



September Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

A Message from LJIA President

The Lake Jennie boating season is coming to a close way too soon after our late spring.

We had a successful annual picnic. A big thank you goes out to James and Karen Meyer for hosting and for their support. Next years picnic is planned for the last Saturday in June.

LJIA board is sorry for the problems with communicating the postponing and canceling of the 4th of July parade. We are a work in progress, collecting email addresses and setting up a system to send out mass email on the canceling and rescheduling of notices like the parade. We have discussed shore captains having the ability to be contacted and forwarding messages by text messaging to their group. So far we have only one volunteer, please let a board member know are interested.

There have been some problems with personal watercraft (jet ski's) being used after sunset. Jet Ski's do not have lights to see or be seen. From the **DNR** Personal Watercraft handbook –may only operate personal watercraft between 9:30 a.m. and one hour before sunset .

Shoreline restoration applications are due to LJIA by October 5, 2018.

The LJIA board is working on the budget for next year. We trying to identify lake improvement projects and will apply for grants to help with costs. Your membership dues helps to do more projects.

Please send email addresses to: lakejennieimprovement@gmail.com.

Randy Newman LJIA President

Randy Newman

Recycling Around Lake Jennie

At the annual meeting, a resident asked about glass, plastic, and cardboard recycling pickup at lake residence.

Currently, our township board is committed to using recycling bins located in Dassel. West Central Sanitation reports there have been problems with these recycling bins being used for garbage in addition to recycling items.

In order to have individual recycling pickup, recyclers would need 25 households on Lake Jennie to switch to a sanitation service that offers recycling and garbage pick up.

If any residents are interested please reply to me at bignew99@gmail.com so that I can collect data and see if it is possible to have recycling pick up on Lake Jennie.

Thank you for your help.

McCormick – Prieve Water Quality Project - Mike Kotila

The McCormick and Prieve water quality improvement projects are complete! It took some time, but runoff from about 80 acres of land is now managed for improved water quality entering Lake Jennie. In all, three earthen dikes, each about 500 feet long, were constructed to create a pond on the McCormick site and two settlement basins on the Prieve site to reduce the rate of flow and improve the quality of water that ultimately enters the lake from the farm fields. In addition, Dave Prieve chose to put a portion of his field into CRP which provides additional protection for the lake. LJIA is most appreciative of the cooperation and involvement from both land owners, John McCormick and Dave Prieve, who endured about four years of planning and construction of these improvements. Joe Norman, at Meeker County Soil and Water Conservation District played a key role in managing the work and finding additional financing for the projects. The total cost of the projects was over \$40,000. Due to the benefit that these projects have for the watershed, Joe was able to bring forward about \$23,000 in state and federal funds to supplement about \$12,000 of Meeker County Association of Lakes grant dollars awarded to LJIA. This resulted in a cost to LJIA of only about \$5,000. We extend many thanks to all that participated to make this project a success..



DNR 2018 Fish Netting Survey This Summer-Randy Newman

Randy Nass and myself had the pleasure to accompany DNR staff doing the 2018 fish population survey on Lake Jennie. They placed two multi mesh gill nets in about 12 to 14 feet of water. Three double frame small mesh trap net sets were placed by the shore line (example below being emptied). The survey results were very good compared with 2016 results. Northern population decreased from 21.3 per gill nets to 12.6. Walleye increased from 2.7 to 4.1 per gill net. Black crappies increased from 4.7 to 23.4 (see Bob Lindee's column.) Trap nets showed that yellow perch increased from 2.1 to 34.0. Staying the same was blue gill sunny 14.0 to 14.6. A new first for DNR was two double-crested cormorants were caught in the gill nets.



Hutch Bass Season Summary - Alecia Portele

The Hutchinson BASS fishing team has completed their first season of High school Tournaments. The team consisted of 21 anglers from grades 8 – 12. Hutch BASS fished weekly inner-league tournaments, two conference tournaments, a conference championship, and then some teams qualified to fish the State tournament, the final tournament of the season.

The first tournament was held on Lake Washington & Stella on June 22, from 7 am to 2 pm. Seventeen boats or Thirty-four anglers competed for points towards the conference championship. Hutchinson took 1st and 2nd place in this tournament. Tate Card and Rachel Scheele received 100 points for first place with a total weight of 17.34 lbs. Jace Drape and Carson Pink received 99 points for second place with a total weight of 15.47 lbs. A team from Worthington took 3rd place with a total weight of 15.42 lbs.

The second tournament was held on Le Homme Dieu on June 29, from 7 am to 2 pm. Sixteen boats fished this tournament. Howard lake took first place with a total weight of 15.12 lbs. Worthington took 2nd place with a total weight of 15.08 lbs. And Hutchinson's Jace Drape, and Carson Pink took 3rd place with 11.56 lbs.

The conference championship which was held on Lake Koronis on July 27, consisted of a total of 12 boats from the greater west conference. Hutchinson's team, Paul Nass and Alec Hatlestad took 3rd place in this tournament with a total weight of 13.07 lbs. Howard Lake took 2nd place with a total weight of 14.12 lbs. Hutchinson's Jace Drape and Carson Pink, took 1st place with a total weight of 14.98 lbs., and they also took the title of Conference Champions with a season total weight of 42.01 lbs.

The top 10 teams from the Greater West conference were then qualified to fish the State tournament on Lake Pokegama in Grand rapids the end of August. This was a 2 day tournament, with a total of 182 anglers, and 91 boats. The winners of this tournament will fish the nationals in the summer of 2019. From Hutchinson, Gavin Weseloh and Bodie Brice took 11th place in this tournament. Day 1, total weight was 12.12 lbs. Day 2, total weight was 13.08 lbs. Two day total of 25.2 lbs. Jace Drape and Carson Pink took 8th place with Day 1 total weight of 14.14 lbs. Day 2, total weight of 12.72 lbs., with a two day total of 26.86 lbs. The winners of this tournament was a Grand Rapids team, and had a total weight of 41.89 lbs. Hutchinson's Paul Nass caught the largest bass of the tournament, a whopping 6.57 lb. smallmouth.

From All of us Coaches and Anglers, we want to thank ALL our Sponsors for this opportunity. We couldn't have done it all without your support, and we are already looking forward to next season. Please follow us on Instagram or our Facebook page, Hutch BASS, to see pictures from the season, and any future events.

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Boat Parade Winners

Winners of the rain delayed 4th of July boat parade. Nancy Kerber best boat, best dock goes to Dave & Donna Stresemann and David & Barb Broesder. Sorry for all the confusion with rainy weather on original parade date.



IT CAN BE EASILY DONE! - Bob Lindee

This past spring, I had had it with the quality of the fishing on Lake Jennie, so I decided to see what I could do to improve the situation. I mentioned my frustration to a few people who I was sure were as frustrated as I was, and a plan was hatched. The Lake Jennie board invited the Area Supervisor from the DNR Fisheries division to give us some guidance. He was not very enthusiastic that our plan would help, but we decided to put our money where our mouths were (not lake association money, our own money) and stocked 3000 Crappies and 1000 Walleyes into Lake Jennie. These fish averaged 5 to 7 inches and were released in time for spawning. We all waited for the results, of the test netting that was to be done later in the year, like a bunch of expectant first time parents. On June 29, 2018 at 3:29 pm we got the news, WE HAVE CRAPPIES! The test netting results were in and showed that the Crappie numbers had jumped from 4.7 per net in 2016, to 23.4 per net in 2018. This is the HIGHEST crappie net catch since the late 70's and early 80's. Walleyes jumped from 2.7 per net in 2016 to 4.1 per net in 2018. CAN YOU IMAGINE what we CAN DO if we all chip in and work together to improve our little slice of heaven, here on Lake Jennie. If the donations from these ten people could accomplish this, just think of what can happen if the other 100 or so property owners on the lake opened their wallets or checkbooks and pitched in! SO, HERE IS YOUR CHANCE! Please send a donation, give till it hurts a little, after all it's for your lake, to the Lake Jennie Improvement Assoc. fish stocking fund and let's get kids (and kids at heart) catching fish on this wonderful lake again! Our membership form has a spot to mark for fish stocking donation.

Membership Goal 90% for July 2018 – June 2019

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___ \$100
___ \$500

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