

Innsbrook Fishing Club

Newsletter



Spring 2021

April 26, 2021

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. It is time to get busy fishing as the water temperatures are rising and fish are spawning or getting ready to spawn. Now is the time to catch every type of fish at Innsbrook!



Trout Fishing

Catch and keep those trout! Our first year of winter trout fishing was a major success by the number of people fishing! Trout were stocked just before Thanksgiving in the Park Pond and Charette Commons Lake. We allowed immediate catch and keep in the Park Pond. Charrette Commons trout were catch and release till January. Initially stocked at 12 inches and under a pound, numerous trout over two pounds were caught after January 1 after fattening them up on fish food. As water temperatures climb into the high 60's, the trout will begin to slow down. At around 70's, they will start to die due to temperature and lack of oxygen.



Please fish for the trout and keep them for a nice dinner or lunch. This fall trout fishing will return with the potential of an additional stocking later in the winter or adding a few to Lake Alpine.

Fish Habitat Day

In mid-March, we had a successful fish habitat day on Lake Alpine. Kurt Kruger, Jim Schuessler and Mark Birchler did a great job of preparing and organizing the day of activities. Thanks to everyone who came out to help with the event. The strategy this year was to place larger trees in deeper water to provide year round cover from 5 to 25 feet. We also cleared a nice fishing spot on Alpine Dam at the east end to allow walk up fishing. Park on the dam, near the road to the log cabin, and walk down the hill to the lake. There is a fish feeder on the bank to enhance your fishing success.



Discovery Fishing Program and Loaner Rods

In late March, we partnered with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) to start a Discovery Fishing Program. Several of our members including Donna Kruger were trained on how to teach fishing in a fun, educational environment. The MDC has provided us supplies, resources, and loaner rods to get more people fishing. We are planning a few events to help introduce young and old to fishing fun. Keep a look out for future dates over the next few weeks. We also have a dozen fishing rods that we can loan out to individuals or families who want to try fishing one of our many lakes. Just drop us an email at Innsbrookfishingclub@gmail.com to get more information.



Fish Stocking

We stocked several lakes on Friday, April 9. Nemo Fish Hatchery has provided the last several years of fish species for our lakes. They work with us to provide very competitive pricing and more importantly good size fish to help our lakes. Innsbrook provides funding for the fishing club stocking efforts from the paddlefish harvest income. However, this year the paddlefish harvest was significantly below prior years (11 fish vs. 60+) so our funding took a major hit. We had to cut back but still stocked fish into Aspen, Alpine, Fox, Klor, and City Hall. Species stocked included bluegill, crappie, red ear sunfish, catfish and minnows.



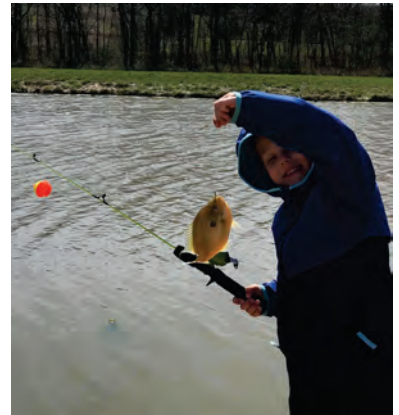
The fishing club has focused on stocking lakes that are new or have good public access for fishing. If someone can drive or walk across a dam to fish, we want to enhance that lake to provide better fishing. Based upon our club survey from two years ago, we have focused on the larger more popular lakes such as Aspen, Alpine, Lucern, Innsbrook and Wanderfern. If you live on a smaller lake and would like to discuss funding your own private stocking of fish, please let us know.



In the fall, we are planning to stock cool water fish such as smallmouth, walleye, yellow perch and northern pike. However, we need your support from dues to make this a success. **Please consider joining the fishing club!**

Upcoming Tournaments

The club will be hosting three tournaments this year. We have planned these over the big weekends at Innsbrook: Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. Our format will include children and adult divisions. Last year, Covid prevented us from hosting in person tournaments. We will make sure everyone feels comfortable at weigh-in to protect family and friends. We plan to hold the tournament one morning during the weekend till noon. Sign up to fish or come to weigh in to see everyone's success! Attendance prizes for the kids!



Lake Management Efforts

Electroshock fish survey will be occurring on Saturday, May 1 at several lakes. Herman Brothers Lake Management company will be utilizing their specialized fish survey boat. This boat provides a low amp, DC voltage in the water (about 8 feet below boat) to temporarily stun the fish. Fish float to the top, are carefully netted and placed in a large livewell in the boat. During the 30 to 45 minutes of survey, each fish is inspected, measured and recorded. We have been doing these surveys every two years to see how to manage our lakes. Nate Herman will explain the results and make recommendations on each lake. Following his advice, we have grown impressive bluegill, huge crappie, large smallmouth and big walleye. Lakes to be surveyed include Alpine, Wanderfern, Aspen, and St. Gallen. If you would like to watch or maybe participate, please send us an email.



Fish Feeder on Fire Fox Lake

A fish feeder, on loan from Kevin Fritzmeier, has been installed on the dock adjacent to the gazebo on Fire Fox Lake. Optimal Fish Food is a great corporate sponsor and they have donated fish food for the season for Fire Fox, Charrette Commons, Alpine and Klor lakes. It has been demonstrated on numerous lakes at Innsbrook that a fish feeder enhances your fish size and quality. As forage fish such as bluegill get bigger due to a regular supply of fish food, they are too big to be eaten by small bass. Larger bluegill spawn more often and have greater success. This has led to several lakes recovering from being over crowded with small bass to producing some very nice size bass. Check out the feeder with your family and children. We will be adding a gumball machine filled with fish food so the kids can feed fish when you visit.



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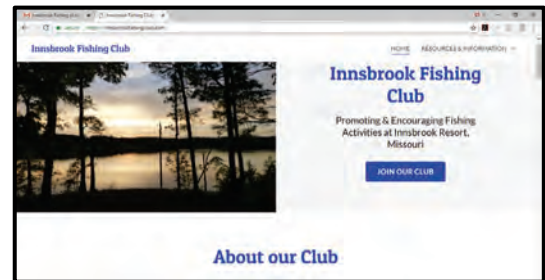
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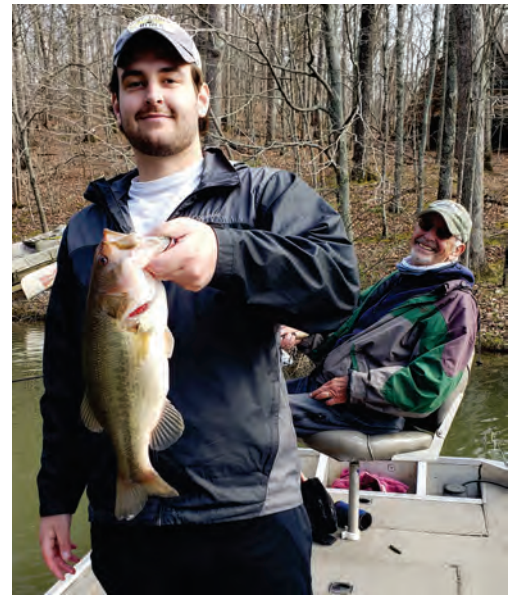
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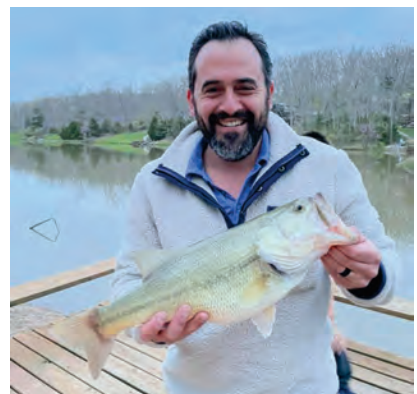
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Fishing Club Dues

The Fishing Club depends upon our member's support to provide activities, fish stocking, habitat restoration efforts, resources, and fun events. Please consider renewing or becoming a member in 2021.



Membership Levels & Benefits	Children Under 16	Friend	Tournament	Lake Master	Lake Captain
Membership Costs	\$0	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$300
Email Blasts	X	X	X	X	X
Newsletter	X	X	X	X	X
Membership Pin	X	X	X	X	X
Pond Boss Magazine Digital Subscription				X	X
Mossback Root Wad Fish Habitat (1)				X	
Mossback Root Wad Fish Habitat (2 total)					X

You can mail a check payable to “**Innsbrook Fishing Club**” to:

Mark Birchler, Treasurer
 Innsbrook Fishing Club
 761 Carman Meadows
 Manchester, MO 63021



Mossback Root Wad Fish Habitat

Or make an electronic payment to our **Venmo account**:

“Innsbrook Fishing Club”

Volunteers Are Welcomed and Encouraged

Looking for volunteers to help with Fishing Club activities and events. Member participation helps make our Club great. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other Fishing Club members. If you have a topic or event you would like to arrange or promote, please let us know so we can schedule it! Thank you to our past volunteers.

