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# LAKE LIMERICK COUNTRY CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### *A Message from the President*

It's time to share some good news about the association, and there is much to share! We are operating in the black, we have a full and very functional office staff in place, our café and restaurant are providing excellent dining which will continue to improve, and your Board of Directors is back to actively planning for the long term success of our association.

#### **Finances**

Because of careful planning, very conservative spending, a much needed dues adjustment, and the support of our members LLCC now has money in the bank. Our accounts payable are current, our receivables are declining, we have re-established good credit with suppliers, and long-term debt is being paid down rapidly. We can now continue with the process of planning and implementing maintenance and repairs, evaluating improvement projects, and building required reserves. Best of all, we can all sleep better knowing that the association is well on the way to long-term stability.

#### **Member Services**

Your board has established a protocol for serving our members efficiently and courteously. Our office staff continues to receive training about the association, its history, and what it means to be an effective HOA. Goals have been established and staff are encouraged to bring ideas to the table on how to better serve our members. Complaints are being handled more quickly, and the amount of them continues to decrease. Finally, members are encouraged to bring improvement ideas to our Community Association Manager, Deborah Wallace, and to the board.

#### **Office Staff**

Having Deborah Wallace, Community Association Manager (CAM), in place means that your board can get back to the work of visioning and long-range planning. Day-to-day operations supporting the goals of the association continue to smooth out.

#### **Good Eating**

Even though there were some painful moments as needed changes were made at the Café and the Inn Restaurant, we now have two venues we can be proud of for the quality of food and the improvement of service. Things are better than they have been for years, but look for more improvements in the coming months.

#### **Committee Chairs**

Many of our members have stepped up to take on the responsibilities of committee chairs. However, it took a little longer for some to answer the call, and thus our announcement of appointments was also delayed. I do believe that those who have been tapped to serve bring excellent skills to each group and will do their very best for the good of the community. The 2017-2018 committee chairs are: Nominating – Bonnie Morrow and Bill McDonald; Elections – Gayle Wilcox; Lake/Dam – Dave Kohler; Water – Don Bird; Inn – Penny Corey; Youth – Emily Fleshman; Green – Vern Duggan. I have asked Brian Smith to remain as temporary chair of the Architecture Committee pending a future appointment. Several of these folks are new to their positions and all have volunteered to put in many extra hours in their leadership roles. The next year will be a great opportunity for them to provide new ideas to the board and experience a high level of support from our members. We thank them all for stepping forward.

### **Planning for the Future**

The Board of Directors will continue to have monthly study sessions to focus on planning and in-depth review of operations. We will also continue the practice of quarterly "Town Meetings" to provide an extended opportunity for members to receive detailed information about the association and to give input to the board regarding various issues that may come up as well as long-range planning ideas.

Be sure to check your calendars for upcoming LLCC events including outdoor movies, golf tournaments, Lake Limerick Daze, and the End-of-Summer Bash. It's going to be a GREAT Summer!

*Kelly Evans*, President

LLCC Board of Directors

### **TREASURER REPORT ~ Mike Prather**

#### **WATER COMMITTEE ~ Don Bird – Chairperson**

#### **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE ~ Brian Smith - Chairperson**

#### **LAKE/DAM COMMITTEE ~ Dave Kohler - Chairperson**

#### **INN COMMITTEE~ Penny Cory – Chairperson**

#### **YOUTH COMMITTEE ~ Emily Fleshman, Chairperson**

#### **GOLF COURSE NEWS ~ Ron Stull – Golf Pro**

#### **GREENS COMMITTEE ~ Vern Duggan - Chairperson**

#### **CHEF'S NEWS~ Brandon Lawin – Head Chef**

## **TREASURERS REPORT, Mike Prather**

The change to monthly dues billing is progressing. June will be the third month on the new system and we are starting to see the stabilization in our monthly cash flow. Members are reminded that the office can still receive and process payments for those who want to pay three months ( or more) at a time in advance.

The special assessment for the golf improvements ended with the April billing. Work continues to insure that all expenses and receipts are correctly posted to the appropriate cost centers ( golf, inn restaurant, inn lounge, etc).

## **WATER COMMITTEE, Don Bird, Chairperson**

As the new Chair of the Water Committee I would like to thank Phyl Antonsen for her eight years of service, most of them as Chair of the Committee. Thanks to the efforts of the Water Committee, Steve Wheaton (LLWS), Northwest Water Systems, Joe Castelluccio (Maintenance) and other maintenance staff, we have been able to maintain high water quality at very reasonable rates.

We would also like to thank Brian Parnell for his past service and welcome Pat Paradise to the Committee in his place. At our May meeting the following officers were elected:

Don Bird - Chair  
Brandon Koch - Secretary  
Phyl Antonsen – Treasurer

Following are some important items to report:

Water system status: Your Lake Limerick Water System is in excellent condition with plenty of high quality water. The Water System has passed all of the required periodic water quality tests. Expect a water quality report to be sent out within a couple months.

Water Hazard Survey: Expect to receive in the mail a water hazard survey in June or July that helps to determine where primary backflow prevention devices are required. This will come from Northwest Water Systems on behalf of Lake Limerick. Please fill out the form and return it promptly. The State requires 100% of these forms to be filled out and returned. If the filled out form is not returned it could result in your water being shut off!

Backflow prevention device testing: Testing of the existing primary backflow prevention devices has been completed for this year. Any device that did not pass the test was repaired by the testing contractor.

Water bill responsibility: Reminder that the home owner is ultimately responsible for paying the water bill regardless of any private agreement about who pays the bill between the home owner and the renter or a property management company.

Water meter shutoff: Remember, if you need to shut off your own water, turn it off at your house or in the water meter box by the street NOT the backflow prevention device. In most cases shutting off the backflow prevention device turns off the water for your house AND your neighbor's house.

Leaks: Once the ground dries out, be on the lookout for leaks either on your property or around your property. Although Steve Wheaton, LLWS staff, has found several leaks recently we still have a substantial amount of unaccounted water usage. If you notice a leak, please notify the LLCC office or the Water office so that it can be checked and fixed.

Water usage: This time of year water usage goes up - more people and more watering in the spring and summer. Try to water garden and lawn during non-peak hours. Unless it is extremely hot, your lawn likely needs water only once a week.

Enjoy your Spring and Summer and remember that water conservation is everybody's responsibility.

## **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE, Brian Smith, Chairperson**

Spring and summer are arriving... someday. When they do, there is no better time to clean up the debris from winter, take advantage of the community garage sale to get rid of no longer needed treasures, and otherwise spruce up your property. When all of us bought in Lake Limerick, we all agreed to keep our lots *"free and clear of all weeds and rubbish and do all other things necessary or desirable to keep the premises neat and in good order..."* Do your part to maintain a desirable quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Lately we have had an uptick in complaints about lots and homes not being maintained. This is due in part to comments on social media. The committee is responding to those complaints and appreciates our neighbors for getting involved. It takes the whole community, not just a handful of volunteers to make positive things happen.

Having said that, I hope everyone bears in mind that not all problems are corrected instantly (although we had two very quick successes in the last month.) It can take a few contacts to convince people we are serious. It can take a longer time if we have to travel the path of increasing fines and legal options, such as property liens. Then there is the human side—our neighbors may have been forced to put tarps on roofs that started leaking during this never-ending rainy season. They may be waiting for drier weather to make a repair—that doesn't mean they are scofflaws, nor does it mean the Architectural Committee isn't doing its job. Some residents are on a fixed income, and if a major roof repair is necessary in an older home, they may also be facing the need to increase insulation to meet current building codes—a significant hit to the pocketbook.

On the other hand, there are others in the community who are just flouting the rules, and we try to deal with them seriously, fairly and effectively. The Home Owners Association Board of Directors has supported the Committee's recommendations for dealing with chronic rule-breakers, including revoking "member in good standing" status. Losing "good member" status cuts off access to Lake Limerick facilities and services, including potentially access to water services. These are serious legal and social issues, and they must be addressed with a fair and due process. Thank you to the current members of the Committee for their commitment, compassion and insight.

If you are willing to take on this responsibility for your community, please join the Committee the second Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM at the Inn.

## **LAKE/DAM COMMITTEE, Debra R. Moore, Committee Member**

If I had duct-taped the seven fish caught by my boat on April 22nd, 2017 together, and stuffed approximately 2 pounds of lead down one of their throats, I could have won the LLCC Fishing Derby! That's right, the biggest fish winning the first-place prize weighed over 7 pounds and I competed against 217 anglers. The day started pleasantly enough with clear skies, mild temperatures and no wind. By 9:30 A.M. it was a downpour that seldom let up for the remainder of the Derby.

After the Derby officially ended, a lot of folks gathered around to congratulate the 3 winners of the adult division and the 3 winners of the children's division each of whom received cash prizes. No tagged fish were caught this year. For the adults, there were 4 - \$25 Walmart second chance prizes and for the children 7 second chance prizes totaling more than \$400.

The Raffle was amazing this year with a lot of great prizes. I didn't win any -probably cause Brenda Patnoe single-handedly sold well over 700 tickets so I had a lot of competition.

New this year was a silent auction for whom a major contributor was Jack Betterley. He donated a beautiful hand-crafted table and a nice boat. The proceeds from the silent auction boosted our revenues such that the Derby paid for itself for the first time in quite a while.

The Lake Dam Committee thanks Dennis Muretta, Debbie Baker and their team for running another excellent Fishing Derby. A special shout-out and BIG thank you to DJ's Mini Market who helps us by selling Fishing Derby Tickets.

## **INN COMMITTEE, Rhonda Mayner, Chairperson**

Of course the big news is Chef Brandon! We're very happy to welcome him aboard, along with our new staff members. For those who have not experienced a meal at the Inn since his arrival we believe after a sampling you will be planning your return.

Mother's Day Brunch under Chef Brandon reminded those in attendance (80 meals) that we can have the expectation of quality food, a variety of choices, and attentive service featured at our special events. There are plans to fire up the BBQ's providing additional summer choices also some of our summertime favorites like fish tacos will return for the season.

The immediate goal is not only to provide exceptional food but also deliver good tableside service; we are in the process of working with our new servers for increased efficiency. We have listened to our members that staffing the lounge/patio with an additional server to assist Dale is a summertime requirement. Finally the new POS should be fully operational by the end of the month which means the long wait for your bill should end.

We ask that you use the comment cards and let us know what is successful and what is not.

Our next major event is Limerick Daze on Saturday, July 1. We hope to offer a BBQ dinner similar to last year, so stay tuned.

The annual community garage sale will also be in July, followed by the End of Summer Bash on Saturday, September 2.

Wishing you a summer filled with good weather and good friends!

## **YOUTH COMMITTEE, Emily Fleshman, Chairperson**

With Summer right around the corner Emily is busy planning many fun events for our youth. She is looking for members young and old to join the committee, new ideas and people are always welcome, contact Emily Fleshman at [Emilyfleshman@yahoo.com](mailto:Emilyfleshman@yahoo.com) to join today.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Outdoor Movie Night** (for all ages) every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday next to the snack shack.

Bring a blanket make a picnic out of it and enjoy the movie. Popcorn and refreshments will be sold during movies all proceeds go towards the youth activities. Dates are June 9<sup>th</sup> playing Moana at 8 p.m. June 7<sup>th</sup> playing Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them at 8 p.m. More dates to come check our Facebook page at Lake Limerick youth.

### **Lake Limerick Daze**

July 1<sup>st</sup> is Lake Limerick Daze and like last year we will be taking over the tennis court with games, face painting and the bouncy house. Please remember children must be with an adult we do not have enough volunteers to watch everyone.

### **Basketball tournament 3 on 3**

We are hosting a youth basketball tournament Saturday August 12th ages 10 to 18. Sign ups are in the office must have a team signed up by July 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have prizes and sponsors, if you would like to be a sponsor or know someone who would please contact Emily 360-463-3184 or [Emilyfleshman@yahoo.com](mailto:Emilyfleshman@yahoo.com). More details will be posted on Facebook, the website and in the office.

### **Annual Community Garage Sale**

The annual garage sale is July 29<sup>th</sup>. This year we are asking lots who want to participate to register in the office so they're lot is on the map, this will make it easier for the visitors to shop.

### **Rock painting / Create a craft activity**

Last year I started hosting rock painting events every so often for an hour or so and would like to continue these fun activities also add create a craft such as picture frame decorating, paper Spinners, beaded wind chimes, bird feeders.... Dates for these activities will begin when the weather is nicer, please look for flyers, check the Facebook page and office for more information.

# PRO SHOP NEWS, Ron Stull, PGA Head Golf Professional

## Proposed New USGA Rules of Golf

As part of a joint initiative to modernize the Rules and make them easier to understand and apply, the USGA and The R&A have unveiled a preview of proposed new Rules of Golf.

The release of this preview begins a six-month feedback and evaluation period during which all golfers worldwide can learn about the proposed changes and provide input before they are finalized in 2018 and take effect January 1, 2019.

To preview the proposed rules changes, go to the following website or do an internet search for USGA proposed rule changes: <http://www.usga.org/rules-hub/rules-modernization/text/usga-and-r-a-announce-proposed-rule-changes.html>

## Current USGA Rule

### Rule 27.1, STROKE AND DISTANCE; BALL OUT OF BOUNDS; BALL NOT FOUND WITH FIVE MINUTES

#### a. Proceeding Under Stroke and Distance

At any time, a player may, **under penalty of one stroke**, play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule 20-5), i.e. proceed under penalty of stroke and distance.

Except as otherwise provided in the Rules, if a player makes a stroke at a ball from the spot at which the original ball was last played, he is deemed to have proceeded **under penalty of stroke and distance**.

This is an interesting rule that can help the player! For instance, if a player is on the seventh green three feet above the hole, the hole is cut in the front middle of the green. The player misses the putt and it rolls off the green and down the hill. The player may pick up the ball and place it where he last putted, that is the distance penalty (or lucky break), and must add one stroke to their score.

Another example is, through the green, a player hits a shot into a position that they would be unable to do better from the new location than simply replaying the shot. In this case, the ball must be dropped rather than placed.

## Golf Tip of the Month

Swing path determines where the ball starts off. Clubface position determines where the ball will end up. If you swing the club to the left of where the clubface is aimed, the ball will slice from left to right (for a right-handed golfer). If the path is to the right of the clubface direction, the ball will hook (move right to left). Okay, now let's play the fifth hole from the far-left tee! What you need to do is hook the ball. This requires you to aim your clubface at the center of the fairway (15 yards left of the right rough) while aiming your feet about 15 yards to the right of the fairway. If your swing path is where you are aiming your body and your ball is hit with the clubface pointing in the fairway, the ball will start at the right rough (in between the path and clubface aim) and curve to the center of the fairway. It takes some time to trust this, so give it a try in practice rounds or at the driving range. Being able to play different shots makes the game more fun!

## Clinics and Lessons

I have not scheduled clinics yet, but should very soon. I am planning on having some beverages (soda, wine or beer), with finger food to go with some short game clinics. I have not set the price of these yet. Also, I will have a couple of free swing clinics to be scheduled for late June or early July.

For private lessons or clinics, just give me a call or come on in to setup an appointment. I will be giving the lessons at Alderbrook golf course driving range. This will allow a better learning experience. My price is \$40 per half hour. This rate is \$80 per hour for a clinic of two to six students for one hour. You can split the cost!

## Golf Schedule

We are just coming into our very busy golf season! The golf schedule seems to be continually changing due to conflicts that come up now and then. Please check with the Pro Shop for dates and times of golf events or to make tee times (two weeks in advance for members).

Once we get our new website up, we will keep the golf calendar updated. For our events that you may choose to play in, we have established an event sign-up book in the Pro Shop. You can check out the theme and the dates of these events in the Pro Shop.

There are only a few Saturdays, between now and the end of September, that we do not have tournaments scheduled. One Saturday each month through September we have a Couple's Night Golf and Dinner tournament with a different format and theme that is open to members and the public. Wednesday evening at 5:00 PM we have scrambles throughout the summer. On Thursdays through July we have the Mason County Golf League at 5:00 PM. The last Friday of each month is the Mixed Scramble and Horserace at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. Keep an eye out for the Lake Limerick Open on July 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a fund raiser to help fund Jason's projects. These are just a few that I have highlighted.

Jason will be aerifying starting on August 29. We will be on temporary greens for three days or so.

### **Merchandise**

By the time you get this newsletter most of our summer stock should be in. Come on in and check out the new arrivals. So far, we have some great styles of Sketcher shoes, new gloves with great prices and a good selection of Srixon and Bridgestone golf balls also at reasonable prices. We have logo balls and Titleist ProV1 balls as well.

We have a nice selection of grips available. If you need new grips, come in and pick some out. We can change them the same day if we have them in stock. If we need to order them, it only takes a few days to get them in. All Pro Shop Staff employees can regrip your clubs for you.

## **GREENS COMMITTEE, Vern Duggan, Chair**

Hi my Name is, Vern Duggan, I am the new Greens Committee Chairperson. I have been at Lake limerick for eight years. I have been a member of the Men's Club for two years. I look forward to serving as your chairperson. The weather has finally clearing up and the course is ready to play.

The Greens Committee is working with the Board, Golf Pro, Maintenance and the Cafe for the Community to have a good experience at the best cost for our money.

I want to thank Jerry Nokes, for the leadership and time on the Greens Committee. He and the Greens Committee have done a great job.

I want to personally invite everyone to join the Men's or Women's Club. It is a great opportunity to have a good time as well as meeting your neighbors. If you have any questions call the Pro Shop and they will be able to direct you who to contact. See you on the course.

## **CHEF'S NEWS, Brandon Lawin, Head Chef**

First of all I would like to thank everyone for the support and warm welcome! I am very excited to be your new chef and quite hopeful that it will be a long relationship.

So far I have held a few large events. The new menu debut went really well ... we did around 120 dinners. And Mother's Day was also a huge success ... we did about 85 brunches. I had really good feedback from both events. I try to make myself available as much as possible for feedback opportunities.

I am really excited and looking forward to the sunshine and good weather. I hope it will bring in more business. I'm also looking forward to the BBQ season. Thank you to the Magpies and Joe for the new BBQ grill! I will kick off the BBQ season on May 28<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day weekend.

## **MAGPIES, Penny Cory, President**

By the time you read this, our Spring Fashion Show/Luncheon, will be "in the books", and we'll be busy working on **LIMERICK DAZE**, operating the Snack Shack, providing goodies from our **BAKE SALE**, hot dogs, sodas & strawberry shortcake, so you can keep your energy up as you enjoy the **PARADE, GAMES** and spending time with neighbors.

Our annual election of officers took place in May and your dedicated volunteers had so much fun last year, we agreed to stay in place: President Penny Cory, Vice President Sharon Hadsall, Secretary Robbi Alberts and Treasurer Bonnie Morrow.

Donations for our **BAKE SALE** on **July 1**, are appreciated, not only as fund raisers for our community, but by our hungry customers as well! If you would like to help, please let us know. If you are new to our community and would like to help, contact the office at 426-3581 and they will put you in contact with us.

I feeling all dare-devilish, so am going to confidently tell you to enjoy the beautiful weather that is coming soon, and don't forget that you are always welcome to join, or just stop in at a meeting!!

## Lake Limerick Daze – Snack Shack

LLCC Ladies Club Magpies will open their Snack Shack for Lake Limerick Daze on **Saturday, July 1st**. Sale of baked goods start at 8:30 AM. Sales of Coney Island dogs, Hot Dogs, Soda Pop & Strawberry Shortcake start right after the 10 AM parade.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR LLCC MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

Lake Limerick Country Club offers use of the Great Hall, free of charge, for memorial services for deceased members. In order to avoid confusion, we require a family member to initiate the request and designate the individual who will be in charge of arrangements. Dates are subject to prior commitments and must be approved by the Events Coordinator. Please call Gayle Wilcox at 426-5174 for Magpie assistance.

## LAKE LIMERICK FREE FAMILY NIGHT BINGO SCHEDULE FOR 2017

Free Family Night Bingo is held the third Thursday of each month. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. and is FREE of charge. Play with your family in the restaurant, or play in the lounge. Come early and enjoy dinner before the fun begins. **The Bingo Schedule for 2017 is:** January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15.

**NEW E NEWS AND EVENT NOTIFICATION FORM:** Please go to the Lake Limerick Website to subscribe to our e-newsletter to receive current information and event schedules. We are re-building our database of email subscribers so even if you have submitted your address in the past, please do so again. If you are already listed you will receive an error stating so. After submitting your email address, please follow the instructions on the following page to verify. Also note that the verification process can sometimes take several hours due to anti-spam checks used by the system.

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In an effort to ensure we have correct information in our homeowner files, please fill out the below requested information and mail it to the office or email the information to: [mail@lakelimerick.com](mailto:mail@lakelimerick.com).

Thank you!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**GREAT HALL RENTAL** If you are planning a wedding, wedding reception, reunion, meeting or banquet, please remember our wonderful facilities here at Lake Limerick Country Club. Our rates are comparable or better than other facilities in the Shelton area and our beautiful setting compares to none. We have special rates for the members of Lake Limerick Country Club. We also host Bounce House Parties and offer Movie Screening Party Packages!

**WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S GAME DAY** Our Lake Limerick Wednesday Women's Game Day is every Wednesday at 11:30am, located at the Lake Limerick Café's "If Ida Room". We play a variety of games & newcomers always are welcomed! Come early to have breakfast with us and meet new friends!

**LAKE LIMERICK'S PAPERBACK BOOK & PUZZLE LENDING LIBRARY:** We are lucky to have our own paperback book lending library and also a jigsaw puzzle lending library here at Lake Limerick! It is located in the Lake Limerick Inn upstairs at the top of the stairs in the Board Room. Please leave only paperback books in good shape. Feel free to borrow a few books to read and then return them after you are done reading them. Please leave only jigsaw puzzles that are complete and please have the puzzle pieces in a zip-loc bag inside the box, so that the puzzle pieces don't fall out.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY ON DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> IN THE GREAT HALL!** The party begins at 8:00 and goes until 12:30 AM. We'll celebrate the new year with the band the "True Romans". <https://www.facebook.com/thetrueromans/> Tickets (\$25/person) go on sale July 1<sup>st</sup> at Lake Limerick Daze. The great hall has room for 100 people so get your tickets early so you don't miss out on the party. For questions, volunteer options to help with the party, or tickets, please contact Kristi Gray at [kgray48@comcast.net](mailto:kgray48@comcast.net) or 206.619.0868

### **CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING**

**Chores or projects needed to be completed inside or outside your home? Call Greg at (360) 427-3762 to discuss what you need done and a fair price for me to do it.**

**DEADLINE DATE FOR THE NEXT LAKE LIMERICK NEWSLETTER** is August 15, 2017 at Noon. Please submit your article or ad to the Lake Limerick office via email to [mail@lakelimerick.com](mailto:mail@lakelimerick.com)

**NOTICE TO ALL LAKE LIMERICK MEMBERS:** no anonymous ads or articles will be accepted in the Lake Limerick Newsletter. This newsletter will not print any political ads used for either promotion or condemnation of any candidates or issues.

### **CLASSIFIED ADS PRICE INFORMATION:**

**Please note the following classified advertising rules and pricing:**

- The only business classified ads that will be accepted are BUSINESS CARDS ONLY! The cost of a business card ad will be \$20.00 per issue.
- Member ads will remain the same, 15¢ per word, or a \$1.50 minimum.



# LAKE RESTRICTIONS AND REGULATIONS

## Lake rules – read them please

Recently, I mentioned a lake rule to another member who corrected me as the rule I "remembered" wasn't how the rule was written. Time skews our memory and all members of LLCC are responsible for following those rules and responsible for our families and guests following those rules. It's time to refresh your memory as to what those rules are for the safety of those you love and for your neighbors.

If we are all following the same set of rules when we're on the lake then we greatly reduce the chance of an extremely unfortunate accident. We've included the rules page in this newsletter. The following are some of the more critical rules:

- The integrity of the ski lanes must be maintained. Vessels with something or someone in tow have the right of way over all other watercraft (except sailboats). All vessels, including fisherman, must yield the right of way to vessels towing someone and must avoid the ski lanes during skiing hours.
- When a skier or tuber falls, the towing vessel must quickly come off its plane and turn towards the buoy line to retrieve the person that just fell. Do not turn left into the lake under full throttle making a sweeping turn. It is an unpredictable maneuver and blocks the path of any boat that is behind you which needs to pass you on the left.
- Stay a safe and reasonable distance from other skiers, vessels, swimmers, anglers and danger areas. The towrope should be no more than 75 feet long.
- Stunting, such as doing donuts or making swerving "S" maneuvers, increases wake size, is unpredictable and is absolutely not allowed.
- No starting or dropping of skiers or tubers inside the buoy line, this is extremely dangerous.
- Never exceed 6 mph shore side of the buoy line. That includes the starting or dropping of skiers or tubers.

Please re-read the rules and post them for others to read them.

## Lake Patrol Boat - out and about

Jack Betterley found it a little lonely driving the patrol boat last summer educating boat operators regarding lake rules. Volunteers to assist were scarce. After a couple of years with limited help, he's handed the patrol boat keys back to our committee. In his place Lou Jackson has come forward and volunteered to man the patrol boat on occasion. If you've been watching dangerous activity on the lake and thinking somebody should do something about that; that somebody is you. You have a copy of the rules, you can stop someone not following those rules and educate them. You can write down or take a picture of their boat's identification numbers and file a report with the office.

## The Dredging Project - not quite done yet

Log Toy Park was beat up in the dredging last summer. As part of the plan, at the completion of the actual dredging, it was to be re-levelled, re-gravelled, reseeded and re-opened. We held off on doing it last fall as we realized we had a golden opportunity to dig a trench and put in water and electricity to the covered picnic shelter while it was all torn up anyway. Rain delayed work but the utilities are in. At our recent LLCC Dam Committee Meeting we were discussing when we could have it completely restored for use. We anticipated unhappy muttering members and a lot of civil disobedience as we know one year without using it was bad enough. Already a good number of members are disregarding the park closed sign. So, we'll be racing to get the host site and parking site prepared for use. We'll fence off the area to be reseeded for grass. With a bit of luck and dry weather there's a chance we can officially open the park for use as early as Memorial Day Weekend.

There are a couple of other dredging responsibilities we need to complete. One is removing ivy from a hill by Cranberry Creek and replanting it with native plants. The other is to conduct follow up testing as specified in our Dredging Permit.

## Other projects:

We are beginning to make headway on our "to do list" including protecting the Inn Island from erosion while providing safe access to the water, adding ladders to our docks, and installing bollards and drainage at Lake Leprechaun's park.

## Weed Control as it relates to the Lakes

You'll see us on the lakes in June to determine where weed treatment will occur. Treatment typically occurs between July and September depending on the areas and weed types being treated. Our contractor will be responsible for making sure proper

notices are posted prior to treatment with aquatic herbicides. Herbicide treatment is regulated under a permit issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology. Advisory signs will identify water use restrictions along waterfronts. Please read any instructions/notices you receive on this issue and comply. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please e-mail Debbie at [debram@wzbcpa.com](mailto:debram@wzbcpa.com).

You can do your part to help reduce nuisance algae growth, and most importantly the potential for blue-green algae blooms by making sure you aren't letting garden fertilizers get into the lake if you own a lakeside lot, and by maintaining your septic systems.

### **Budget Process**

The Lake Dam Committee develops a current year budget and a 5-year forecast. Our Budget Committee will be meeting on June 17th, 2017 to work on our budgets for the upcoming year. If you have an idea as to how to improve our parks or lakes, we'd like to hear it. Even better if you could provide literature and guestimated costs to go along with it. We invite you to e-mail me such ideas (and helpful supporting information) at [debram@wzbcpa.com](mailto:debram@wzbcpa.com) or drop them off at the office for the Lake Dam Committee box. You could also mail them to the office, attention Lake Dam Committee.

### **Reminders:**

**Guest Passes Are Required For Guests To Use the any of our Parks.**

**Register Your Power Boats - boats required to have WA Licenses are required to be registered with Lake Limerick and bear the Lake Limerick Decal.**

**Number Your Dock** - All member docks/floats should be identified with their division and lot numbers. The numbers are to be 3 to 4 inches high, of a CONTRASTING COLOR to the dock/float and permanently attached. The numbers are to be displayed facing the lake (parallel to the shore). The numbers are to be maintained so they are legible at all times.

For any of the above issues – if you have any questions, please contact the Lake/Dam Committee or contact the office. Lake Dam Committee hopes you have a great and safe summer.