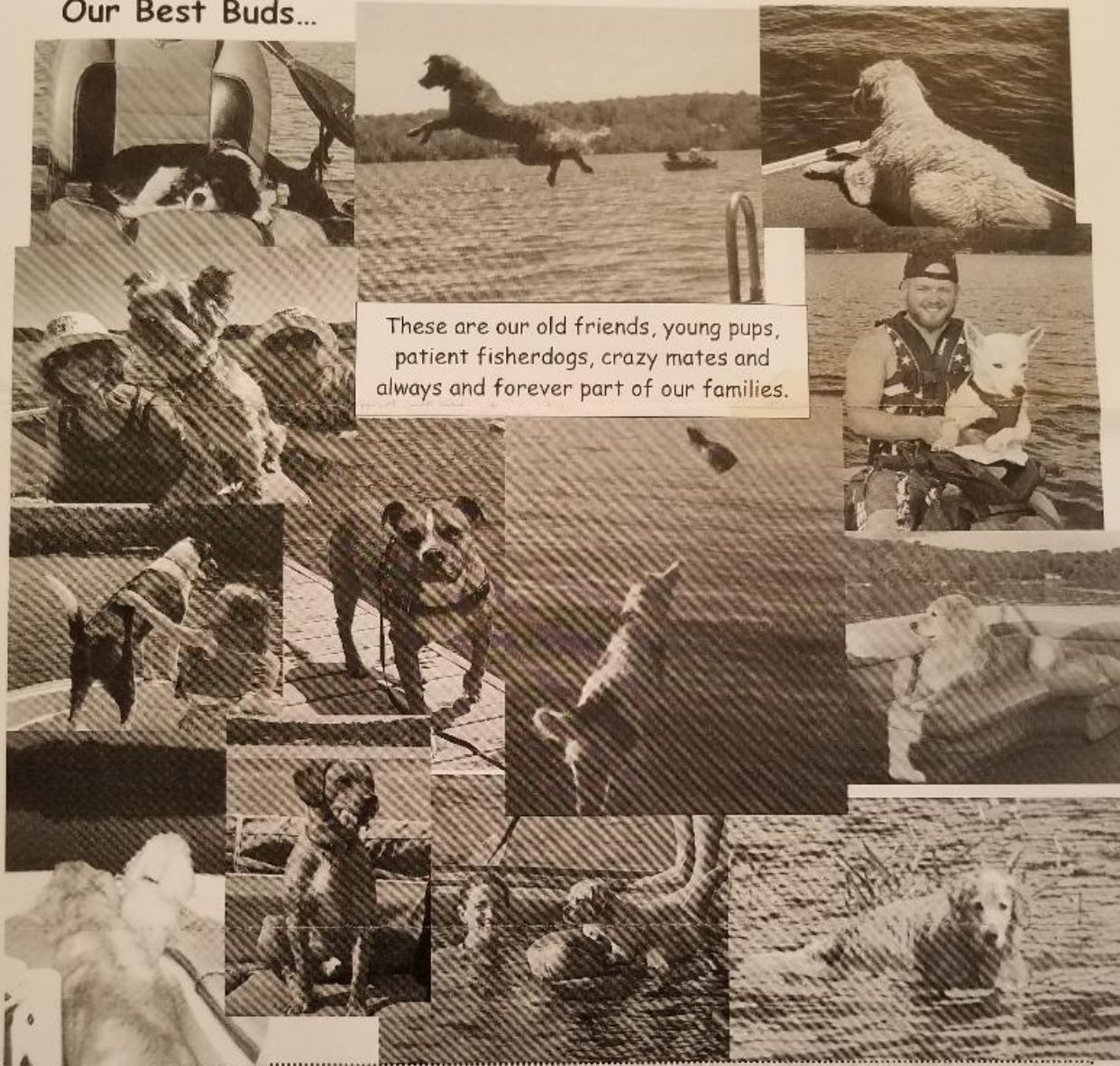
Walleye season re-opens on May 4th, 2019

- Bass - Through Dec 31st with a 2018 license; Jan 1st - Apr 12th with a 2019 license

Bass season re-opens on June 15th, 2019

ALSO, remember for your safety, PFDs must be worn on open waters on any canoe or kayak and boats less than 16 feet from Nov 1st to April 30th.

Our Best Buds...



These are our old friends, young pups, patient fisherdogs, crazy mates and always and forever part of our families.

Sandy Point Update

Committee Chair Jack Mulka updated ELDA members at the August meeting on the activity, or lack there-of, of the Sandy Point Committee.

The committee representatives with Atty Fred Howell last met via phone conference in August 2017 with Robert Kelly representing Dr. Shovlin. That meeting was brief, with ELDA representatives clearly representing the position of the membership. No communication has occurred since then. To the best of our knowledge, the Sandy Point property is not officially on the market. Going forward, Jack described the ELDA Board and committee's position as wait and see.

Fishing Tournament!

Sunday, July 29th was a beautifully quiet morning for the fishing tournament.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

Small Mouth Bass: Nicole Dugan 14"

Perch: Hank Morgan 11 1/2"

Sunny: Hunter Henshaw 8 3/4"

Large Mouth Bass: Landon Firmstone 17 1/4"

Pickarel: Ron Firmstone 21 1/4"

Walleye Category: Gary VanPelt 11" perch

Smallest Fish – Hunter Henshaw 4 1/4" sunny!

As always, a BIG thank you to Bob & Laura Beard and Rob Howell for running the event and the great day enjoyed by all!



This bird won the
Blue Heron Division!

Picture Credit: Len Addison

Covered Dish *and* Egg Toss



July 21st activities finished with a buffet of all kinds of deliciousness at the Covered Dish! A special "Thank You" to Joanne Connolly, Laura Beard, family & friends who put it all together. And congrats to Egg Toss champs: Bob Beard and Mike Connolly! *Editorial note... 2nd year in a row that the Beard-Connolly team won the egg toss. It is suggested that their egg be closely inspected in 2019, just sayin'!!*

Safety Notes From:

The PA Fish Commission

This is a reminder to keep a safe distance from fishermen when boating on the lake, even if you are traveling at no wake speed.

Assume that the fishermen could be casting on either side of their boat and they may have a trolling line in the water behind their boat.

Your consideration for the fishermen is greatly appreciated.

ELDA's Boating Safety Committee

Proximity of Jet skis to docks and swimming areas, as well as other boats was a specific safety concern brought up at the August ELDA meeting. A distance of at least 100 feet from docks, boats, swimmers and floats assures safety for all parties.

The George Stanton Memorial Golf Tournament

The annual Memorial Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, July 14th at Memorial Links. Included were requisite lunch from the grill and that perfect breakfast drink, draft beer, while all teams enjoyed a fun day of golf.

The winners, 11 under par, were Hunter Thompson, John Werner, Carl Surge and Will Long! Congrats! And another big "Thank You" to Wayne Thompson for a great day of fun.

