

LAKE CAMPBELL SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



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**2017 is 60th Anniversary of Sportsmen's Club
Anniversary Party at August 7 Meeting
Mark your calendar for this special event**

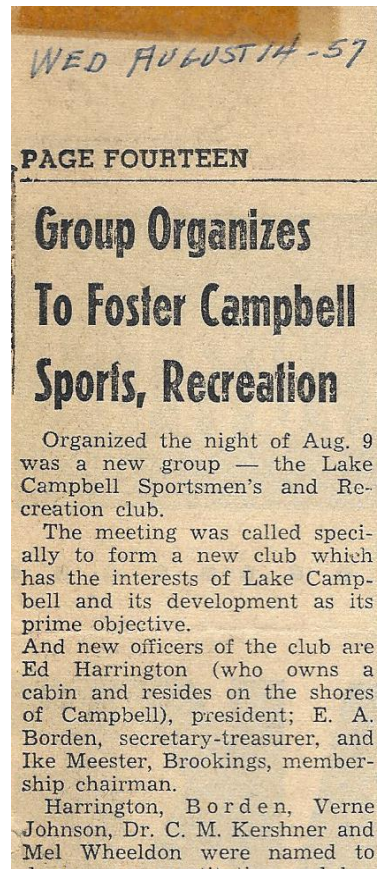
History of the Lake Campbell Sportsmen's Club

To celebrate the 60th anniversary we will have a 20-minute show with photos and information about Lake Campbell and the Sportsmen's Club. Ice cream and cake after the show!

We know that Native Americans visited the Lake for hunting; Chief Smutty Bear was rumored to have said "This would be a good place for a sportsmen's club." The first explorers to see the lake were building a trail from Minneapolis to Denver. They are the ones who wrote the following in their notes "...a beautiful lake of clear, deep and fresh water with sandy or rocky shores except the north and north west which are low a marshy..."

Lake Campbell with its 10 miles of shoreline has had many extreme weather events but none was more impactful than the great 1969 spring flood. We will see aerial photos of the flood, and other flood photos from around the lake.

The Club was formed by in 1957; the first meeting in the clubhouse was in 1962. We will see a map that shows the confusing arrangement of our county-line property. The club had about 120 charter members from Sioux Falls to Bruce. Early correspondence shows the club was involved with many projects of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks, and highway departments.



And then there was the unusual correspondence with the folks at *Better Homes and Gardens Magazine* (come to the celebration to hear that bit of history).

Today, the Club still has about the same number of members. We are still true to the original purpose “to promote the interests of the Lake Campbell area.” We also try to be a social center for the Lake Campbell Neighborhood (this has the Country Club folks laughing all the way to the salad bar). We have a fall Bingo night, a winter ice fishing derby, a spring fish fry, and a summer history conference. The clubhouse is rented for special functions.

Come to the August 7th meeting for ice cream and cake and to hear about the interesting history of Lake Campbell and the Sportsmen’s Club.

August History Night

This will be the fifth year that our August meeting has been a history meeting. Past topics can be seen in the box below.

August 5, 2013	<i>Historical tidbits about Lake Campbell by Chuck Cecil</i>
August 4, 2014	<i>History of the Lake Campbell Landscape and Geology</i> <i>Native Americans at Lake Campbell</i> <i>Early Settlers at Lake Campbell – one family’s story</i>
August 3, 2015	<i>Snowmobile Races (70’s) and Sailboat Regattas (90’s)</i> <i>Water studies and ice over four decades.</i>
August 1, 2016	<i>History and management of Waterfowl Production Areas</i> <i>Three Lake Campbell Dams</i>
August 7, 2017	<i>History of the Lake Campbell Sportsmen’s Club on its 60th Anniversary</i>

Lake Watch for June 2017

Water: The first weeks of July were dry; several good rains late in the month caused brown lawns to green up but SD still droughty; lake level didn’t raise much - surface was at the dam height. Lake clarity has decreased (Secchi depth only 10 inches). Total rain for July was about 5 inches; winds stayed down (average 6 mph) except July 25 with 31 mph winds driving a couple of inches of rain. Water temperature on August 1 was 86° F at the surface and 79° F at 3-ft depth.

The Club’s Water Watch committee collected mid-lake samples that were sent to laboratories in Pierre for bacteria, algae and nutrient analysis (see photo).



Mr. Speedy of Speedy Delivery Service picks up the water sample cooler from Club’s Water Watch Committee. The cooler was in Pierre the next morning for water analysis.



We learned at the last meeting about trash left on the beach after July 4th.

There must be some **litter bugs** among the crowd pictured here. Thanks to Dennis and Arlys Jorenby for cleaning up. What can be done about this problem?

Wildlife and Recreation: The Lake supported the usual summer activities but it seemed that boat traffic was light – where are the pontoon parades? One skier said he put 30 hours on the ski boat – that’s an hour of skiing every other day in June and July – is that a lot? A few anglers kept trolling, trolling, trolling.

Some Lyrics from Red Neck Yacht Club song (Craig Morgan)

*There's no signin' up, no monthly dues
Take your Johnson, your Mercury or your Evinrude an' fire it up
Meet us out at party cove Come on in' the waters fine
Just idle on over an' toss us a line Bass-trackers,
Bayliners and party barge Strung together like floating trailer park
Anchored out and gettin' loud all summer long Side by side,
there's five houseboat front porches Astroturf, lawn chairs and tiki
torches Regular Joes rocking the boat, that's us The Redneck
Yacht Club*



Hey guys, any room for me?

Partial lyrics “On a Pontoon” by Little Big Town

*Makin' waves and catchin' rays up on the roof
Jumpin' out the back, don't act like you don't want to
Party in slow motion, I'm out here in the open
Mm, motorboatin' On the pontoon*



**September Club Meeting moved to Monday September 11 because of Labor Day
Guest Speaker: GFP Biologist talk on Region’s game and nongame wildlife species.**

Monthly Meeting and Event Schedule, 2017

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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 fish fry | 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 (mail to → **Clubhouse:** 46776 220th 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.)
Here is the link to our FB page if you want to check it out :)

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 that folks can share with others. Thanks to Club Secretary Ricki Boyle. Your job --- **LIKE** our page.



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Est. 1957 on Southeast shore

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