

LAKE CAMPBELL SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



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June 1 Meeting: Guest Speaker on Lake Fish

The Lake Campbell Sportsmen's Club will host GFP fish manager, Mr. Todd St Sauver and local CO's at the meeting on June 1 at 7:30. St Sauver will reveal the results of fish sampling and discuss stocking results and plans. He will also cover new regulations for boat anglers to control the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS).

One species of concern is zebra mussel (image right). The mussel will form colonies on any hard surface in the lake like docks and boat motors. In its early life it is part of the plankton community, which is why you will have to drain boats between lakes to stop it from jumping between lakes.



Another AIS is Asian carp (actually several species). Videos show these fish jumping out of the water like popcorn. As a small fish, they look like bait minnows, so anglers will not be allowed to move live bait between lakes. Check out the SDSU brochure for photos and more info on this fish <https://www.sdstate.edu/nrm/outreach/upload/Asian-carp-brochure-final.pdf>.

One more example of an AIS is aquatic plants like curly leaf pondweed. Parts of these plants can cling to your boat trailer so you will need to clean up a little between lakes.



These species and others can have a negative impact on fish, water, and boating recreation so it is better to stop their spread than try to eradicate later. The GFP has some simple suggestions on how boaters can help, but this year they also have regulations and you may be checked at the boat ramp by a GFP person.

One of the goals of the Sportsmen's Club, as stated in the Bylaws, is to cooperate with GFP and to promote conservation practices that enhance Lake Campbell. Come to the June 1 meeting and hear more about this issue and learn how you can help.

May 4 Monday Business Meeting Minutes

Fish Fry Evaluation: Netted about \$450; went as planned; minimal advertising; sold 50 dinners, people liked the fish; left over pie and fish went home with members; discussed cost – may include beverage and dessert in the \$10 next year; offer bars, not pies and invite special guests with a free dinner coupon.

Windows: Contractor Terry Heidemann (Volga) directed us to take off inside and outside walls, which was completed on May 2 (photo right) thank you T. Trzynka, M. Eichelberg, and Randy Bortnem. Discussed how to get the windows from town to the clubhouse (update: this is done thanks to Lowes).

Memberships: New member Doc Allen Westby; 5 members renewed at the fish fry – welcome Randy Bortnem, Fred Meyer, Mike Bertrand, Ron Eggen, and Bill Wellman. Paid membership is 56; will begin publishing non-renewed members in next newsletter.



Lake Association Spring Fling: News about Septic Tanks and Drain fields

At the Fling brunch (5/17) SDSU Prof. Don Hay spoke about septic tanks and drain fields - wonderful topic right after brunch as he discussed solids, liquids and scum in the septic tank. He recommended regular pumping (1 – 3 yrs depending on family size). He didn't think that additives helped because there were plenty of bacteria already working hard to neutralize the waste. Don't add toxins (paint thinner, pesticides, etc) down the drain because you will kill your own friendly bugs in the tank. He talked about drain fields being kept away from the lake. The perforated drain field pipe buried in your yard dribbles water into gravel around the pipe and then soil fungi/bacteria digest the remaining nutrients (nitrogen, phosphorous). The State has lots of help for homeowners to keep public waters clean. <http://denr.sd.gov/des/fp/septic.aspx>.

Membership: No new members this month but renewals in the mail in May were M. McClemons, J. Krogman, L. Pierce, J. Miller, S. Vaa and H. Jeffries – thanks. The following have not renewed half way through the membership year.

Anderson	Gene	Einsphar	Ron	Kindt	Scott	Peterson	Jack & Jen
Bauer	Rick	Erickson	Roger	Kramer	Maynard	Renneker	Bill
Berkland	Wayne	Feucht	Randy	Lammers	Alvero	Richter	Tom
Berkland	Arlo	Filler	EW	Lamp	Roshal	Roden	Doris
Booher	Jim	Granum	Cory	Lillibridge	Pam & Fred	Russell	Rhett
Bortnem	Barb	Granum	Gerald	Little	Dan & Pat	Schneider	Todd I
Bozied	Tom	Harms	Duane	Main	Ken	Scholten	Bill & Lisa
Buus	Wayne	Hillestad	Ron	Meyer	Steve	Sherman	Greg
Christianson	Chuck	Janssen	Ron	Mills	Harvey	Syrstad	Mike & Viv
Curtis	Otis	Jensen	Andy	Minor	Dave	Thompson	Harry
Distad	Rod	Jensen	Larry	Moe	Ron	Trygstad	Jean
Eggen	Ryan	Jensen	Judy	Mooney	Garret	Tuma	Les
Eichelberg	Chass	Jensen	Tim	Morano	Rocco	Waltz	Jim
				Mulhair	Dick & Judy	Webster	Skip

Single \$10, family \$20, Send to Sportsmen's Club 46776 220th St, Brookings, SD 57006

Lake Watch Recreation: The weekend of April 25-26 was the first big boating weekend as a half dozen boaters were on the lake, and on May 2 (air temperature 81 F) there was a skier and some tubers on the south end. But Yikes! Didn't May let us down? Snow flurries on May 18 when temperatures ranged from 32 F to 38 F had folks wondering about their gardens and flowers. Who were the adventurist sailors of the cat on May 9 when air temperatures were 47 F? Sorry you turned over, but you got back up and kept on sailing. On Memorial Day weekend the rainy, misty weather finally gave way to a cool and clear evening on Memorial Day. The beach is in good shape thanks to Dennis and Arlys Jorenby who pick up trash and smooth the sand on the beach.



The Club dock (the Jeffries youth fishing dock) is in the water – is intended as one of the Club's amenities for members. Remember to watch kids while near the water – Be Safe.

Water: No water flowing over the dam in April but May rains totaling 4.5 inches added about 4 inches to the lake to bring the surface exactly level with the dam (5/30). Water temperature jumped several degrees in May to a daily range of 61 - 63 ° F on 5/27; water transparency of 15 inches was a decline from April's slightly clearer water, a small bloom of green algae appeared along the shoreline on the north end.

The Sportsmen's Club will be monitoring water quality again this year under the auspices of the South Dakota Water Watch program. You too can participate. Contact Club President Chuck Berry 693-7750 or go to the web site of the East Dakota Water Development District <http://eastdakota.org/dakotawaterwatch/>. You can work from your dock; about 10 minutes/month to measure water transparency and temperature. Take water samples and deliver them to the District Office in Brookings. The District scientists analyze for bacteria named *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*). The presence of *E. coli* indicates contamination by feces of warm-blooded animals, including humans. Swimming is prohibited if the concentration of *E. coli* exceeds certain standards.



Wildlife: Wood ducks and hooded mergansers that are most visible waterfowl. The north end of the lake has 7 white pelicans. An angler reported good catches of nice-sized channel catfish (the secret bait is stink bait). The orioles showed up for their grape jelly, and the first hummingbirds arrived first week of May http://www.learner.org/jnorth/maps/humm_ruby_spring2012.html. Monarch butterflies were first seen in Brandon on 5/21. Report your sighting of Monarchs and put Lake Campbell on the map. <http://www.learner.org/jnorth/>.

Monthly Meeting and Event Schedule, 2015

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| January: Annual Meeting | July: Business Meeting |
| February: Regular meeting and Ice fishing Derby | August: Guest speaker on Lake history/environs |
| March: Monthly meeting | September: GFP hunting forecast |
| April: Regular Meeting and Oyster Feed | October: Regular monthly business meeting |
| May: Business meeting | November: Bingo night |
| June: GFP fishing forecast for Lake Campbell | December: Regular monthly meeting, first Monday |

Sportsmen's Club Quick Facts

Established: 1957 **Membership dues:** \$10 single, \$20/couple **Clubhouse:** 46776 220th St
Officers: C. Berry, President, 693-7750; B. Brotsky, VP, R. Nett, Sec. T. Trzynka, Treas.
Board of Directors: Randy Bortnem, Fred Meyer, Russ Bortnem (Past Pres.)