

# LAKE CAMPBELL SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



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## September 11 Meeting, Monday 7:30

- Short business meeting
  - Clubhouse rental report; donation from Lake Campbell Association
  - Fall chore list for Club property
  - October 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting to plan BINGO
- Wildlife at Lake Campbell and Brookings County
  - GFP Biologist Rocco Murano will talk about waterfowl, pheasants, deer
  - Dr Kent Jensen, SDSU Ornithologist, will talk about nongame birds

## History Night and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a Great Success

We had a full house at the August meeting where we celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sportsmen's Club with cake and ice cream and a presentation by Club President Chuck Berry on the history of the club and some facts about Lake Campbell.

The special treat for the evening was a video showing an aerial view of the lake and lower parts of the Battle Creek watershed. The video was taken by Club Secretary Ricki Boyle who flew with Club member Chris Funk (see article on next page).

Photo: SRO at August meeting

Photo: C. Berry giving history talk





VP Doc Peterson shows Anniversary cake



Board Member Randy Bortnem sets up more chairs

**Aerial video on Club Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LCSClub/>**

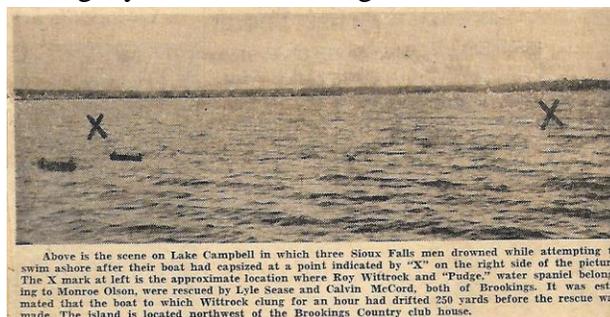
Use the web site address above to see our new Facebook page, which is being followed by 75 people after only a few weeks in existence. Club Secretary Ricki Boyle is managing the page. The video of the lake shoreline is about 11 minutes long. In Facebook jargon, we ask you to “Like” our page and share with friends. You can also see a dozen more photos of our history night as well as the *Brookings Register* Article that announced our event. (Photo shows our clubhouse and parking lot from the air)



**The Mysterious Lake Campbell Island: Some evidence but no photos**

Many people swear that there was an island in Lake Campbell but only spoken stories exist, no photos or written documents – until evidence of the mysterious island surfaced on history night. We now have an *Argus Leader* newspaper report of a tragedy that happened near an island that the news report stated was “located northwest of the Brookings Country Club House.” The tragedy was the drowning of three duck hunters from Sioux Falls. One survivor recounted the capsizing of their boat. He was rescued by Lyle Sease and Calvin McCord.

The news report stated that the hunters were returning from an island in the lake. The newspaper printed a photo of Lake Campbell with “X” marks to show the location of the rescue boat but no island is visible.



Another history-night attendee told the story of another drowning on Lake Campbell Island. This second tragedy supposedly befell a Lake Campbell resident who boated across the lake for an evening of merriment and did not return home. He was found dead, stuck in the mud of the Lake Campbell Island.

Other people tell stories of an unseen submerged island that wrecked many boats and motors. Some say that the remains of the island is there today – a menace to boating that is “out there, somewhere!” It seems that the Lake Campbell Island has a deadly history, but has escaped being photographed. The newsletter editor welcomes addition accounts of the LC island.

### Lake Watch for June 2017

**Water:** August was a cool month with average daily temperatures of 74 F compared to 84 F in July. Max/Min temps for August were 84 – 48 F. We had 3.7 inches of precipitation in 11 events. Unfortunately for eclipse watchers, August 21<sup>st</sup> at Lake Campbell was cloudy with 0.2 inches of rain. Water temperatures on Sept 3 were 70 F (morning) and 73 F (evening). Transparency was 12 inches (see photo).



Secchi disk used to measure lake water transparency; algae scum sometimes on surface during calm conditions.

**Recreation:** Labor Day (9/4) boaters saw the sun set at 7:59, nearly an hour earlier than at the beginning of the month – yes, the days are getting shorter as the harvest season approaches.

**Wildlife:** Franklin’s gulls beginning to use the Lake in the evening (photo).



GFP reports pheasant numbers reduced to “very low” (come to our Monday Sept. 11 meeting to hear more about pheasants). Humming birds bulking up for migration; will double their weight feeding at Lake Campbell before flying to Mexico. One hummer can visit as many as two hundred flowers in fifteen minutes. They are burning energy so fast that they need to eat 1.5 to 3 times their weight in food each day. The Lake Campbell hummers will leave while nectar-rich flowers are still in bloom and feeders are full because fewer hours of daylight trigger the hormonal changes that cause their urge to fuel up and fly south. Become a “citizen scientist.” Report your hummer sightings at

<https://www.learner.org/jnorth/humm/fall2017/humm-migration082917.html>.

### Monthly Meeting and Event Schedule, 2017

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| <b>January:</b> Annual Meeting                         | <b>July:</b> Business Meeting                          |
| <b>February:</b> Regular meeting and Ice fishing Derby | <b>August:</b> Guest speaker on Lake history/environs  |
| <b>March:</b> Monthly meeting                          | <b>September:</b> GFP wildlife report                  |
| <b>April:</b> Regular Meeting and fish fry             | <b>October:</b> Regular monthly business meeting       |
| <b>May:</b> Business meeting                           | <b>November:</b> Bingo night                           |
| <b>June:</b> GFP fishing report for Lake Campbell      | <b>December:</b> Regular monthly meeting, first Monday |

#### Sportsmen’s Club Quick Facts

**Established:** 1957      **Membership dues:** \$10 single, \$20/couple (mail to →      **Clubhouse:** 46776 220<sup>th</sup> St  
**Officers:** C. Berry, President, 693-7750; Doc Peterson, Vice President, R. Boyle, Sec. B. Brotzky, Treas.  
**Board of Directors:** Randy Bortnem, Fred Meyer, Russ Bortnem (Past Pres.)

**Sportsmen’s Club Has a Facebook Page**      <https://www.facebook.com/LCSClub/>  
 See photos, videos, monthly minutes and newsletters on the page; also a 60th Anniversary Celebration event and aerial video of Lake Campbell that folks can share with others. The Club news and info is also on the Lake Association web site. <http://lakecampbell.com/>.



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