

Elk Lake Development Association Newsletter

Summer 2022



THIRD TIMES A CHARM

The third time was definitely a charm for Dennis Greogory!

Four names on the ballot for the three open board seats:

Dennis Gregory
30 votes Elected

Chris Mann
(Renewing board member)
38 votes ReElected

Paul Szwayka
(Renewing board member)
39 votes ReElected

Mark Murray
28 votes

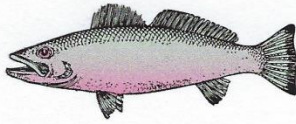


THANK YOU JIM SATORI

ELDA wants to express our gratitude to Jim, who served on the Board for Directors for 12 years.

Jim is the epitome of class, common sense, thoughtful contributions to ELDA issues, and someone who truly cares about what is best for Elk Lake.

Wishing Ji all the best in his latest retirement.



Mother Nature is truly remarkable! For example, just consider the relationship and co-existence of the American Eel and freshwater mussels in Elk Lake.

Freshwater mussels, believe it or not, can survive up to 70 years in good habitat. But how were they introduced to Elk Lake? Where did they come from?

Marine scientists give credit to the American Eel. Mature eels from the USA and Europe return to the Sargasso Sea in the Atlantic Ocean to mate and have their offspring. When the young eels are about 4 inches long and have developed fins, they are called elvers and begin their migration to their native waters.

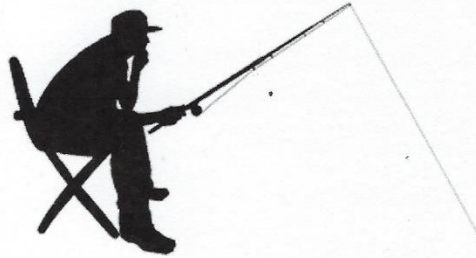
On their journey from the Atlantic to the Delaware River, Lackawaxen River, Van Auken Creek, and into the stream flowing out of Elk Lake, the young eels nibble on the flesh of mussels' open mouths and get sprayed with baby-forming mussels, known as glochidia. The mussel larvae attach to the gills of the eels and detach, when developed, in adaptable and suitable habitats, like Elk Lake.

Mussels help keep our lake clean by filtering algae, bacteria, and other tiny substances. Fish, muskrats, otters, raccoons, and herons' prey and consume mussels.

Thanks, in part, to our mussel inhabitants, Elk Lake is regarded by many to be clean and pristine. But swimmers BEWARE! Mussels can be razor-sharp so please wear water shoes while swimming in our lake.



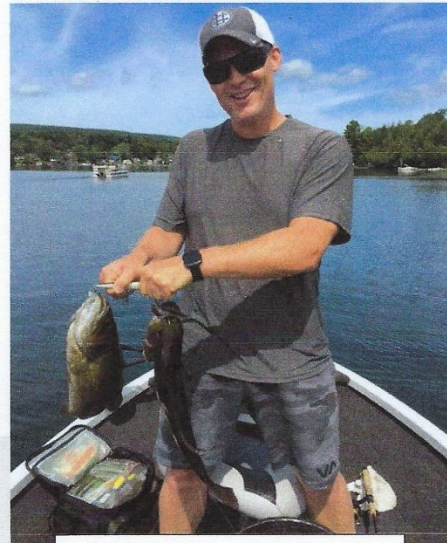
Kimberly Snyder caught a Mussel on the Carlo Lake front. Don't worry it was catch and release. 😊



The Curious Fisherman Jack Mulka

Fish Committee plans to stock 6-to-8-inch walleye this fall. Initial arrangements with Schultz Fish Hatchery near Lake Ariel have been made. The stocking usually occurs in October when the water temperature is in the mid to high 50's. If anyone is interested in assisting or observing, please contact Jack at mulka@verizon.net and he will keep you informed about the date and time of the stocking.

Two Fish One Lure!



Matt Neiber, (Jack Mulka's son in law) caught these two-Smallmouth Bass on the same lure simultaneously in late July.



George Stanton Memorial Elk Lake Golf Tournament

The annual George Stanton Memorial Elk Lake Golf Tournament was held Saturday, July 16, at Memorial Links. A full field of 51 golfers competed for fun and prizes, and a great time was had by all. New this year, we introduced online sign-ups prior to the event which was a tremendous help to everyone involved. Golfers enjoyed a beautiful day of golf, plenty of food and drink, and terrific prizes donated by local merchants. Congratulations to **Hunter Thompson's** winning team with a 13 under par.

Ryan Green won the men's longest drive, while **Kristin Lambert** hit the longest drive for the ladies. **Jim Dickman** won closest to the pin on hole #5, a tricky par 3 along the river.



Tournament Winning foursome
Will Long, Johnny Werner, Hunter Thompson, Ryan Green

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DOCK CRAWL

THERESA DETHLEFSEN

The dock crawl was a great success this year with 16 decked out docks and 19 families participating. Each year the decorated docks and the food are more creative. This year we had themes which included, **USA, Top Gun, Sandlot, Diners, Drive-In and Dives, Carnival, Candyland, Beware of the Bear, Luau/Tiki Bar, and Firehouse.** Here are some pics of the event.

And the winners are:

Best Decked out Dock

Beware of the Bear!

Paul and Theresa Dethlefsen

(Paul won the many votes by wearing a bear costume in the heat) 😊



Most Creative Food

Diner, Drive-in and Dives

The Humphrey's/Mann's

Guy Fieri even showed up!

Each family won a bottle of wine & a \$50 gift card to Jake's.

Thank you to everyone who participated.



COVERED DISH, FIELD DAY & EGG TOSS

The annual Field Day and Covered Dish Event on Saturday July 30, 2022 was a beautiful summer day filled with fun, laughter and another great year of memories for all those in attendance.

The day kicked off with Field Day. Elk Lake community children had a blast hopping along on bouncing balls, scootering to the finish line, spinning in the bat race, amongst other fun races. The donut contest was a smashing success and always a loved event. This year's best eater was **Jacob Dethlefsen**. Our Hula Hoop contest had a tough close call this year but our defending champion from 2021 held his own and was able to keep the title another year in a row. Great job **Austin Daly**! There were 28 Elk Lake community children in attendance making sand art, participating in contests, races, and having good old summer fun. The kids and adult tug of war is always a great time as well!

Want to give many thanks to all those families that help make Field Day possible, from planning, to setting up and helping throughout the event -- from our co-chairs **Sarah Sierra** and **Theresa Dethlefsen** to the other family helpers -- **Dethlefsen, Palonis, Theobold**!

Once again, the Egg Toss was a big hit at the covered dish and featured over 60 competitors. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to Hayes Market for donating the winning prize.

Kid's winners: **Connell Berger & Parker Sierra**
Adult winners: **Jeff Conover & Katie Conover**





AUGUST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

As of Sept. 1, the minutes from the meeting hadn't been approved. Minutes will be posted on our website www.eldapa.org when available.

ELDA offers sincere condolences to the family of Silvia Shaffer Parks

[Remembering Sylvia P. Shaffer Parks | Obituaries \(jameswilsonfuneralhome.com\)](#)

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