

Spring 2010

# FISH & ROYER LAKES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## 10 MPH LIMIT ON BOTH LAKES

GOOD FISHING, GOOD TIMES, GOOD FRIENDS. . .

### Coming Events

Board Meetings at the Maplewood Nature Center: **May 8**, 9 am

Annual Meeting: **June 5**, 10 am, Maplewood Nature Center. **ALL MEMBERS PLEASE ATTEND.**

Annual Garage Sales: **Friday, June 18 and Saturday June 19**

**July 4:** Flotilla. Prizes are planned for : Most Patriotic, Best Decorations, Most Creative

**August 14:** 3:00 Annual Meeting (**ALL MEMBERS PLEASE ATTEND**), Election of Officers.

4:00 Picnic and Hog Roast. Everyone bring a covered dish to share, your own seating and beverages. Bring a written recipe or two to share for our lake cookbook.

Members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

### Website:

Visit our website at <http://www.FishandRoyerLakes.com>. Newsletters and Board minutes are posted on our website.

### Financial Report

As of April 2010, our account had a balance of \$3583.81. Dues for 2010 are now payable to the Fish and Royer Lakes Association and mailed to Norine Doig at 5070 E. 100 S. Lagrange, IN 46761. The dues form is attached to the newsletter. Seventy four members have paid their 2010 dues. Nineteen aerial pictures have been sold, bringing in \$730. Pictures can be viewed and selected on our association website. The Board is working on developing payment through Paypal for dues and possibly for donations and merchandise. Twenty five dollars will be disbursed for association membership in the Lakes Council.

### Fish Stocking

The lakes were stocked with 750 channel catfish this spring at a cost of \$1000.00. We were unable to obtain more channel catfish this spring.

### Fund Raising

Aerial photographs are now being distributed and can still be ordered. All photos are posted at our website. A single 11" x 14" photo can be purchased for \$25.00. Two photos can be purchased for \$40. A 20" x 30" framed photo can be purchased for \$75.00. if you wish to order a photo or photos, call Dick Krull, 260-463-5049, Dave McAllister, at 260-463-3706 or follow the link on the website. Find the number associated with the photos you wish to purchase before calling or ordering.

We also are investigating products with pictures of the lake for sale. We will do 50/50 raffles at both general meetings. We plan a lake cookbook. We are asking everyone with a garage sale on Father's Day weekend to set out a donation can to benefit the fish stocking program. Other fund raising ideas are very welcome.

### Weed Control

The lakes association board submitted an application for a state grant to fund a weed survey of the lakes. The application was not approved for funding, but we will resubmit next year. In the meantime, both lakes have good water quality. We have all heard stories about other lakes that became too built up, or where too many beneficial plants were destroyed, and lakes actually had to be restricted from swimming and fishing until conditions improved. In order to keep our good water quality and to improve it even more, we can all pitch in. Healthy lawns help to reduce runoff and erosion; they produce oxygen, absorb noise, provide cooling, reduce insect infestations, and beautify the lake. But take care: 1) Install a pump system and sprinkle your yard from the lake. The nutrients in the lake are natural fertilizers; 2) **Never fertilize with phosphorus or potassium.** Phosphorus stimulates algal bloom; 3) **Never apply more than 1 lb. of nitrogen per 1,000 sq. ft. to your grass;** 4) **Use organic nitrogen and apply only once per year.** Reduce fertilization with nitrogen by mulching or composting your grass clippings and returning them to the yard. This reduces the need for nitrogen by 40%; 5) Maintain and encourage the native plants on the shoreline. Do not destroy them. These plants operate as the water cleaning system for the lake. Sandy beaches and loss of aquatic plants can ultimately kill the ecology of the lake. If you have questions about whether plants are beneficial or not, contact the DNR for specific information.

### Keep Everyone Safe

Let's all remember: 1) all people on board a boat must have a Coast Guard approved life jacket (not seat cushions) and all boats must have a throwable flotation device; 2) No wake, no wash within **200'** from shore, or entering or exiting dock; 3) speed limit of 10 mph on both lakes; 4) no one is allowed to ride on the gunwhales of a boat or the bow decking; 5) boating and drinking do not mix, and tickets have been issued for violations; 6) Navigate safely at all times, watching out for other boats and swimmers. On holidays, please use fireworks safely and carefully.

### 2010 DUES REMINDER

**Membership: THANK YOU IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID YOUR 2010 DUES.** Dues run from January of one year to January of the following year. Dues for 2010 are now due.

Please make checks payable to: Fish & Royer Lakes Association

Dues can be mailed to: **Norine M. Doig, Treas. (Tele.#: 260-463-4123),**

**5070 E 100 S, Lagrange, IN 46761**

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$20.00. PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING AN ADDITIONAL DONATION TO SUPPORT OUR FISH STOCKING PROGRAM. THIS PAST YEAR, DUE TO GENEROUS DONATIONS, WE WERE ABLE TO STOCK SMALL MOUTH BASS, WALL EYE, AND CHANNEL CATFISH IN OUR LAKES.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Print name & address

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Lake \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

### Dues: \$20.00

Check \_\_\_\_\_ or cash \_\_\_\_\_

Donation for stocking fish \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues can also be given to road captains. Road captains include:** Cheryl and Joe Albergo, Brett Elliot, Dave Arrington, Dave Bowlby, Pam and Randy Deetz, Norine and Marshall Doig, Les and Pat Fogle, Betty and TJ Hemlinger, Jim Kennah, Dick Krull, Carol and Helmuth Massat, Brian Mervau, and Erik Pearson.

The Fish & Royer Lakes Association is your organization. We only exist through your voluntary participation. It is up to each and every resident of Fish and Royer to do their fair share and join the cause and show you care! Your \$20 dues are dollar for dollar being directly reinvested back into the lakes. We currently are concentrating on fish restocking every year because that's what the majority of the residents voted to pursue. All 219 households on Fish or Royer Lake are eligible to join and are urged to do so. Your dues are only \$20 a year (about 5 cents a day) and are used entirely for fish stocking and improving the quality of your lake and the value of your homes and property. This in and of itself is reason to pay your share and become a member! Please don't be one of those people who say "I never leave the house or fish or go out on the lake"; you still benefit through your children, your grandchildren or your family friends who do enjoy fishing, swimming, boating, or just the beauty of looking at our lakes. Please fill out the information below and join your neighbors in supporting your lake. It's the best investment you can make to protect what we all worked hard for: our home in the country on a lake where we are free to enjoy the beauty. If you cannot directly participate in the meetings; than show your support by at least joining the association. **Thanks to all who have already joined. Bring a neighbor into the association!**

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