

The Lake Effect

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Another Successful Fall Cleanup Day at White Lake!

On October 15th, 2011, over 40 White Lake Property Owners and Friends participated in the annual cleanup of weeds, leaves and other organic debris. This is the third year Bill and Lesa Vich organized our annual fall cleanup effort. It becomes more fun and effective as more people participate each year. By removing the organic material before it rots, we reduce the phosphorus load on the lake and eliminate much of the stinky gunk that builds up in those areas.

As Lesa Vich described it, "We met at the Resort between 8:00 and 8:30, introductions were made and then we broke into three teams. We were all at our starting point by 9:00. Together we were trying to hit 8 areas on the lake. We broke for lunch around 12:30 and went back to work around 1:30. The day finally came to an end around 6:00. We didn't hit all the areas, but we had a great turnout and are glad for everyone's efforts. Weather was good, a little cool and too much wind for the pontoon, but we managed.

"Many thanks to Chad Freitag for the trailer we borrowed again this year. Chad also moved a great deal of weeds on the North side where 4-wheelers have difficulty. We brought the weeds and muck to his beach and he hauled it out. Thanks to the Callihan family their help along with the use of their 4-wheeler and trailer. And to John and Sherri Flynn who are out of town at this time of year but as in the past let us borrow their 4 wheeler. To Leo Souder who let us borrow his 2 weed cutters and I believe he rented a 3rd. And to White Lake Beach Resort for the use of the resort, other equipment, 2 mower cutters and 2 additional weed cutters. For the record running the mowers, cutters and moving the weeds can be difficult jobs. We are very thankful for the strong guys that ran them. All who participated worked very hard. THANK YOU!"

Lesla and Bill began this effort in 2009 and we thank them for their passion in keeping it going. Please plan to attend next year's lake cleanup if you can. It's typically in mid-October and we try to announce the date at the annual meeting. And of course, many thanks to all the volunteers who joined the effort this year. Please see page two for the participants and team rosters.

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Lake Cleanup Continue - Great Work by Everyone!

Team I - Mark Mylach

Leo Sauder
Judd Gastel
Mike Johnson
Kay Putney
Jim & Karen Stauffacher
Jerry Hutton
Lesa Vich

Team II - Cathy Kielich

Tom Kielich
Justin & Laura Hollartz
Ryan & Amanda Lamp
Debbie Skogg
Jean Hutton
Eric Skogg

Team III - Barb (Lenert) & Gary Czyz

Bill Vich
Jackie Lenert
Jane & Steve Terry
Josh and Stella Terry
Stephan Terry
Kevin & Chris Callahan
Colin Callahan
Natalie Calahan
Frank Mydlach
Grant Gastel
Max Gastel

Also thanks to Jerry and Jean Hutton from White Lake Estates who participated and brought their family of 9 additional younger adults (whose names we didn't get - Sorry!) We were very happy to have their help!!!!

WLPOA Annual Meeting and Picnic Draws a Crowd

The White Lake Property Owners Association's 36th annual meeting and picnic was held on July 2, 2011. All manner of lake business was discussed, followed, as always, by a fun and tasty picnic with many lake neighbors. Thanks to the Ollenburs for once again allowing us to invade their property, master chef (and WLPOA Vice-President) Mike Coursey and his able assistants Roger and Jim Kohlmeier who spent hours on the brat preparation, and everyone else who helped out! This meeting is always held on the Saturday closest to the 4th of July. We hope to see all of you on July 7, 2012 for next year's annual meeting. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime or a suggestion for an item on next year's agenda, please send an e-mail to whitelakepoa@gmail.com or talk to any of the board members. The current board members are Mark Mydlach, Mike Coursey, Eric Elfner, Pat Olsen, Tom Kielich, Bill Vich, Leo Souder and Judd Gastel. Meeting minutes are on our website at <http://www.whitelakepoa.org/>.

Peacock Triathlon

The second (annual?) Peacock Triathlon ran the day after the annual meeting and consisted of a 300 yard swim, a 9 mile bike and a 2 mile run. Congrats to all! →



**2011 Peacock
Triathlon**



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Some Background on the White Lake Country Club from the Princeton Times-Republic

As mentioned in the last newsletter, there was a nice history of the Scharenbergs White Lake Beach Resort in the Marquette County Tribune this Spring.

http://www.whitelakepoa.org/2011-05_Marquette_County_Tribune-Scharenbergs.pdf

Not to be outdone, the Princeton paper did a nice story about the White Lake Country Club this summer.

http://www.whitelakepoa.org/2011-08_Princeton_Times-Republic-Scharenbergs.pdf

As the article mentions, there was a delay of several years between conception and clearing of the land before the golf course was completed. The picture below is the pond that protects the 18th green well before there was any green or fairway there.



Photo by Eric Elfner, June 1983