

Innsbrook Fishing Club Newsletter

January 16, 2017

Dear Fellow Fishing Club Members,

Over the last few months, I have been talking with Charlie Boyce and Jeff Yegge about activities that we can schedule for the next several winter months to help improve the fishing at IBK. While the weather might not be good for fishing, we could spend some time getting prepared for the spring fishing seasoning. Here is a quick summary of what has happened:

Fish Habitat Improvements Types

IBK has granted us permission to install fish habitats into a few of the lakes based upon the following conditions:

- Fish Habitats can use natural materials (cedars, Christmas trees, etc) and artificial habitat structures.
- Habitats should not be located in swimming areas. The habitats should be placed in the lakes along property controlled by the HOA or common areas.
- IBK has identified a few places we can cut cedar trees. Trees should be less than 8 feet tall.
- Concrete blocks will be used to anchor the trees.
- Midwest Block and Brick donated about 100 concrete blocks for our use, these are 12' x 12"
- Purchased a 1000 Feet of ½" sprinkler pipe tubing for artificial structures
- Spawning beds for bluegill and bass can be created by installing pea gravel in 3 to 5 feet of water. These beds will have a fabric underlayment and concrete block perimeter to contain the pea gravel from sinking in the mud or being removed from the area by spawning fish.

Potential Fish Habitat Improvement Locations

- Aspen and Aspennetter
 - These lakes are currently lowered for lake management projects. We need to get habitats and spawning beds installed before the lake rises.
 - Locations to install habitat include:
 - Along the road between Aspen and Aspennetter (both sides)
 - Along the dam of Aspen
 - Spawning beds to be installed near roads to allow easier installation of pea gravel.
- Lucern
 - Locations would include along the dam and the east side by the field.
 - Spawning beds could be located easily on the east side due to shallow water.
 - Around the island to the north end of the lake.
- Alpine (currently about 2'-6" below full pool stage)
 - Create several large habitat structures along the dam near the electrical switch panel. (east end of dam)
 - This location could be improved to provide fishing access for all property owners.
 - Shore line trees could be cut and placed in the lake for cover.
 - Spawning beds could be located along the dam and on the east side by electrical switch gear. (We electroshocked quite a few Red Ear Bluegills in the area last spring.)
 - North end of lake at south side of Wanderfern dam and along the east side of the lake.
 - Cut existing trees at water line and place them in the lake for cover.
 - North end along the access to the overflow pipe from Wanderfern.
- Innsbrook
 - Along the dam to the south side
 - Up in the east arm of the lake near the boat ramp.

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- This lake may wait till next year when it could be drawn down for silt removal.

Fish Stockings This Winter

IBK has stocked several lakes over the past few months, these include:

- Lake Alpine (236 acres)
 - 8,400 Bluegill (35 per acre)
 - 1,500 Hybrid Bluegill (6 per acre)
- Park Pond
 - 200 Bluegill
 - 4 Grass Carp
- Kitzbuhl
 - 50 Grass Carp
- Quail Lake
 - 25 Grass Carp
- Castelenovo
 - 25 Grass Carp
- Lake Aspen
 - 150 5-7" Blue Cats
- Wanderfern
 - 150 5-7" Blue Cats
 - 200 3-5" Black Crappie
- Innsbrook
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Missouri Department of Conservation – Lake Management Workshop

- Denise Otto, MDC Fisheries Biologist, has offered to provide a free workshop to our club to discuss how to improve fishing in the lakes. She indicated this is about a 2-3 hour seminar and covers a lot of topics. This seminar would be tailored to our needs.
- We are discussing a date and time and should have that finalized by end of the week.

Paddlefish Survey

- Osage Catfisheries is planning on surveying Lake Alpine to determine current population.
- Number of fish to be removed will be determined based upon this survey. Survey should be completed by end of January.
- I offered that the Fishing club would participate in helping with the harvest.
- Weekend day for removal would be preferred to maximize participation and interest by Innsbrook Property owners.

Park Lake

- An aeration fountain is scheduled to be installed in this lake to control weeds.
- Fishing club to investigate turning this lake into a trophy lake for children and seniors.
- It could be stocked with other fish from IBK lakes.
- Trout might be stocked on a trial basis for fall and winter of 2017/18

Fishing Club Membership Fees

- At the Fall Fishing Event, it was discussed that a club dues of \$25 per year per member be established to help offset expenses for events, habitat construction, etc.
- Charlie said the club is run by the members and if we want to assess a fee that is fine with IBK.
- **What does everyone think about this idea?**

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Photos of the current lake levels (as of Jan 6th)

Lake Aspen – along dam



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Lake Aspen – between Aspen and Aspensetter



Lake Aspen – along Fireworks area



Note spawning beds in the water!!!!



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Lake Alpine – between Wanderfern and Alpine



Concrete Blocks, Ready to go!!!



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Examples of Artificial Fish Habitats

