

Big Run Lake Fishing Club Newsletter, Start 2024

Members,

Welcome to the 2024 fishing year. Please enjoy the fishing this year. 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 for 2024 the same as for last year. They seem to be suitable for now although inflation pushes expenses upward – especially that for the annual grass carp.

MORE PARKING SPACE: We announced in the 2022 newsletter we would expand the parking space once the NRCS completed its spillway work. They finished in 2023 and we expanded the parking by broadening the gravel boat lane. Now it is possible to back boat trailers into the closer part of the spillway while keeping the truck on gravel and out of the boat ramp lane.

Social Media: If anyone wishes to share photos of their catch over social media, please do so.

GRASS CARP: As has been the annually recurring practice we will stock 60 grass carp again in late May. The object is to keep the population of grass carp up 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 water entering the spillway usually only occurs once every 3-4 years. This practice of annual stocking keeps replenishing the population to counter the losses. Grass carp do not eat the pond shield (small lily pad like) plants that appear around the edge in mid and late summer.

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

CREATING MORE LAKESIDE FISHING OPENINGS: Efforts will continue this year 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 people that firstly they are crossing private land to get to the lake. Secondly, 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 unaware trespassing persons into members. Please ask suspicious people to show you their membership card. Members should carry their laminated cards and get to know each other. If the trespasser is resilient and keeps coming anyway, please get the dates of trespass and what identifying information you can. Notify Herb. He will initiate a trespass action.

Wishing you great enjoyment in your fishing,
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