

LAKE CAMPBELL SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



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Ice Fishing Derby Successful

Sixty ice anglers registered for our annual derby. Among the group were 18 youth under age 12. All anglers got a free raffle ticket. Raffle tickets were also for sale for the many prizes donated by area merchants. KBRK promoted the event all day. The kids went away with lots of prizes.

Although no fish were caught on a hook, many fish were caught on camera as one fisherman took photos under the ice.

The rifle raffle went well but we still have some spaces on the 100-square board for the Ruger 10/22 Take Down rifle.

The kitchen served a BBQ lunch with all the trimmings all day long. Fourteen Club members renewed and six people joined for the first time. This was the first year we could actually watch the derby from the club house - through the new windows on the lake side. Cars and trucks filled the parking lot and lined the main road on both sides. Ice was 14 - 18 in. thick.



Thanks to businesses and individuals who contributed to the Annual George Magstad Fishing Derby. Great fun was had by all! We had donations from 87 merchants and individuals. Cash donations = \$465; we gave away gift cards totaling about \$500 and hundreds of items from fishing gear to art work. Fishing prizes were \$100 first place and \$50 second place (each) for perch, pike and walleye (determined by drawing).

Advanced Auto Parts	Dixie Restaurant	Perry Electric
Ag First Co-op	Einspahr Ford	Porters
Allegra Printing	Falcon Plastics	Prussman Contracting
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Bel Cheese	Game, Fish and Parks	Schuneman's John Deere
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Brookings Wildlife Federation	Jagers Grocery	Sinai Locker
Burger King	Jay Street Pub	Sioux River Outfitters
Carl Madsen	Keith Rounds	Sioux Valley Electric
C & C Bar, Volga	Kentucky Fried Chicken	Striker Ice
C & W Repair, Volga	Lowes	Sunflower Salon
CB Rental	Lucky Dog	Taco Johns
Channel Seed	M & T Fire & Safety	Travis Smith
Cinema 5	McDonalds	US Fish & Wildlife Service
Courtesy Plumbing	Mitchell Painting	Valley Motor Sports
Culvers	ARMY National Guard	Volga Elevator
Dairy Queen	Nick's Hamburgers	Winks Jewelry
Dakota Backroads	Nunda Bar	
Dale's Alignment	Outdoor Adventure Center	
Danceland		

Agenda for March 7 Meeting, 7:30

Secretary and Treasurer Reports

Old Business: Club rented March 12

Planned contributions (\$600) to outside groups

Follow up and evaluation of Derby

New Business: Social function this spring?

Spring chores: gutter, etc



Lake Watch

Water: Ice ranged from 10 – 18 inches, and was still 10 inches thick (North) on Feb 29. Water flowed over the dam all winter. Warm weather caused runoff that backed the river up to the dam in February (see photo). One angler at the derby drilled holes from north to south and said that the water smelled a little septic up north (it did but not bad). February was pretty warm. We had a day when the temp was 61 F (early spring?). Average daily temperature was 24.7 F whereas it was colder in 2015 and 2014, when daily average was 12.4 F and 8.6 F respectively in February. Only two days of below zero temps this year, whereas there were 16 below-zero days last year. We had a quarter-inch of rain and 3.4 inches of snow in February, not much TOTAL precip. in Feb. - even with the extra day (leap year)!



Recreation: The ice has been quiet this winter, except for the ice shacks during our derby. Some snowmobiling now and then, and one ice rink was plowed open near the north boat ramp.

Wildlife: Not much snow in the fields so pheasants (a lot of them) could be seen scratching open spots to forage. A small herd of deer liked to run up and down Sunset Drive; did you see more deer this winter? Squirrels raided the feeders and rabbits hopped around under the evergreens. The eagles were in their nest at the north end of the lake; Carl says they might be laying eggs about now. People enjoyed feeder watching; folks on the east side had a pesky Coopers Hawk that quieted the bird activity from time to time (photo). Lake Campbell bird watchers lead all others in species seen (11 species) during the Great Back Yard Bird Count on Feb 12-15 (data at <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/>.) The



most spectacular wildlife event was the return of the snow geese beginning on Feb 24 but reaching a impressive showing on the warm, sunny Saturday, Feb 27. The snow geese first appeared last year on March 6.

Monthly Meeting and Event Schedule, 2016

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

Clubhouse: 46776 220th St

Officers: C. Berry, President, 693-7750; Doc Peterson, VP, R. Boyle, Secretary, B. Brotzky, Treasurer.

Board of Directors: Randy Bortnem, Fred Meyer, Russ Bortnem (Past Pres.)