**Big Run Lake Fishing Club Newsletter, Start 2022**

Members,

Welcome to the 2022 fishing year. Please enjoy the fishing and forward any concerns or problems you have to Haley at 606-748-2320 (email address: frazihay@gmail.com) or Herb at 606-748-2837 (email address: herbloyd@aol.com).

MEMBER FEES and GUEST CARDS: We reworked the member categories slightly to better reflect the membership. We kept the guest cards. They helped. The member and guest fees remain the same.

NON-MEMBERS FISHING and TRESPASSING: If you find non-members fishing please ask them to join the club. Point out to them they are crossing private land to get to the lake and also point out the member benefits listed on the sign at the spillway. We would like to turn trespassing persons into members. This is a problem but I don’t think too common. Members should carry their laminated cards and get to know each other. If the trespasser keeps coming anyway, please get what identifying information you can and notify Herb. He will initiate action and file a trespass action if necessary.

MORE PARKING SPACE: We anticipate increased parking space mid summer. Water stands in the start of the spillway and softens the road. NRCS is responsible and plans the repair work this summer. As soon as the NRCS is done we will expand the gravel area.

POSTS IN PARKING AREA: These posts were placed to avoid vehicle wheels cutting the waterway which runs from a drain under the entrance road area down to the lake. We graded the channel last year to repair where it had been disrupted. The disruption caused water to spread out into the parking area. The posts are meant to avoid cutting the waterway again. To counter-balance we took out some signs and sign posts on the opposite side. Backing onto the grass in the spillway is okay.

POPULATION OF FISH STUDY: This study is complete and is ended. It began two years ago. Step-wise progress was reported in previous newsletters. We had assistance from Fish and Wildlife, April Wilhoit (the Fleming County Extension Agent) and Forrest Wynne (Kentucky State Aquaculture Specialist). The findings are that the fish population is at optimal status. It could only be effected by trying to change the water acidity or the nutrition. These actions would be extremely tedious and expensive – something well beyond ours or the Clubs capacity. So nothing further is being undertaken.

CHANNEL CATS: Per a member’s request we did stock some Channel Catfish in the lake last May. If you catch one please call, text or email me so I can learn if there have been positive results. It is uncertain whether the channel cats will or will not reproduce.

GRASS CARP: As has been the annually recurring practice for several years we will stock 60 grass carp in late May. The object is to keep the population of grass carp up so as to keep the lake grass down.

PORTA-POTTY: The Club membership grew last year and hence has provided sufficient funds to put out a porta potty again for this year. We will put one out beginning April and leave it through August.

CREATING MORE LAKESIDE FISHING OPENINGS: Efforts this year will be made to cut some openings in the lake side brush at a few spots to give additional fishing access. Please pass along any recommendations you have on good locations to me. Thanks.

Wishing you great enjoyment in your fishing,

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