

LAKE CAMPBELL SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



2017 is 60th Anniversary of Sportsmen's Club

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Upcoming Meeting Monday March 6 at 7:30

Review Ice Derby

Make Contributions to conservation activities

Discuss Spring Fish Fry

Discuss Spring Chores (burn shoreline, dock needs repair, hazelnut plot, painting)

George Magistad Ice Fishing Derby Results



Fishing celebrity Dave Underhill oversaw the weigh-in – thanks. Dave is wearing the newly introduced Lake Campbell fishing hat (which sold out). The fish are saugeye (walleye sauger cross) which are a new thing in the Lake, stocked by GFP last year.



Folks came inside all afternoon for food and friendship. We sold 10 lbs of BBQ sandwiches and several dozen hotdogs. The special raffle prize sold out (custom-made ice fishing rod) donated by Gayle Chapel in honor of her Dad, George Magistad

Sixty ice anglers registered for the event including 20 youth. Fishing prize winners were:

Fish	Prize	Total Weight (1 st and 2 nd)	Winner (1 st and 2 nd)
Biggest fish	\$80	17 lb carp	Chris McCullough
Walleye	\$100/ \$50	6.85 lbs/4.35 lbs	Cory Kern/ Paul Anderson
Perch	\$100/ \$50	6.01 lbs/3.72 lbs	Hudson Erickson/ Shawn Hawks
Northern	\$100/ \$50	15.3 lbs/5.95 lbs	Hudson Erickson/Scott Lamp



The soft ice along the shoreline kept trucks off of the ice but the ice fishing “town” buzzed with 4-wheelers, sledding, ice skating, and fishing on the 55 F day, clear skies and light breeze.



Dan Lamp holds 1-lb perch. In the background Doc Peterson and Lloyd Donley discuss the clogged sewage pipe. We’ve got to get that fixed! What’s more, the furnace broke – thanks to Swedes for the emergency attention (they only billed us for the part – thanks).

List of Ice Derby Donors 2017

Alleagra Printing	Channel Seed	Custom Image	Qudoba
American Family Insr -	Caron Chiropractic	Jay St. Pub Bruce	Razor Edge
Ag First Coop	Courtesy Plumbing	KFC	Ramsdels
Arby’s	Culvers	Kinner Company	Ron Hillestad
Aurora Con.	Dakota Backroads	Lake Co. Internation.	Running’s
Army Nation Guard	Dales Alignment	Lemke’s	Schade Winery
B & E Auto, Volga	Danceland	Lodge Ice Houses	Schoneman Deere
BP Station	Farmers Implement	Lucky Dog, Volga	SDBP Bean Plant
Bankstar Financial	First Bank & Trust	M & T Fire/Safety,	SDSU aviation
Barrel of Fun	Gas & More	Madsen, Carl	Sioux Vall outfitters
Burger King	Jagers Grocery	M. Erickson (Lakeshr.)	Sioux Valley Ele.
Bobcat Rental	James River Equip	McDonalds	Sinai Citizen Bank
Brookings Equipment	Chapel, G&D.	Mitchell Painting	Sinai Elevator
Brookings Engraving	Ground Round	Nicks Hamburgers	Sinai Locker
Bruce Service	Hair Envy	Nunda Bar	Subway
Brookings Wildlife Fed	Hardees	One Stop Madison	Sunflower Salon
Campbell’s Supply Madison	Hillestad, Ron	Pitts, J	Valley Motor Sports
C&C Bar, Volga	Hy Vee	Pizza ranch	Volga Elevator
CB Rental	Home Town Tire	Porters	Wal Mart
C & W Repair Volga	Kurtenbach, Al	Prostollos Auto M.	Winks Jewelry

Above are the individuals and businesses that contributed cash and prizes to our raffle. Every youth in attendance received at least one prize. It took nearly an hour to give away all of the prizes. The silent auction netted the Club \$125. The special raffle for the custom ice fishing rod netted \$500. Proceeds go to support our future activities on behalf of the Lake Campbell neighborhood, and to conservation groups including Water Fest, 4H, GFP, South Dakota Wildlife Federation’s camp for kids, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Outdoor Adventure Foundation, Becoming an Outdoor Woman Program, and Outdoor Activity Center.

Lake Watch for January 2017

Water: A large area of open water (maybe 5% of the lake) was visible at the bridge at the end of February, and ice disappeared from the shoreline in some places. Water continued to flow over the dam as minor flooding in the Big Sioux River flooded some fields and backed water up to within 18 inches of the dam crest. Ice broke up on March 13 last year.

Wildlife: The Sportsmen's Club's Citizen Science team participated in the Great Back Yard Bird Count. <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/> on February 17- 20. They recorded 11 bird species at feeders and in the fields and forests around the lake. Most significant was the sighting of a robin, one of the first recorded in South Dakota this year. Many South Dakotans report the first sightings of migratory species to a citizen science website called Journey North. <https://www.learner.org/jnorth/>. Check it out and see who is participating in South Dakota – let's get data for Lake Campbell on the map as the monarch butterflies and hummingbirds begin to show up at the Lake. Enjoy the Journey North web cams which show the live activities of various critters.

Snow geese were first seen over Lake Campbell on February 14; many rested on the lake ice as the migration continued. Among the snow geese were many species of ducks using some open holes in the bay south of the bridge where one wildlife watcher reported 12 bald eagles on the ice.

As you watch the snow goose flock over your house, you will probably see both light and dark geese in the flock. The dark goose is called the blue goose. It is the same species as the snow goose but has a genotype for dark feathers (see photo). The snow goose populations have grown so large that they are destroying their tundra nesting grounds to the detriment of many other nesting bird species. Consequently, there are liberal hunting regulations on the birds in the spring and the fall, but even the added harvest has not controlled the population.



Most people know the Canada goose but sometimes we see some dark geese mixed in with their flocks that don't look quite like Canada geese. The locals call these speckled belly geese, but the waterfowl biologists call them "White front geese" because of the white front of the head. Their life style is similar to that of the snow goose (nest in the arctic, winter in the Gulf, eat aquatic vegetation).



Recreation: The ice derby brought the most recreation to the lake, but some ice anglers were on the lake all month. Most fishing was at the south end of the lake but a few anglers tried near the boat ramp on the north end. Best catches were south. Some anglers caught so many fish that the photo weighed 5 lbs!!

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.)