

LAKE CAMPBELL SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



May 2015

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May 4 Monday Business Meeting Agenda, 7:30

- Secretary and Treasurer Report
- Evaluation of Fish Fry supper
- Clubhouse maintenance: New window progress
- Membership: Welcome Doc Allen Westby
- June 1 meeting: GFP fish biologists and COs
- May 17 Spring Fling Brunch of LC Association
Speaker on Septic Tanks and Drainfields



The Bertrand girls like the pie.

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Fish Fry Report



Jackie, Mary Lou and Aileen admire Sara's new baby; baby's first fish fry.

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We had a nice neighborhood gathering at the first Sportsmen's Club Fish Fry. The Fish Fry was new this year, replacing the long-history of an oyster feed.



So many pies!

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We decided to advertize just to our Sportsmen Club membership around the lake because we weren't sure of how far our fish would go. We had about 20 lbs of left overs! We sold 50 all-you-can-eat meals. At one time the parking lot was full but we were hoping for twice that many visitors.

We had about 50 lbs of fish donated from SDSU Student Conservation Club, Curt Sterud, Bill Scholten, Carl Madsen, and Mike Tietjen. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped. The fish were fried in the Club's deep fryers in the outdoor kitchen and then passed through the window for serving inside. Photos show the various stages of the cooking, serving and eating. We had five families renew memberships, which brings our total membership to 56 this year (about half of last year – Ugh!). If you have any comments about the event or suggestions for the future, please feel free to call Club President Chuck Berry (693-7750) or attend our regularly scheduled meeting, Monday, May 4 at 7:30.



Buffet table; LuAnn helps serve.



Zack has to remember "Breaded out, fried in."



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The kitchen and chefs

Diners at the 2015 fish fry. On the wall are large orange taped squares showing where the new windows will be placed. We need some help so if you are a carpenter, call C. Berry 693-7750.

Clubhouse during fish fry supper; see fried fish platter in foreground, in far back is a continuing slide show of scenes at Lake Campbell.



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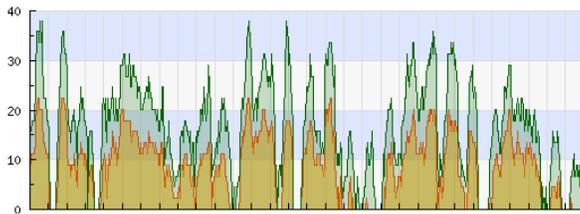
Listen for news about the Lake Campbell Sportsmen's Club on KBRK on Monday morning at about 8 am. Bald Bob Wayne, the Announcer for the morning show has been making it a habit of calling Club President Chuck Berry to chat about Lake Campbell.

Lake Watch Recreation: Let's say that the weekend of April 25-26 was the first big boating weekend as a half dozen boaters were on the lake. Soon after, lots of boat lifts, docks and boats were going in as weather forecasts for the last few days of the month predicted sunny, mid-70s conditions. Photo: the largest floating fork-lift in the state putting in a boat lift.



The Club dock is in the water – mostly for kid's fishing and 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. Water temperature ranged from 57° F to 59° F on 4/28; water transparency = 18 inches (secchi disk). We only got 0.3 inches of rain in April.



The lake had some rough waters in April; everyone talking about April winds; wind data shows many days with gusts over 30 mph (graph with days in April along bottom, highest line is gust speed in mph, lower line are daily averages in mph).

Wildlife: A dozen or so pelicans returned in mid-April. Most diving ducks have moved on, except for a few ruddy ducks, thus leaving us with the wood ducks and hooded mergansers that are most visible in the morning. An angler reported good catches of nice-sized channel catfish. An 8-inch long female yellow perch full of eggs was caught. Perch spawn eggs as a gelatinous egg "rope" that is draped over submerged structure. Since there is not much structure in Lake Campbell, most egg masses are blown ashore and do not survive.



The cottonwoods developed their catkins (cylindrical flower cluster) in April and are now working on leaves. The light green of the willows was the first tree color to reflect in Lake waters along the shoreline; forsythias bloomed, but most flowers still had not popped by the end of the month.

Lake Campbell naturalists are looking for the first hummingbirds and Monarch butterflies. They are on their way northward according to the citizen science web site Journey North. Report your first sighting of these animals and put Lake Campbell on the map. <http://www.learner.org/jnorth/>.

"A lake is a landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is Earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature." H. D. Thoreau

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.)