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PIKE LAKE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2026

Dedicated to working with the DNR to protect and enhance the water quality of Pike Lake and it's fishing inventory. The Club also encourages the promotion of all water sports and recreational activities.

MEETING: August 3, 2026

PLACE: Pike Lake State Park – North Pavilion

START: 5:30 Setup/Socializing - 6:00 Meeting

There are no minutes from last month. Instead of our monthly meeting the Club held a Rock Bass fishing tournament. There were 9 members and 4 guests that participated.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHECKING: \$6,117.87

SAVINGS: \$5,018.86

ROCK BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT:

As was suggested at the June meeting that the Club should try something new like a fishing outing instead of having our usual meeting especially since we did not have any projects to plan.

Josh [redacted] suggested holding a Rock Bass tournament. He thought that perhaps having a fun type of tournament that we may get nonmembers interested in taking part in it too. Maybe they would become interested in joining the Club if they saw that we did fun things besides just meetings and projects.

He made up flier that announced the special fun type of tournament. Also, as an enticement of joining the Club that the \$5.00 entry fee would be waived. (I sent a copy of the flier around to Club members for their input before he passed it out.)

Before the day of the tournament, Josh thought he had at least 3 inquires that indicated their interest in making the tournament. (None showed up though.)

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The weather cooperated the day of the Tournament – nice and sunny – but the Rock bass didn't for every one! There were 4 members that brought 4 boats and and 9 members that took part. Fishing started at 5:00 and ended at 7:30. I didn't get a count of how many rock bass were caught and released although everyone said the fish were not biting! (I know the boat I was in only caught one!) The big winner was Dan [redacted] with 3 fish totaling 27 inches! Brad [redacted]

was second with 2 fish at about 15 inches. (I did not hear who won 3rd place.)

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Josh did a great job coordinating and setting up the tournament!!!! Not only did he plan and get the DNR permit to run the outing, he provided the lunch for each participant to take with them in the boat. Every one received a bag with a ham and cheese sandwich – w/mayo & mustard packet – bag of chips or pretzels and a bottle of water. (The sandwiches were all hand made with a bakery fresh roll!) (Must have taken him a while to do!) (He had his son and daughter and a daughter's friend help!) (I know they helped get them to each fisherman.) Great job Josh for putting the tournament together!!! (Thanks to Jacob, Isaiah and Talia for helping out!)

PARADE:

As was suggested by Tom [redacted] as a way for the Club to get known around Town was to take part in the July 4th parade in Hartford. Tom said he was going to be out of Town but Josh [redacted] liked the idea. He decorated his boat and Steven gave him the Club's sign to hang off the side. Since no other Club member was available, he enlisted a couple of kids that were hanging around the parade start. As the boat passed through the parade, the kids passed out some candy to the kids along the parade route! Way to go Josh to put that together at the last minute! Hope some one saw who you were promoting and look us up!

DUES ARE DUE:

As the older members know, the Club dues are due at the August meeting. The dues are \$35.00 for the coming year. (Unless there is a motion to change them!) Please bring your dues to next Monday's meeting! Bring them next month if you're not going to make this meeting! See Whitey at the meeting! Boy! Such a deal! Twelve meetings with a delicious meal and adult beverages to enjoy!!!

ELECTIONS:

As I have reported in the last couple Newsletters, we have not held an election that originally was scheduled for the August 2025 meeting. We have to have an election! We are now without a President as John has resigned!

The ballot is still the same as far as I know.

If some one has changed their mind let us know!

President: -

Vice-Pres.: - Steven [REDACTED]

Secretary: -

Treasurer: - Whitey [REDACTED]

Sargent-at-Arms: - Marco [REDACTED]

Board Members: Dan [REDACTED]

Chris [REDACTED]

John [REDACTED]

Jim [REDACTED]

Dan [REDACTED]

Note: There are 4 Board Members up for election.

Hopefully, some Club member will step up and run for the open positions.

CHEFS:

Josh [REDACTED] made up lunch bags for each participant. (See the Tournament article for the lunch details.)

UPCOMING CHEFS:

August - Monthly meeting at the State Park's north shelter. Unless someone wants to make the meal - Steven has volunteered to pick up Goeman's chicken or some pizza's! We haven't done that for a while. We need some one to bring an appetizer and dessert/s. Let us know when you get this Newsletter!

September - (Labor Day is first Monday!)

Annual Fish Fry at the State Park's North Pavilion on Friday, Sept. 11th ????? NEED SOMEONE TO PLAN AND ORGANIZE!

October -

(We can use some volunteer chefs!)

PLEASE NOTE!!!!

Please let us know if you plan to attend. (Please respond by Saturday or before!!!!)

Jerry - [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Easy to respond to e-mail or by messenger!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 3 - Monthly Meeting at the State Park's north Pavilion.

September 11??- (Labor Day is the first Monday! (We usually have a Club fish fry or picnic at this time of the year and meet on a Friday and make it a fish fry/ picnic and invite the family and friends! Good time to bring a new member!

October 5th - Monthly Meeting at ?

50/50 WINNER

(No raffle held because of the tournament!)

If any Club Member wants to look up older Newsletters and other Club information you can find it at pikelakesportsmans.club.
