

ELDA NEWSLETTER

ELK LAKE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

SUMMER 2019

Dock Crawl

The first annual Elk Lake Dock Crawl, held Saturday, August 10th, was a great success! Twenty families were involved with visits to decorated docks occurring in three shifts. Some of the themes included the 80's, Minion Madness (with delicious milkshakes), The Mad Hatter Tea Party, Mexico, USA, Superheroes, The Groovy 60s, and a Shark themed dock complete with shrimp and shark beer! The Firmstone's won the prize for best theme, Phi Kappa Firmy, completing their fraternity theme with matching tee-shirts, beer pong and jellos shots! We had so much food and fun and perfect weather. The event was the brainchild of Theresa Dethlefsen and Michelle VanPelt and was most certainly the start of an amazing annual tradition.



2019 Fishing Contest

Robert E Howell on this end. This year's contest got started before many of us were awake. 6AM was the hour. It had been suggested that if fish could be measured early and released that that be done. While some of the last minute excitement of seeing all these big fish together in pails on our lawn may have been diminished, I have it from a higher source that the fish were happy with the arrangement and having been there I can say there was still a lot of excitement.

There were 33 children (12 and under) and 37 adults for a total of 70 participants! Many prizes were pulled out of the hat and everyone left in a good mood.

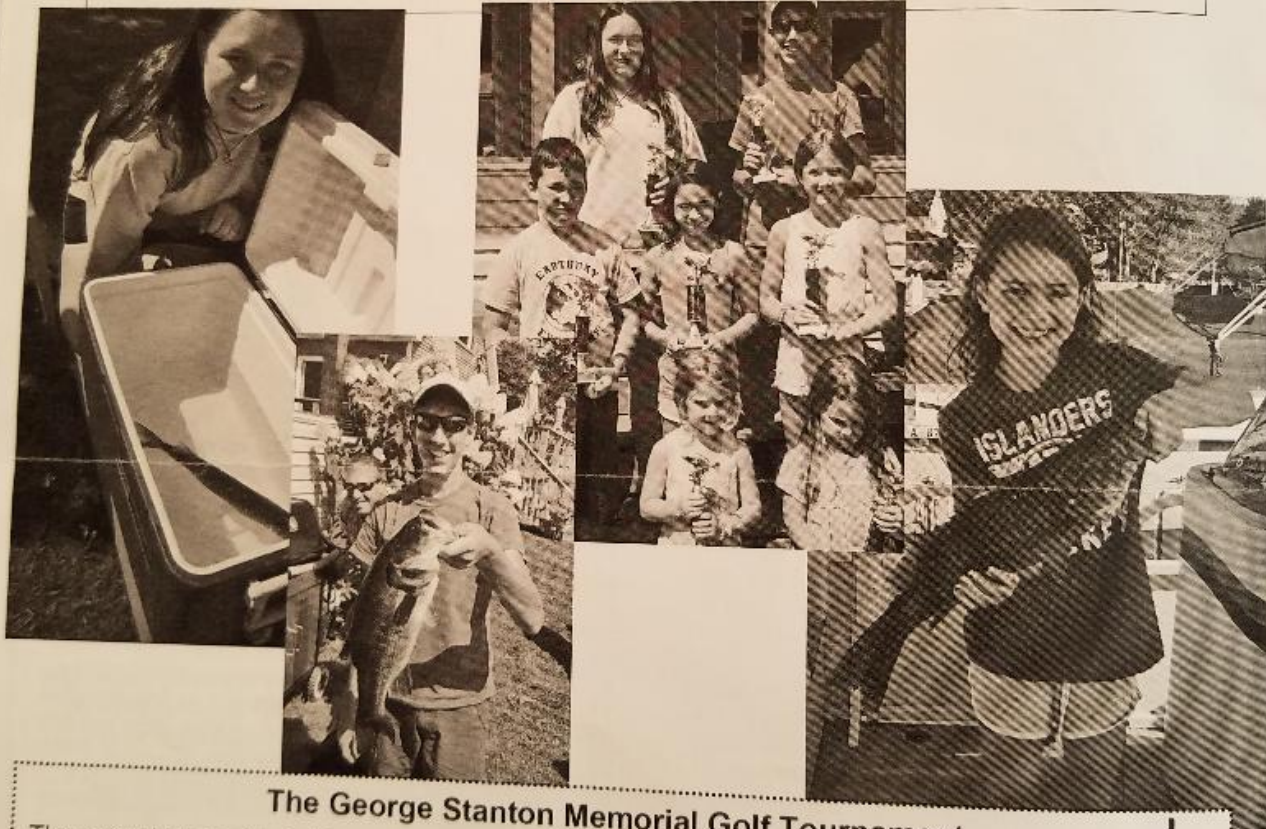
Nicole Dugan caught the largest bass (18 1/2 inch) among children. I think you'll agree that the picture of her with her bass really shows the importance, and fun, this day brings us all. I'm sure Nicole will remember her fish for a long time. Landon Firmstone won the adult bass division with a 19 1/2 inch bass (only beating Nicole by an inch so Landon better watch out!) and Katie Conover won the adult pickerel (16 inch) division.

Other winners: Madison Neiber: smallest, 2 1/2 inch bass; Quinton Sartoni: 10 1/4 inch Perch; Charlotte Nebzydoski: Panfish; and two other winners I am so sorry we lost track of their names. Kristin and I were new to the game this year and with so many participants just lost their names.

For next year we have a Fishing Contest Form that will hopefully prevent errors in the future.

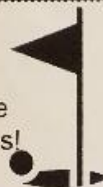
PS- Katie Conover wouldn't touch "that fish with teeth" so we had her kneel down by the fish-in-a-cooler.

All of us ELDA members send an overwhelming "Thank You!!" to Robert Howell, Kristin Conover and Landon Firmstone for running this year's Fishing Contest! What a success!



The George Stanton Memorial Golf Tournament

The annual Memorial Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, July 20th 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 were Mike Farrell's Foursome! Congrats! And another big "Thank You" to Wayne Thompson for a great day of fun.





Annual Field Day Festivities

By Sarah Sierra

Again this year we had a beautiful day and an all-around great time. We had over 20 kids from all over the lake join in the fun. Liam Farley was the winner of the Donut Eating Contest. He was also the winner of the Hula Hoop contest but shared his achievement with Kevin Tompacov who came in a very close second on the Hula Hoops! Jacob Dethlefsen and Parker Sierra were the winners of the children's Egg Toss.

We had a great time with the new Scooter Race and the always fun bouncy balls! We had a piñata and water balloon fight. We also had the egg spoon race and an amazing craft this year run by Theresa Dethlefsen and Jason Palonis who were so instrumental in helping me make the day such a success! Our craft was creating cement stepping stones! Amazing. Complete with an Elk Lake cut out imprint made by Jason Palonis.

A heart-felt "Thank You!!" to Sarah and her crowd of volunteers for the amazing afternoon of fun and memories they make for the kids.



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 2019 fishing license; Jan 1st - mid-March with a 2020 license. (Please check FishInPa.com for specific date) Walleye season re-opens on early May 2020.
 - Bass - Through Dec 31st with a 2019 license; Jan 1st - Apr 13th with a 2020 license. Bass season re-opens on mid-June 2020. (Please check FishInPa.com for specific date)

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.



This sentiment was framed as a gift for Nina Martin:

Nina is a woman slight of physical stature and quiet of voice known by the whole of Elk Lake by just her first name. For more than 5 decades this diminutive woman stood strong and tall, genuinely welcoming every individual ELDA member to the lake, but also firmly and fairly applying ELDA's rules and regulations to each of us. She is leaving ELDA after more than half of century with records in pristine order This amazing gift to generations of ELDA members perfectly reflects the stature of her integrity and her unwavering dedication to this organization.

Nina, with deep gratitude and affection we wish you many more relaxing summers on the shores of Elk Lake.

Sincerely, ELDA Members

Elk Lake Book

I am very interested in writing a book for all of us to enjoy about Elk Lake. I'd like to cover the 100-year period 1920-2020. I'm interested in older pictures as well as new with history and story behind them all. How did families get here? What brought you to Elk Lake? Were you at swim classes on the Buckland shore back in the 60's? Or were you at Lizzie's in 30's and 40's and can give me more info on how it was a hangout for people from Simpson, Carbondale Honesdale? Do you know about the Ice House, stores and Association history? Send me fish stories and Parker's, Jakes and Swing Shop memories...

Please contact me at:

Ladydi712@yahoo.com

Or send information to:

8 Creat Circle, #1003
Lakeville PA 18438

Thank you. Diane Warden

Fire Departments...

Ask everyone to remember to keep trees and bushes trimmed back from the road so that fire trucks and ambulances can get through. Just because cars can fit doesn't mean ambulances & fire trucks will fit as they can be 3 feet (or more) wider than cars.

At an ELDA meeting there was a suggestion to list addresses of fire departments to which people may make donations. Waymart & Browndale Fire Companies both serve Elk Lake:

- ✓ Waymart Fire Company
254 Carbondale Road, Waymart, PA 18472
- ✓ Browndale Fire Department
620 Marion Street, Forest City, PA 18421

ELDA Officer Elections

The Nominating Committee of Pat Dills, Jim Firmstone and John Parker presented the slate of officers & board members for the 2020 calendar year. Nominated at the July general membership meeting were: George Firmstone, President, Dave Stanton, Vice President, Bill Reif, treasurer, Millie McCarthy, Corresponding Secretary and Kathy Emanuelson, Recording Secretary.

Three incumbent board members agreed to serve another 3-year term if elected were: Chris Mann, Jim Sartori and Paul Szwayka.

Committee chair John Parker welcomed nominations from the floor, but none were made.

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.

ELDA gives our sincere gratitude to two out-going officers for the over 80 years of combined service:

Corresponding Secretary Nina Martin
And

Recording Secretary Cynthia Matzko
We are forever in your debt and wish you the best!

ELDA SENDS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO

THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

Brent J. Boyer

Who passed away this July 13th.

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU WITH THE
LOSS OF YOUR DEAR LOVED ONE.

Hydrilla or No? NO!

On August 15th, the Wayne Conservation District came to Elk Lake and took samples of a weed from two locations on Sensentine shore. It was confirmed that the weed was not hydrilla, which is good news. We still need to remain vigilant about keeping hydrilla from entering Elk Lake. As a reminder, Lake Alden has a serious hydrilla problem and Harvey's Lake is also fighting this invasive weed. If you use any watercraft on another body of water before putting it back in Elk Lake, it is imperative that you clean your craft thoroughly and let it dry completely.

This includes all powerboats, fishing boats, wave runners, kayaks, canoes, etc. In the Spring newsletter we had suggested that if anyone saw a weed that might be hydrilla they should pull it out roots and all and take a picture. Now that we have learned more, we want to recommend that people do not pull any weed out because that just might increase the spread of the weed. We would rather have a professional come to the lake and take a sample for identification.

For your information, the weed that the conservation district found is "Elodea", a plant that provides excellent cover for aquatic insects and fish and serves as food for various pond wildlife. Modest amounts of elodea are generally considered beneficial to the lake's ecosystem, but dense growth will interfere with fishing & boating and can reduce dissolved oxygen causing fish kills.

Of course, overgrowth is a direct result of excessive nutrients, and is prevented by....

Maintaining Septic Systems!! Please! Also helpful: maintaining thick vegetative buffers at the lake's edge to stop runoff from entering the lake. Our fish thank you!



