



## Page Lake Annual Newsletter 2005

From the Lakeside  
Outing Club Inc.  
[www.pagelake.com](http://www.pagelake.com)



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Lakeside Outing Club Members,

After a long winter, I made my first trip to the lake on April 12-22 and was greeted by the most beautiful weather. Ten days of sunshine is rare in our area in August and most unusual in April. The first sight of the lake, with the surrounding mountains and the lake wild life emerging from winter, leaves one with such a refreshing feeling.

According to the hearty among us, who winter at Page Lake, this winter was pretty typical with over 100 inches of snow and 18 inches of ice. The ice finally melted on April 8<sup>th</sup> - the same day as the arrival of our second grand-daughter.

A quick call to John Ward revealed that there is little news around Lakeside. The sewer project in New Milford is progressing well but there is no news on extending the sewers to the surrounding areas. Also, all the places around the lake have been sold - lake property is in high demand.

We have had some abnormally high waters this past year which caused the lake to severely overflow in the fall and then again this spring. In the twenty years we have had the bypass around the dam, I can only remember water going over it four times - and two of those times were in the past year. Fortunately the bypass worked well and no damage to the dam occurred. We had some erosion damage to the bypass that we had to repair last fall and will have to do again this spring.

The high water has done quite a bit of damage to many docks - and some, like my dad's - just disappeared. Damaged docks can be a big safety hazard. We don't want to see anyone injured, so I urge you to get your docks in a safe state as soon as possible.

Last year we had to do some extensive and time consuming repair work to the harvester. As a result, were delayed getting it in the water. The Board of Directors is focused on starting the harvesting season on time - around June 20-27<sup>th</sup> - this year. We will be hiring someone to do this so if anyone is interested, please contact me as soon as possible.

Last year, at the annual meeting, I suggested that we consider siding the clubhouse. So many of residences around the lake have under gone significant improvements over the past 5 years that the club house is now looking very ragged in comparison to the homes around the lake. The Board of Directors will be getting estimates and present the project to the membership for a vote at the annual meeting this year. Since all the people cannot make the meeting, the Board would like to get your opinion on this project. You can send us your thoughts when you mail in the dues or see your director.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful volunteer fire department in New Milford. I think we should show our appreciation and support by asking you to consider sending them a donation. You can send it with your dues and we will see that they get it. Last year my car caught on fire and it was very close to my house in NY. I was so appreciative of how fast the volunteers arrived and safely put out the fire before it spread. Unfortunately, we so often don't appreciate these dedicated people until we need them.

The Board of Directors and I would like to thank you for your terrific support. By working together and having respect for each other's needs, we will continue to make the lake a wonderful place to live or vacation.

The Board of Directors would like your feedback on how you think we are doing and solicit your ideas for areas you want us to focus on. You can reach me by phone 465-9408, (cell) 845-612-9853 or by e-mail [houghtas@yahoo.com](mailto:houghtas@yahoo.com). Or, drop us a note when you pay your dues. And, come see us at the annual meeting. Also, look for more information throughout the year from us by visiting our website - [www.pagelake.com](http://www.pagelake.com).

Be respectful of your neighbors, be kind to the lake, and have a safe, fun filled summer.

Best regards,

Steve Houghtalen  
President, Lakeside Outing Club Inc.

## Our Goals - by the Board of Directors

Here are our goals for our organization that that we would like to share with you and solicit your support:

- First and most importantly is to insure that the dam stays in great condition and the water quality remains high. The lake is the reason we all come here and it is the reason our properties have such a high value to us. We need to insure that maintaining the lake and lake property, through the efficient use of membership dues, preserves the stockholders value.
- We all need to promote safety on the lake. This comes with some work from us all. It would be a terrible thing if there were an accident and any of our members or guests were injured.
- We are challenged, like most area lakes, with increasing lake vegetation and algae, and the inflow of sedimentation all of which can throw the lake out of balance as well as deteriorate the natural beauty of the lake. We must continue to maintain our ongoing weed and algae control measures, and continue to look for new ones to maintain a healthy lake.
- We have a great fishing lake but it does suffer from heavy usage. We believe we should be able to improve the fishing of the lake with some investment in research into fish management techniques. Towards that goal, we are continuing to enhance our stocking techniques and encouraging members to "catch and release".
- We would like to see us improve the beauty of the association property and make it fit in with natural beauty of the lake. We would also like to encourage the same for the members' properties.
- We believe the reason there is such great cooperation in maintaining the lake stems from the friendships the members share with each other. We think we need to continue to sow the seeds of being good neighbors and fostering friendships within our lake community.
- And finally, the members of the Board of Directors would like to encourage more diverse participation in the association management. We believe there is great value in doing this and we risk stagnation of ideas if we don't.

# Lake Project Status

- **Dam maintenance** - We have a licensed Professional Engineer inspect the dam every 2-3 years and we perform the maintenance operations he recommends. We are happy to report to you that the dam is in very good condition. We had planned to have the apron resurfaced last fall but the weather did not cooperate. We will attempt to do it again this year in the late summer or early fall.
- **Lake ecosystem** - Two summers ago, we stocked the lake with grass carp to reduce the amount of lake vegetation. We also annually treat the water for algae in late July - early August. We have applied for a Pennsylvania Growing Greener grant to perform some studies of the lake to see how we can further promote a healthy lake. We are also continuing to pursue the option of hooking up to the New Milford Township Sewer System when it is built.
- **Lake safety** - We make it a priority in the newsletter and at the annual meeting to remind everyone of the boating rules and regulations. We solicit your support to remind your family, neighbors, and guests of the importance in adhering to the rules. It is important that if you see problems, not to look the other way. Boating safety is critical to all of us. The authorities do come to our lake several times during the summer and the fines are expensive. It is vital to all of us that we maintain an accident free record.
- **Fish management** - In prior years, we stocked the lake with 2-3 inch large mouth bass. After performing some research, we found that stocking larger bass (6 inch) will lead to fewer predation losses and will result in more bass reaching maturity. Rob Callahan has been doing some great work for us in researching better fish management practices and providing us with guidance.
- **Geese management** - Geese are a nuisance and fortunately, shortly after geese are born in the spring, most of them leave the lake. We are looking for ways to minimize the number that do stay at our lake. Putting up a string fence on your lakefront does discourage the geese from grazing on your lawn. String with a cloth strip every 5-10 feet as well as moving objects such as flags, pinwheels, or windmills seem to work well.
- **Bears** - The bear population is increasing around the lake. Please do not leave garbage out where they can get at it or stock bird feeders. Once the bears find a source of food, they will continually come back.
- **Lake beautification** - We have looked at taking on a few projects to enhance the natural beauty of the lake and some programs to promote the membership to join us in this effort. We have started a program where members can maintain sections of our property (near the clubhouse and island) to plant flowers and shrubs. See Lynn Furch for details.

- **Winter draw down** - In mid-October, we draw the level of the lake down 3-4 feet until the ice melts in the spring. The reason for this is weed control. The low areas of the lake are then exposed to freezing and thawing through out the winter, which injures the roots of the weeds. Property owners also use this time to work on their docks and do their own weed control by putting down a plastic bottom cover, which prevents weeds from growing. It is also a good time to perform selective dredging. The draw down also helps prevent dock damage during the winter, however don't count on it. The water sometimes comes up quickly in the spring and a large iceberg that is pushed by the wind can damage docks.
- **Membership activities** - We think it is important that we provide some events that allow members to meet each other and develop friendships. In order to do this we need volunteers to organize events. Please let us know if you are interested.



## LAKE BEAUTIFICATION



We have started the lake beautification project. The objective of the project is to enhance the natural beauty of the lake by planting flowering plants on the clubhouse property. For those who are interested, we are making areas available for adoption. In these areas, you can create an interesting landscape project by planting some of your favorite perennials, annuals, or trees. We will provide topsoil and mulch for your areas. We also encourage the lake community to enhance the natural beauty of the lake by planting flowering plants on their properties and access roads. Lynn Furch volunteered to head up this program. For ideas and help with your project, contact Lynn.

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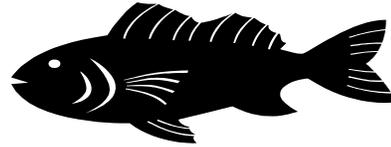
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## FISH REPORT by

Rob Callahan



Hello everyone,

Welcome to the 2005-fishing season. I'm sure we are all feeling the effects of cabin fever to some degree and are eager to enjoy the warm weather section of this year. In past years I have written articles about what we are doing to bring the lake back to a healthier and more angler-friendly body of water. The plan we put in motion several years ago is still progressing forward and seems to be on track with what I have seen to be very positive results so far.

This year, however, I thought it would be nice to talk a little bit about our very well liked adversary. The Large Mouth Bass or as it is known by it's scientific name, *Micropterus salmoides* (micropterus means "small fin" and salmoides means "trout like" in gameness and food). Actually if the truth be told Large mouth Bass aren't even really classified in the bass family. They are in the sunfish family as are small mouth bass. For our purposes we will continue to call them bass. Now lets get to know this creature a little better. The better you know him the easier it is to catch him, or so they say.

Geographically speaking our lake is located in the north and is considered by most to be a colder climate. This means our bass take longer to grow to the desirable and catch able sizes that most of us anglers hope we have on our lines each time we get bit. The good news is that on an average our bass will live longer than the faster growing southern bass; the bad new is there are different strains of bass that can live in the south and our bass will not get as big. The average life span of a southern bass is approx. 10 to 12 yrs before they expire due to natural causes. Our bass being this far north can expect to live even as long as 17 yrs in some cases. Lets talk about size. As any self-respecting angler will agree, "size does matter"! Call it what ever you like but bigger are always better. How many of you ever remember the little minnow that got away? But make that minnow a five or six pound bucket mouth and you remember it for a long time if not forever. In the Deep South and with the Florida strain of bass you can catch eight, nine, and even a ten pounder on a fairly regular basis. There are lakes in Mexico that years ago were stocked with the Florida strain Large Mouths and it is a daily occurrence to catch a ten-pound bass per day and even much heavier fish. The true documented world record was caught in a lake in Georgia and it weighed 22lbs 4oz. There was a guy in California who weighed a fish in on a bathroom scale at the waters edge and had a complete stranger verify it. His fish weighed 24lbs--even. He released the fish and was not given the record. By the way I should mention to all of you that

those lakes in Mexico are 100 percent catch and release and the owners say it's for that reason they have such a successful fishery.

Let's talk about some of the methods used to catch bass on a lake like Page. Bass are definitely a structure-oriented fish. Bass live in cover. Look to find fish on the shady side of objects when it's sunny. Structures such as lily pads, logs and docks are some of the best places to throw. If you're fishing a flat bottom part of the lake look for anything out of the ordinary. A stump or change in the bottom, a little hump or creek channel, maybe a rock pile or hole. Any of these things will hold bass. Knowing where to throw is as important as knowing what to throw.

Now would be a good time to briefly cover a few of the baits used for bass fishing and how to use them. There are lures called soft plastics. These baits are mostly injected or cast to mimic live natural prey such as Crayfish, frogs, minnows, worms and hundreds of creatures the likes of which you have never seen. Some are salted, or have flavor enhancement impregnated into the plastic. Use of these are good for mainly fishing a slow presentation. More to entice finicky fish into biting. Be very careful when using plastics because the fish will swallow these baits and it is very easy to accidentally kill a deep hooked fish that you would have otherwise released.

Crank baits are a versatile and widely use lure. Some crank baits have lips on the front of them to force the lure deeper as it is retrieved and some are referred to as lipless crank baits obviously because they have no deep diving lip. Some are heavy and some float when you stop your retrieve. Some cranks have rattles inside to help a fish find your lure. (Sound travels five times greater in water than it does air).

Number one in many anglers' arsenals is a spinner. There are inline spinners as well as what is referred to as safety pin style spinner baits. These baits are mostly made of a variety of metals and use blades to put an unnatural pulsation in the water to attract fish. You can just cast and retrieve or pulse the rod every so often to add a little more attraction. Fish have what are called a lateral line that runs down the side of the fish's body. This lateral line is what a bass uses to detect movement in the water. Many people believe it is this lateral line that they see on Large Mouth Bass as the black line on the fish's side. Actually the lateral line is not so visible and runs the length of the body just above this black line.

Another favorite among anglers for bass fishing is the surface lure. Picture the lake's surface as a mirror, not a ripple on the whole lake. You wind up and cast a big popper or jitterbug and splash, your lure hits the water like a firecracker on a plate of glass. You wait for what seems to be an eternity. Then you twitch...twitch...twitch to make rings

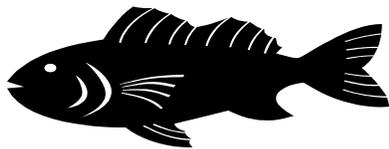
come out from around your bait and before you know it you hear and see what you think was a cow falling off a cliff into the water. And now the fight! How many of us don't think about that scene all winter long?

Color selection for all these different lures is endless. You have to experiment for yourself and you will come up with what you will have as your favorites. Bass see reds and greens well. Also let the water clarity help you pick your colors. Stained or darker water you want a darker color to make a better silhouette. In clear water, whites and chartreuses are great.

The most important thing to remember is you are in this game against a living thing that is greatly affected by its environment. Any temperature variance affects the action of fish. The amount of dissolved oxygen in the water is another big topic that greatly affects the fish's behavior. When things change you will also have to change if you are to be successful in your fishing endeavors.

The last thing I'll mention is the fact that these fish are well educated. If they have spent a couple of years in our lake they have seen many false offerings and maybe even have been tricked and caught by some of them. Do things a little different from everyone else. Try to offer the fish something that they aren't used to seeing. There is a very good reason why new lures are so hot for a few years and then die out.

Thanks for reading my anglers' ramblings and I hope you find them useful if not amusing. See you all on the water!



Tight lines  
Robert Callahan

### **Fishing Contest Information by Mike Keller**

The Eleventh Annual Lakeside Outing Club largemouth bass fishing contest will run from Opening Day, which is June 18, until 12:00 noon September 5 (Labor Day), 2005. Entry fee is \$15.00 for anyone age 16 and over and \$5.00 for anyone 15 and under. The winner will receive all entry fees and their name will be on the "Bragging Board Plaque" which is eventually held by the winner until the following year.

All largemouth bass must be caught in Page Lake and must be weighed in live at Baker's Country Store on their digital scale. Pat and Dean Baker have been gracious about weighing in the fish, which is appreciated. Please consider releasing the bass after you weigh it in.

All entries must be made 24 hours prior to weigh in of a fish. You can enter at the Bakers Country Store, or see Mike Keller (54 on Route 492, phone 570-465 7748) or e-mail at [iluvtufish@hotmail.com](mailto:iluvtufish@hotmail.com). Last year's bass was caught by Rob Callahan which weighed 3 1/2lbs. Congratulations to Rob.

### Free Fishing Days

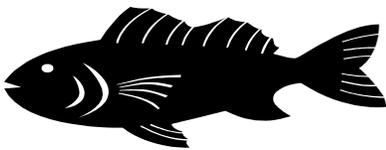
Saturday, May 28th and Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> are free fishing days in the State of Pennsylvania. No license is required on these days. This is a good chance to take some children or friends fishing.

### Fishing Observations

It is interesting to note that the largest fish caught in the 2004 contest was just 3 1/2 lbs. Over the course of the eleven years the contest was running, every winner was at least 4 1/2 lbs or better. The largest was 6 1/2 lbs. My theory is that in 2004 the water was exceptionally clear due to continued rains, which flushed the lake more often. In clear water, bass especially the older-smarter bass are always more difficult to hook

I know that there are still 4 lb fish in the lake since we caught and released two in one day while ice fishing, which leads me to another observation. I had the opportunity to ice fish four weekends. There are a lot of people fishing on the ice who claim to be friends/guests of association members who were not present and that they have permission to fish. These guys are nice, sociable and love to fish.

How about the size of the crappies! Twelve inchers are not uncommon. Any thoughts on why they have finally increased in size?



Good fishing  
Mike Keller

## ***Page Lake Golf Club***

Last year, the East Side dominated play by winning 3 of the 4 annual tournaments. The usually strong West Side could only manage to tie one of the tournaments. Win or lose, the beer always tastes great at the end of play along with the enjoyable stories of many great shots and the ball that just missed the cup that might have won it.

The tentative dates for this year's tournaments are:

Page Lake Memorial Day Classic - Tall Pines, Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Independence Day Invitational - Golden Oaks, Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Summer Splash Tournament & Picnic - Panorama, Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Labor Day Invitational - Chenango Valley State Park, Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.



The golf club meets early Saturday mornings. All are welcome. The competition is between the East and West side of the Lake. Contact Jim Busby, director Page Lake Golf Club for further details. [Jabusby47@yahoo.com](mailto:Jabusby47@yahoo.com) 465-2585

## **Jack Lynch Memorial**

The friends and family of Jack Lynch donated funds for a special project on the lake in memory of Jack. This spring, we will construct a beautiful landscaped area on the island that will contain a lighted flagpole and benches where members and friends can go to meditate, pray, or just enjoy the beauty of the lake. We invite the membership to enhance this area by stopping by and planting some of your favorite flowers or shrubs.



**View of Page Lake in the 1950s**

## Junior Essays

### Exploring the Dams

by Brian Busby (age 12)

Page Lake is an excellent place for fishing and canoeing, but in my opinion, it's best for exploring. My brother Dan (17 years) and I (12 years) one day decided to explore the beaver dams at the north end of the lake opposite of the bridge and falls. Canoeing up the lake, we went through a large area of lily pads. Lily pads are nearly impossible to navigate through and it proved a difficult task. Reaching the end of the lake, we came to an overgrown entrance to the beaver dams. Bumping through logs, and a lot of tall plants and grasses, we reached the first dam. Stepping out and pulling our canoe up, we viewed a small pond with an outlet leading to another dam.

As we got back into the canoe, we saw our first sign of wildlife. A kingfisher flew over our boat. Traveling through a mesh of algae, peat, lily pads, and stumps, we saw an isle of what looked like sticky sand. When Dan stepped out, his sandal got stuck in the mud. It was disgusting. He pulled it out and we then struck a submerged tree. It took almost three minutes to travel over the half sunken tree and when we did, we were tired. We paddled to the outlet and traveled through a straight trail with few obstacles. Little things skipped across the water. They looked like some kind of reptile or amphibian. Since we didn't know what they were, we called them "skippers". The skippers were constantly jumping. There were also visible shapes of bass and other fish under the water. We were so dumb not to have brought our fishing rods!

We reached the second dam and viewed an obviously scared great blue heron fly from the under growth. It was a sight to see, but our clothes, on the other hand, were not. They were filled and covered with brambles, grass and dead flowers. The area we had reached was another small pond, but clearer, more like a cypress swamp. The overhanging trees were pretty, and another item was missed, a camera! Then we heard a splash. Some kind of small duck was swimming near our boat. When it caught sight of us, it plunged under the water. We waited a full minute but it did not come up. As we traveled across the pond, we heard another splash. It was there again, but on the other side of the pond. We concluded it was some kind of grebe.

We left the pond by a maze of watery trails. Our canoe was often marooned on dead ends. The skippers jumped all over the place and mosquitoes attacked constantly. The skippers we realized were small frogs, jumping like stones skipping on the water. It was amazing once we realized what the mystery beasts were. We traveled through several more dams. Some were broken, others whole. When we reached the 10<sup>th</sup> dam, a log blocked our way. So we decided to head back.

Kingfishers flew all around along with herons and mallards. The trip back was just as exciting as the way there, and a little more relaxing. But the most fun part was when we reached a dam on the way back. The dam was sloped down, I would sit in the front of the canoe and Dan would stand on the dam. He would push me down and I would splash into the water, jet forward, and then turn the canoe around and pick him up. We continued this process until we were three dams away from the lake. Dan was tired of pushing, so he jumped into the canoe, adding additional weight. I noticed this dam was steeper than usual and thought nothing of it. But when we shot down, our canoe moved at super speed. It careened into the water, but instead of floating, it dived right under. Kersploosh! Our canoe filled up with water at the same time as we hit an under water stump. I fell over the side of the canoe into some muck. We had to empty the canoe of muddy water. It was really gross and took a while. When the water was almost drained, we realized a baby catfish was in our boat. Dan scooped it up in his hands and threw it out. "Ouch" he yelled, "it stung me". We got back into our sopping canoe both saturated and ready to go home. And we did.



**BRIAN, DAN, and DAVE** divvying up the day's critter catch.

# Junior Essays

## My Favorite Place

By Claire Martin (age 12), grand-daughter of Jan and Tom Westfall

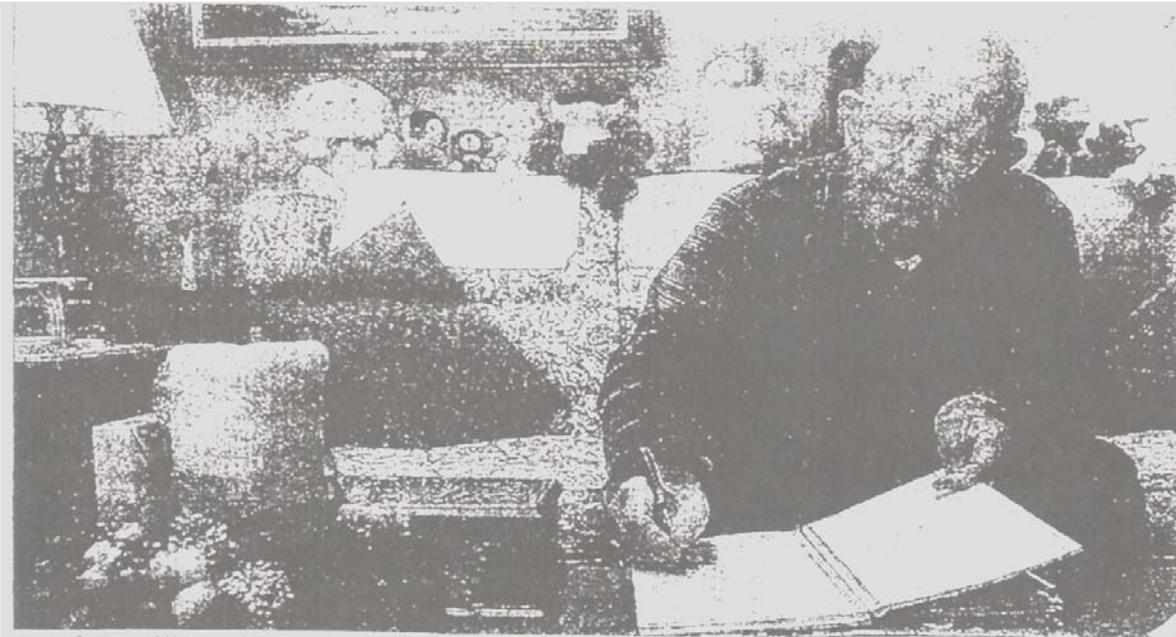
My favorite place in the whole world is my grandparent's cottage. It's on Page Lake in New Milford, Pennsylvania. From Mattapoisett, it's a six-hour drive. We go there during the summer at least four or five times. The lake is about a mile and a half long and a mile wide. The scenery is beautiful. All you can see in the distance is the mountains. There are a bunch of kids our age and all the neighbors are really friendly. There is always something to do from swimming, to canoeing, playing ping-pong, volley ball, taking a walk, or just relaxing in the sun on the patio.

Swimming is one of the main things to do at the lake. Sometimes we swim all the way across the lake. While all of us swim, one person rows next to us in the boat in case we get tired. Famous in our family, is the "Jerry Jump", (named after my uncle.) It is when you run from the very top of the hill, all the way down, across the dock and do a cannonball. We usually eat lunch down at the dock. After that we take the rowboat down to the neighbor's house and swim there and play cards for a little bit. Then their dad takes us tubing. MY cousin and one of the girls are currently trying to break a record of how many times they can fall off. Also we go water skiing, which is a ton of fun. Sometimes we canoe down to the end of the lake, leave it there, and walk to the candy store. While the adults have cocktail hour, we walk down the long dirt road and get the mail. The day usually ends with a meal on the grill and a trip to the ice cream store.

Another fun thing to do is walk on the trail behind the cottage. All the paths have different names, just like street names. One of the neighbors, Jack Lynch, created the trail several years ago. There is a stuffed animal in almost every tree. There are chairs every so often so you can sit down and rest. We pack a lunch and eat it once we get to the cabin. Mr. Lynch used to take us along the trail in his tractor. He would even take us down on the main road by all the other cottages. There is a really fun thing to do.

The absolute best part about the cottage is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. All the relatives come to the cottage and my Nana and Gramps cook a huge amount of food. Between ninety and one hundred of our relatives come. The party last all day long starting around noon and usually goes until ten or eleven o'clock at night. There's always the annual volley ball game held out back right after lunch. Followed, is usually some sort of charades game. After a fabulous buffet style dinner, all the dads and uncles build a huge bon fire. All the kids go into the woods to get wood. We have s'mores and do fireworks. The fun lasts all night long! These are just a few of the many things to do at the lake. If I could, I would spend the entire summer there.

## One of Our Members in the News



Leland Stanton of Union writes down notes for a poem he is composing for the Christmas cards he will send to friends and family. Stanton has been writing poems for his holiday cards since 1976.

# Holiday wordsmith

## Poetry helps 'Barn Yard Bard' keep family, friends connected at Christmas

To Leland Stanton, Christmas means iambic pentameter.



**VALERIE  
ZEHL**  
Neighbors

He signs himself "Barn Yard Bard," acknowledging his avocation as a poet.

Stanton, a Town of Union resident, started rhyming as a love-smitten 20-something, and now he's an even-more-prolific 79.

Though he writes as the spirit moves him, the Christmas spirit has been a

guaranteed muse since 1976.

In some of the poems, which he and his wife, Alice, embellish with art and tuck into their holiday cards, he remembers the days of his youth:

"There was a day not long ago/perhaps a half-a-life or so/A once-upon-

"Wool caps and high boots and safety-pinned mittens/Scarf pulled up high for a nose un-frostbitten." That's from *Night Slide*, 1978.

Others bring more than their fair share of mirth. One called *A Christmas Peril* describes the scene when a dog and cat almost manage to tear down the decorated tree. In *A Party Line Christmas*, multiple ears on a shared telephone line end up hearing many messages.

*Holiday Surprise* tells the tale of the not-so-merry news Le and Alice got just before Christmas in 1986: that he needed five-way bypass surgery.

In *A Spirited Christmas*, he finds himself wondering how a deserted farmhouse feels when there's no longer anybody celebrating the holidays inside.

Other poems elevate daily sights:

"Among the wonders man has wrought/To mark his place in

will/Though humble 'mongst them all/As do those endless miles of toil/The hand-laid farm stone wall." That's from *The Walls*, 1994.

Getting the poems published was never an objective, although many of them found their way into newsletters and onto bulletin boards.

"I had requests from other IBMs around the country to publish some of his work," says Jack Guilfoyle of Apalachin, who was in charge of publications at IBM Owego when both the Stantons worked there. "He also wrote poems for my daughter and other people's offspring."

A poet is permitted his own favorite poem, and *The Christmas Bit* is the pet of the Barn Yard Bard:

"A bit something special/in eyes old and young/a little less sadness/a little more fun."

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## A HOMEDREAMING CHRISTMAS



We all know that Christmas  
Is a homecoming time  
When loved ones all gather  
For moments sublime

But for many whose home  
Is a harbor too far  
There still are fond mem'ries  
Of home in their hearts

They still can homedream  
Through a yesteryear haze  
As their musings transport them  
To growin' up days

To the places so special  
Of formative years  
Which bring forth a smile  
And, oft-times, a tear

That after school hangout  
Where a sweethearts would meet  
With it's nickel juke-box  
Crooning songs sad & sweet

The sand lots of summer  
Where home runs were cheered  
And the hockey of winter  
When ice had been cleared

The country store, brimming  
With everyone's needs  
From kids' penny candy  
To farm boots & feed

The barber on Main Street  
Who gave your first trim  
And when grown up  
Shaved your new-whisker'd chin

The town's only movie  
Where, on Saturday night  
The barn-boots perfume  
Brought the wild west to life

The old blacksmith shop  
Gave us horseshoe nail rings  
And the horse-harness man  
Who made leather things

That great "Five and Ten"  
With it's wonders galore  
Was a girl's heaven-gate  
And a boy's treasure store

Those Sunday-school picnics  
When weather allowed  
Found heavenly-pupils  
Most playful & loud

The town green at Christmas  
Was a snowball melee  
Where forts & attackers  
Fought on the whole day

A rail yard & station  
And feed mill next door  
Made extra-fine playgrounds  
When youngsters got bored

Remember the ice-man  
Of long ago years  
Who gave us free suckers  
Of icy cold spears?

And the milkman each morning  
Whose glass bottles clinked  
Announcing a sunrise  
To paint the world pink

Those mid winter hayrides  
With songs & sleigh bells  
And sleds & toboggans  
On neighborhood hills

So save the homedreamings  
From all those good years  
To rekindle your Christmas  
With homecoming cheer.



by *Je Stanton*  
*Barn Yard Bard*  
for the Christmas Collection  
2004

## A Historic Site Not Far From Page Lake

### The Starrucca Viaduct

### Bridge of Stone



Starrucca Viaduct in Lanesboro, PA is 1040 feet long, 100 feet high and 25 feet wide gracefully crossing over Starrucca Creek on its seventeen stone arches.

The valley of the Starrucca Creek, was the a large challenge in the planning of the railroad—a sudden, deep, and wide depression in the hills, a hundred feet or more below the lowest elevation the road bed could find. This valley was more than a quarter of a mile wide, and there was no way around it. At first it was proposed that this broad and deep stretch should be graded up to the level of the road-bed by constructing an embankment across it, but the plan was abandoned on the score of cost and the great length of time that would be required to raise that enormous mound of earth. The crossing of the valley by a viaduct was then decided upon.

The stone was cut from a local quarry and is Pennsylvania Bluestone. Designed by Julius Walker Adams, an Erie Railroad superintending engineer, the viaduct was built between 1847-48 under the supervision of James P. Kirkwood, completed on November 23, 1848, though the first locomotive did not cross it until December 9th. The cost of the structure was less than \$340,000. More than 150 years later, it still carries full-size modern freight trains of Norfolk Southern and NYS&W.

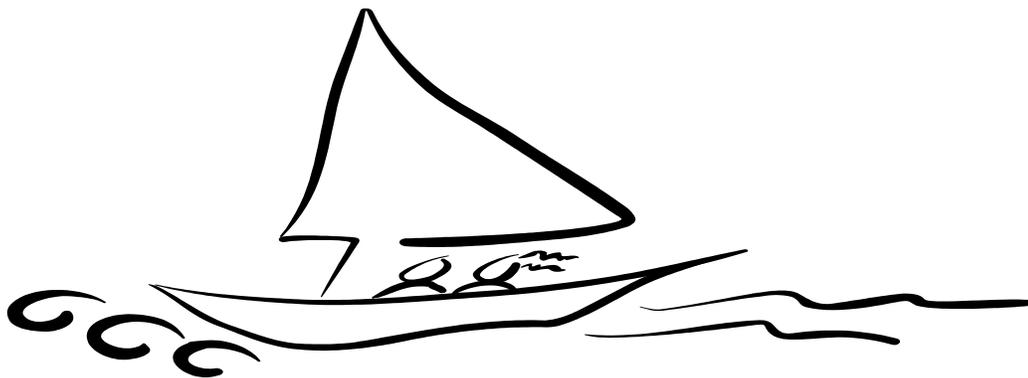


## BE KIND TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

- Please insure your pets are not barking while you are home or away. Sound travels easily up, down, and across the lake.
- Please do not allow your pets to run loose on your neighbor's property. When walking your dogs please pick up their mess if it is on another's property.
- Please take your trash with you when you leave. When you do leave trash at designated sites use pre-paid bags from Baker's Country Store. Please note that the end of Butterfield Road is not a designated trash pick up site. There is no trash pickup on East Shore Drive before Memorial Day and after Labor Day.
- Please keep the mountain air smelling clean by taking garbage with you instead of burning it. Although burning garbage may be convenient, it really has an offensive smell that travels quite far. Please do not burn plastic or painted wood such materials pollute the air and act as carcinogens.
- Be considerate by not constructing structures in your neighbor's view or by putting up structures that compromise the lake's beauty.
- Help with community projects - volunteer.
- Keep parties quiet after 10 pm.
- Insure you and your guests practice safe boating and swimming practices. It is not adequate to assume that your guests are doing fine or that someone else will watch them. It is your responsibility to verify their actions. We all want an area where we can relax and enjoy a safe environment.
- Refrain from using lawn mowers, power tools, etc in the early morning, late evening, or when your neighbors are having guests.
- Drive slowly and safely on lake access roads. Keep our children safe.
- Insure floodlights do not shine into other people's houses/cottages or across the lake.
- Abide by the speed limits posted on your road. We want to keep everyone safe especially the children.

## BE KIND TO THE LAKE

- Pump your septic tank every 3 years. The more solids that flow through your drain field, the less efficient it becomes over time.
- Do not use a garbage disposal. A better way is to compost your kitchen scraps.
- Keep kitchen grease out of your septic system. It is not broken down easily and can clog your drain field.
- Space laundry loads over the course of a week and only wash full loads.
- Install low usage water fixtures such as showerheads (2.5 gals/min, toilets (1.6 gallons), dishwashers (5.3 gallons), and washing machines (14 gallons). Set water softeners to recharge infrequently.
- Use liquid laundry detergent. Powdered detergents use clay as a carrier. This clay can plug the drain field.
- Do not use household cleaners (bleach, harsh cleaners, etc.) These will cause you to have septic problems. Bleach kills useful microorganisms in your septic systems that are required to keep your system operating properly. Use only organic or low phosphorous products.
- Do not use Automatic Toilet Bowl Cleaners such as "2000 Flushes". The continuous slow release of these chemicals will kill the microorganisms that treat your wastewater.
- You do not need to add special additives into your septic system.
- Promote the use of minimal water usage within the household (short showers, minimize toilet flushing, etc).



## Membership Information

### DUES:

The dues for this year are \$100. Payment must be made by **June 15, 2005** to **The Lakeside outing Club, Inc.** and mailed to TERRY SYMONDS, 49 WOODSTONE RD, BASKING RIDGE, NJ 07920. Please pay these fees on time so our volunteers do not have to do extra work collecting late dues. Also include your e-mail address so we can update you with any LOC news. A special thank you to all who pay their dues on time. It really helps minimize the work we do. We have very few delinquents.

Please note the following:

- There is a \$15 late fee if not paid by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Dues must be paid by June 15<sup>th</sup> to participate in the annual meeting
- There is a \$50 late fee if not paid by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Lake rights can be permanently lost if dues are delinquent by one year.

### BOAT STORAGE:

The fee for storage this winter will be **\$75.00**. There is a substantial waiting list. If your payment is not received by June 15<sup>th</sup>, you will lose your place. Please send payment with your dues. After June 15 any spots that are open will be offered to those on the waiting list. If you want to be put on the waiting list, send in your request with your dues to Terry Symonds. All boats must be removed from the clubhouse before Memorial Day weekend and can be put in storage after Labor Day weekend.

### ROADS:

Most areas have road committees and maintain the roads through donations. Please support their efforts by having 100% participation and timely payments. It would be a good reminder to pay your road dues at the same time as your membership dues. Also, help out by rotating this job so some unlucky person does not get stuck with it year after year. Every shareholder is responsible for his or her property that abuts the roads. If there is a ditch along the road, which is on your property, it is your responsibility to keep it clean. Failure to keep the ditches clean results in water running onto the road, which causes erosion.

### BOATS:

We are still trying to update our information on the boats that are still on the lake. If you did not submit the information last year about what boats you own and the applicable decal numbers, please do so this year with your dues payment. ALL watercraft **MUST** have decals and **only shareholders** can put watercraft on the lake. There is a maximum of 4 watercraft per cottage and only 1 motorboat may be over 15 HP. - maximum 40 HP.

**BOAT DECALS:**

We have purchased new boat decals. They are a little bigger and adhere to fiberglass as well as the new boat material (polyethylene) that is being used in paddleboats. The numbers are much larger so they can be read from a distance. Anyone having decals on their boats that are not legible will be required to purchase new ones. The new decals will be available for purchase at the shareholder's meeting in July. The price will be **\$15.00** for a set of two. Your director will be visiting you during the month of August to make sure all watercraft have legible decals and take down information to update our records. Decals can be purchased from Terry Symonds at 192 East Shore Drive or from Debbie Cunningham at 87 Warren Park Road. If obtaining decals for a **motorboat** you need to bring a copy of your registration.

**BOATING:**

Motor boating for skiing and pleasure riding will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. or sunset whichever comes sooner. Operation of power craft outside of these hours must be done at no more than idling speed (5mph or less). All watercraft must be operated in a counter-clockwise direction always keeping to the right. After sunset all watercraft shall display a light visible from 100 feet in all directions per state regulations. **Remember the maximum horsepower is 40.** If anyone is found in violation of this rule they will be given 10 days to get the boat off of the lake. Non-compliance could result in loss of lake rights.

**DOCKS:**

All new docks (stationary or floating) may be constructed and put on the lake only after obtaining the written approval of the plans from the Board of Directors.

**DONATIONS:**

You can now make donations to the Lakeside Outing Club, Inc. as a memorial etc., please contact Terry Symonds, Secretary for details.

**CLUB HOUSE RENTAL**

The clubhouse is available for rental during the summer for your special parties. Please contact Terry Symonds for open dates. The clubhouse must be left clean after use. No one may take items from the clubhouse without the permission of an officer.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS:**

Anyone selling property on and around Page Lake should direct questions with regard to Lake Rights or stock transfers to the secretary, Terry Symonds for a written reply in order to avoid complications. If you transfer Lake Property to a family member by deed, the share of stock also needs to be transferred. Remember only shareholders can have boats and other access privileges to the lake.

## **RENTAL PROPERTIES:**

Reminder: It is the deeded owner's responsibility to make sure that their renters know and abide by the rules and regulations of the LAKESIDE OUTING CLUB, INC. If your renters break the rules, your membership and lakes rights can be in jeopardy. Please insure they know of and abide by our rules. We appreciate your continued cooperation.

- 1) Renters are NOT allowed to bring in their own boats.
- 2) Renters are NOT allowed to use any motorboat over 15 hp.
- 3) Renters must be aware of the NO swimming, NO floating in excess of 50' from shore.
- 4) Renters must obey our Rules and Regulations.

## **SAFETY:**

It is everyone's responsibility to keep our lake safe. If you see someone breaking the rules and/or acting in a manner contrary to our regulations you have the right and responsibility to approach that person. If you would like support, contact your director and/or go with a friend or neighbor.

## **WELL WATER TESTING:**

There is a co-op in Montrose that will test your well water free. They are located diagonal to the courthouse. If looking down away from courthouse it is on your right-hand side - 1<sup>st</sup> building.

## **BOATING AND FISHING RULES:**

We are under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania State even though we are a private lake. The game warden was around last year and was issuing warnings and tickets. You **MUST** have a fishing license. You must abide by the boating laws of the state. Make sure children are in life jackets and that the life jackets fit them properly. An oversized jacket will NOT save their life if they go over. Make sure that the proper numbers of life jackets are in the boat for the adults. All rules and regulations of the state must be obeyed. The warden will not give warnings this year he will give tickets and they carry with them a hefty fine. Remember if you are approached that he is doing his job and the rules are in place to keep us all safe.

When boating, remember the following:

- There must be a spotter when you are pulling someone behind the boat. Even if it is a tube and they are a good swimmer.
- Make sure the driver is always looking forward and the spotter looking backwards. Too often, we see both looking back when starting to pull someone behind the boat or both looking forward once the boat is underway.
- Boating ends at 8pm or when the sun goes down.
- Make sure all passengers in the boat are sitting in the seats. No sitting on the top of seats or the sides of the boat.
- Do not drive the boat in tight circles with the engine in a high throttle position. It is very easy to lose control of the boat.
- Maintain a great distance between boats, swimmers, docks, and the shoreline.

In order to protect and maintain our lake for the enjoyment of all the shareholders it is imperative that the Rules and Regulations and the By-Laws are strictly adhered to. Please contact your director or an officer if you see someone in violation and you do not feel comfortable confronting him or her yourself.

### **Special Notice: Dock Permission**

Permission is hereby given to those shareholders not owning lakefront property to have a dock on club property. This notice is a renewal of previously granted permission. No new docks may be added without the express consent of the Board of Directors. Furthermore, permission is given to those shareholders bordering on the community property of The Lakeside Outing Club, Inc. to use such property for their enjoyment along with all other members of the Club. Community property must be kept clean and save. No structures of any kind are permitted to be built on such property without the consent of the Board of Directors. Permission may be revoked if dock is not kept in good repair.

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### **Mark these dates on your 2005 calendar** **Events at the Lake**

By Memorial Day Weekend - all boats must be out of clubhouse.

- June 12<sup>th</sup> - First day of bass season (join the bass contest)
- June 15<sup>th</sup> - Last day for membership dues and boat winter storage space rental.
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Annual shareholders meeting at the clubhouse at 10:00 a.m.
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Lighting of the flares at 9:00 pm. Flares can be purchased at Baker's Country Store, they are not being sold by the LOC. Please keep flare residue out of the lake.
- September 5<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day - Fishing Contest Ends @ 12:00 noon
- October 15<sup>th</sup> - The lowering of the lake - make sure all boats are out prior to this date.

**AGENDA FOR ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER'S MEETING  
JULY 2, 2005 @ 10:00 AM AT THE CLUBHOUSE**

- a) Meeting will be called to order
- b) Introduction of Officers, Directors, Auditors, & Parliamentarian
- c) Secretary's report & minutes of last meeting
- d) Treasurer's report
- e) Election of Officers, Directors & Appointment of Auditors
- f) Fish Report
- g) Sewer System Project Report
- h) Weed and Algae Control Report
- i) Clubhouse improvements
- j) New Business

Officers and Directors positions up for election:

**OFFICERS:**

Steve Houghtalen, President  
Mike Keller, Vice President  
Terry Symonds, Secretary  
Bill Cunningham, Treasurer

**Directors:**

Steve Reinhart	East Shore Drive
Michele Lebiak	The Pines
Michelle Woodruff	West Shore Drive
Paul Stone	Puckerhuddle Road

**SUMMARY  
MINUTES OF SHAREHOLDER'S MEETING  
JULY 3, 2004**

- 1) Meeting called to order by Steve Houghtalen @10:15 AM.
- 2) Board of Director's introduced themselves.
- 3) Secretary presented the annual minutes of shareholder's meeting from July 03.
- 4) Mr. Ken Helsiek asked the minutes be amended with reference to capital improvements. He stated, "Shareholders need to vote on capital improvements and major indebtedness, the Board of Directors can vote on line items."
- 5) Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report.
- 6) Election of Directors:
  - Jim Busby – Warren Park Road
  - John Pollak – South Shore Drive
  - John Barlow – Lake Shore Drive
  - Dave Wood – East Shore Drive
- 7) Election of Officers:
  - Steve Houghtalen – President
  - Mike Keller – Vice President

Terry Symonds – Secretary

Bill Cunningham – Treasurer

8) Fish Report presented by Rob Callahan

9) Guest Speaker – Randy from PA Fish and Boat Commission stated that they are patrolling more because they are finding a lot of non-compliance. The following were offered as things to remember:

a) Boat Cushions were outlawed in 1994 as a means of rescue.

b) Children under 12 must be in life jackets and those life jackets must be the proper size for that child.

c) No sitting on top of seats in boats.

d) The spotter of the boat should be capable of taking over control of the boat and be able to rescue the tuber or skier. There is no minimum age.

e) All boats w/motors need to have extinguishers on them if they are 16' or more.

f) Fines are very steep – especially if you live out of state.

g) If you catch a fish out of season you can be fined.

h) Need boat safety course if born after '82.

In closing Randy stated that the Commission's major concern is water safety.

10) John Ward gave an updated on the sewer situation.

We are in phase 2 on New Milford Twsp permit and New Milford Twsp is dragging their feet. The D.E.P is concerned about drinking water and not lake water. We have to keep pushing. So far no monetary value stated but there will be grants from the government.

11) Steve Houghtalen presented the Weed and Algae Report –

a) Presently eelgrass is a problem on the lake. This weed is not a food of preference for the grass carp but they will eat it if there is nothing else. Steve to contact our consultant and see if we should be putting in more grass carp.

b) Weed harvester is getting very old and needs extensive repairs. We need someone to head up a committee to care for the harvester if we plan on using it.

Dave Mowry volunteered to be in charge of such a committee.

12) Clubhouse Improvements –

Steve Houghtalen stated he would like to have the Board of Directors research fixing up the clubhouse.

13) Signs: Signs to be put up based on the wording per item #3 on the survey.

14) Ice Fishing – Per survey most shareholders felt that the signs would take care of the problem of people fishing on the lake that were not members.

15) Lake Management: Put plants along shoreline to stop erosion.

16) Lake Studies: Our water quality is very good. We are awaiting a report on fish survey.

17) New Business:

a) Mr. Rummerfield made two recommendations:

1) Flag and Pole in Clubhouse

2) PA system so older shareholders can hear.

18) Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

The acceptance of these minutes will be voted on at the Shareholder's meeting.

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## CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

- May 28<sup>th</sup> -  
October 29 prox. Farmer's Market on The Green in Montrose 10 AM to 3 PM
- May 29<sup>th</sup> Wood & Textile Day @Old Mill Village - New Milford
- June 1<sup>st</sup> start Red Barons Baseball - Lackawanna County Stadium - 235 Montage Mountain Rd., Moosic. For complete schedule of games and times, visit [www.redbarons.com](http://www.redbarons.com) e-mail [barons@epix.net](mailto:barons@epix.net)
- June 11<sup>th</sup> Memory Chasers Car Club - Rt 29 S. Tunkhannock - music 50 and 60s. 570-499-8295 e-mail [memorychasers@pa.net](mailto:memorychasers@pa.net)
- June 17 - 19 Native American Pow-Wow. Sullivan County fairgrounds - Route 154, Forksville. Over 200 dancers from North American tribes; the Aztec Dancers; 50 traders and craftsmen; traditional drumming and dancing; fod. Rain or shine. Time Friday & Saturday 10 AM to 8:30 PM. Sunday 10 AM to 6 PM. Contact 570-924-9082
- June 18 -19 Balloon Festival - 615 Route 6 East - Tunkhannock 570-836-2151, [evanisky@shadowbrookresort.com](mailto:evanisky@shadowbrookresort.com)
- June 25 - 27 County Heritage Days @Old Mill Village, New Milford
- July 9<sup>th</sup> Memory Chasers Car Club - Rt 29 S Tunkhannock - music 50s & 60s. 570-499-8295 e-mail [memorychasers@pa.net](mailto:memorychasers@pa.net)
- July 9<sup>th</sup> Susquehanna River Trip - Canoe or kayak on the Susquehanna - from Sugar Run to Laceyville. 11 am to 5 pm. 570-746-9148 e-mail [kayak@ptd.net](mailto:kayak@ptd.net)
- Aug 5-7 Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally [www.spiediefest.com](http://www.spiediefest.com)
- Aug 5 - 6 Blueberry Festival - Montrose 570-278-1881 e-mail [sctylibrary@stny.rr.com](mailto:sctylibrary@stny.rr.com)
- Aug 13<sup>th</sup> Memory Car Club - (see above for details)
- Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Stream Ecology Walk - Rte 171, Thompson - 570-879-4244 e-mail [cclemens@starband.net](mailto:cclemens@starband.net)
- Aug 13 -14 18<sup>th</sup> Century Living History Weekend - Old Mill Village, New Milford

Aug 22 - 27 Harford Fair, Harford, PA

Aug 28<sup>th</sup> Ben Stone Memorial Country Music Contest @ Old Mill Village, New Milford.

Oct 14 & 15 Historic Ghost Walks of PA, Old Mill Village, New Milford  
Oct 21 & 22 ditto

**Parades** Memorial Day Weekend and 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend in Montrose - look in the local paper for specific dates.

**Paintball** @EMR in New Milford on way to Montrose

**Antique shops** in New Milford, Montrose area, and Binghamton

**Bingo** on the way to Montrose.

**Hiking Trails** (check out our own 15 acres)

**Local Fairs** - check local paper

Please double check time and dates before you go to any of these events. I found discrepancies from one website to another. There are other events being held at the Old Mill Village, E.M.R. Paint Ball and other locations. This is just a partial list of some events that may interest you.

Please visit our website @ [www.pagelake.com](http://www.pagelake.com)

*Have a Safe, Fun, and Happy Summer.*



# Tear this page off and put it with your bills

The dues for this year are \$100 and boat storage is \$75.

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And mailed to: TERRY SYMONDS,  
49 WOODSTONE RD,  
BASKING RIDGE, NJ 07920.

Please consider making a donation to the New Milford Volunteer Fire Department.  
Enclose a separate check and we will make sure they receive it.

Comments on the siding of the club house project.

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Areas you would like to see the Board of Directors focus on.

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Ideas or suggestions

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In case of flooding as experienced this past year would you like to give authority to The Board of Directors to change the date when the boards are removed or put back in place in the dam? \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

Even if you provided before, please submit your current e-mail addresses.

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