

LAKE CAMPBELL SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



2017 is 60th Anniversary of Sportsmen's Club

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

February 6 Monthly business meeting – final plan for Ice Fishing Derby
February 18 Ice Fishing Derby

Harlan Larkin was the first member to renew membership for 2017

Annual Meeting Summary

Thirteen people attended the January 9th Annual Meeting. The group heard reports from officers and committees. The annual report will be sent to all members electronically, and there will be a few hard copies at the clubhouse for those receiving snail mail. You should glance at the annual report to become aware of the many accomplishments of the Sportsmen's Club in 2016. The group approved a 2017 budget of \$4,850 (see treasurer's report in annual Report for details). The Lake Association will be meeting at the Clubhouse monthly beginning in the spring.

The attendees unanimously voted that the current officers maintain their positions with the club for another year and the motion was passed. President: Chuck Berry, Vice President: Doc Peterson, Treasurer: Bob Brotsky, Secretary: Ricki Boyle, Board: Russ Bortnem, Randy Bortnem, Fred Myer.

After elections, new President Berry continued with old and new business. We have a new road banner that announces "*Meeting Monday*" that we hope will get the attention of passersby on the week before each monthly meeting. The balance in the budget is \$3,189. We sold the poker table for \$25!! We voted to donate \$50 to the Charity Snowmobile Ride benefiting the Brookings Fire Department, which wants to purchase a "snowbalance," (rescue sled). The next meeting is on February 6 for final planning of the fishing derby.

Fishing Derby Planning: Chuck has started advertising the Derby on the radio (the 7:30 Lake Campbell show on KBRK Monday Morning), and put an advertisement in the Shopper (see ad at right). At the annual meeting, members signed up to solicit donations from area businesses (87 businesses last year; about half were taken this year). If you would like to help, contact C. Berry for a list of remaining vendors. Don't solicit ones you have not signed up for because another person might visit them and we do not want duplication – it upsets people we are trying to get to help us. At the next meeting

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The George Magistad Lake Campbell Ice Fishing Derby Saturday, February 18, 2017

Starting at 8:00 AM - Weigh in any time before 3:00 PM
at the Sportsmen's Club. All fish must be live.
Entry fee is \$15.00 for age 12 and older.



Prizes: Biggest fish, and 1st and 2nd for total weight (not to exceed daily limits) for: Walleye, Northern, Perch and "other".

- *Educational and History Displays
- *Door Prizes for Kids and Adults
- *Silent Auction items

Proceeds go to conservation and youth outdoor activities.

Lunch available at Sportsmen's Club.
Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Rolls, BBQ's, Hot Dogs and Chips

Sportsmen's Club is located on shoreline of Lake Campbell 1/2 mile West of Danceland road. Call Chuck Berry 693-7750, Doc Peterson 693-3536, or Russ Bortnem 693-4601.

we will review: advertisements, prizes, pricing lists, food, volunteers, snow removal and lake access, and set up and clean up. There are two weeks between our February meeting and the Derby. Below is the solicitation letter that we take to each vendor for their records and to leave them with a contact person and phone number.



Lake Campbell Sportsmen's and Recreation Club

46776 220th St, Brookings. SD 57006

Dear Merchant

The Lake Campbell Sportsmen's and Recreation Club will be holding their annual George Magstad Ice Fishing Derby in February. A goal of our event is to encourage youth to participate in out-of-door activities. On Derby Day, our Club house is also a place for families to gather for food, fun and prizes. We

usually register about 40 teams of ice anglers from Sioux Falls to Watertown; most families are from Brookings, Lake, or Moody Counties.

Would you please consider supporting our event this year by donating a raffle prize, or making a monetary contribution to help with the costs of the Derby, which includes fishing equipment for kids?

Some of our proceeds go to the community as we help conservation activities and youth events in the region (e.g., 4 H shooting sports, Outdoor Adventure Center, Women in Outdoors, South Dakota Wildlife Federation's Conservation Camp for youth and supporting Game, Fish and Parks outreach projects, etc).

Thanks for any assistance you can supply; we'll acknowledge your contribution at the Derby, in our newsletter to 100+ members, and in a Thank You note printed in the *Shopper*.

Contact _____ Phone _____

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Legislative Watch

The Legislature is in Session and they are grinding the legislative sausage maker. It is very easy to participate in making legislative sausage in South Dakota because it is easy to contact legislators and to monitor legislation. To find your legislators and monitor all legislation proposals, use the state Legislative Research Council's web site. <http://legis.sd.gov/>. This website is great and easy to use to find your legislators and takes you right to an email form to send a message.



You perhaps belong to an advocacy group that monitors specific legislation. The wildlife conservation community has a legislative monitoring site run by the South Dakota Wildlife Federation. Go to www.sdwfcamo.net and click on the left "Legislative Bills 2017." You will get a very colorful list (colors indicate status) of introduced bills and updates on each as it goes through committees, House, and Senate.

One bill (Senate Bill SB66) is of interest to Lake Campbell because it is about buffer strips along streams. There is a little interest in managing water on a watershed basis rather than by county, and Lake Campbell is at the end of the Battle Creek watershed. Conservationists tell us that one of the first steps in water quality conservation is to leave a buffer strip along the edge of the stream to protect the stream (or lake) bank from erosion and to act as a sponge that soaks up any runoff of water, soil, fertilizer, manure, or pesticide from the uplands.

SB 66 specifically classifies certain agricultural land as riparian buffer strips, establishes the criteria for the riparian buffer strip classification, and provides for the special reduced taxation. Take a look at the bill as it was introduced – how it comes out of the sausage grinder is another story. Consider giving your legislator your \$0.02.. http://sdlegislature.gov/Legislative_Session/Bills/Bill.aspx?Bill=66&Session=2017

Lake Watch for January 2017

Water: The air temperature stayed below 30° F for the first 19 days of the New Year. When conditions are right, the sun dog comes out at Lake Campbell (see photo on Jan 3 of the 3-eyed monster peeking over the western horizon at sunset). Water was flowing over the dam all month and increased a little with the January thaw (could you see your yard again?) during the last 2 weeks of the month.

Wildlife: Join the Great Back Yard Bird Count

<http://gbbc.birdcount.org/>. on February 17- 20. Just identify and count birds in your yard and report your list to the

project’s headquarters. The fun thing about this project is that after you report, you will see your data and location on the map, and see other citizen scientists who are participating in our neighborhood. You can look at the GBBC map at any scale, right down to the Lake



feathers fluffed up against the cold. The collared dove is twice as big is our native mourning dove, which have gone south for the winter.

Recreation: Yes, there were New Years Eve fireworks over the lake. During January there were several ice houses and reports of some fish caught. A few 4-wheelers pulling sleds and snowmobiles - and some ice hiking (see photo).



Campbell neighborhood. The Sportsmen’s Club is promoting this Citizen Science project because it is easy and fun, and we’d like to see the map of Lake Campbell ringed with citizens scientists. And, the Cornell University site will give you tons of info and help on identifying birds, like the “invader” collared doves (black stripe or collar on back of neck) that hang around all year now – this one is squatting with its



Monthly Meeting and Event Schedule, 2017

January: Annual Meeting

February: Regular meeting and Ice fishing Derby

March: Monthly meeting

April: Regular Meeting and Oyster Feed

May: Business meeting

June: GFP fishing forecast for Lake Campbell

July: Business Meeting

August: Guest speaker on Lake history/environs

September: GFP hunting forecast

October: Regular monthly business meeting

November: Bingo night

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.)