

Big Run Lake Fishing Club Newsletter, Start 2023

Members,

Welcome to the 2023 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).

We are very grateful for the courtesies extended by members and for the care members show for the lake. We kept the member and fee categories the same for 2023. They seem to be suitable for now although inflation pushes expenses upward.

MORE PARKING SPACE: We announced in the 2022 newsletter we would expand the parking space. NRCS needed first to complete the spillway work they were undertaking. This was accomplished. Now we can extend the gravel area. We will do so this spring as the ground dries.

CHANNEL CATS: Per a member's request we did stock some Channel Catfish in the lake May 2021. If you catch one please call, text or email me (Herb) 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 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 susceptible lake grass controlled. Grass carp do not reproduce. When flood waters reach the spillway the grass carp swim out of the lake downstream according to Fish and Wildlife. Flood waters entering the spillway usually only occurs once every 3-4 years. Consequently, this practice of annual stocking keeps replenishing the population to counter the losses. Grass carp do not eat the "lily pad like" plants that appear in mid and late summer.

PORTRA-POTTY: The porta potty will appear again at the edge of the spillway about mid-April and remain until the end of August.

CREATING MORE LAKESIDE FISHING OPENINGS: Efforts this year will be made to extend the cutting of larger brush along the east side of the water edge. The point is not to eliminate it but rather reduce its height and density so more access can be gained while maintaining wildlife habitat.

NON-MEMBERS FISHING and TRESPASSING: If you find non-members using the lake please ask them to join the club. Point out to those persons they are crossing private land to get to the lake. Also whereas the water is federally/state owned, the submerged property is privately owned. So entering without permission constitutes trespassing. Also please point out the member benefits listed on the sign at the spillway. We would prefer to turn trespassing persons into members. 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 a trespass action if necessary.

Wishing you great enjoyment in your fishing,
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