



GIFFORD LAKE GAZETTE

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GOOD NEWS! The lake is on the rise! At least a little bit - about 3 to 4 inches. The rains of the recent two weeks have helped. The predicted hot, dry summer, however, will not help. So, let's all be extra careful to eliminate beach litter, to stop use of fertilizers as much as possible, to protect for erosion of sand and pollutants into the lake, and to control spitting in the lake - it doesn't raise the water level measurably!

TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, COMMITTEES met on Saturday, May 27 at 11:00 A.M. We had a lot of coffee, many good cookies, and considerable discussion. Important matters were:

1. Ginger Frick, our treasurer, reported \$616.52 on hand as of 5/27/00.
2. Bob Stegmier and Clarence Nordquist, our fishy - I mean "fish" committee recommended no fish planting this year. They also recommended that no new brush piles be established because of low water level.
3. The trustees remind all owners of dogs to keep them - the dogs, that is - under control, especially when children are playing on the beach or walking around the lake.
4. The trustees recommend that a buffer zone of plants and grasses be established between the bank and the shoreline to help control erosion. A highly recommended plant is called "Switch Grass". If you are interested, give Bob Stegmier a phone call at (231) 898-3002 (Gifford Lake) or (616) 866-4769 (Rockford, Mi). He knows where you can get seeds.

ASSOCIATION PICNIC will be on Saturday, July 1 at 2:00 P.M. (Nevermind the last notice which said July 2 at 1:00 P.M. - that was wrong because the Saturday closest to July 4 is July 1, and the time of 2:00 P.M. was established sometime last century!) So, again: at George Stegmier Beach

GIFFORD LAKE ANNUAL PICNIC FOR EVERYBODY - Saturday, July 1, at 2:00 PM (rain date, Sunday, July 2 at 2:00 PM) Bring a dish to pass, your own table service, some lawn chairs. Meat and soft drinks will be furnished. Because of the liability issue, beer will not be furnished. You may bring your own.

The picnic will be followed by a short business meeting, and then lots of games for children, young people, and adults. Speaking of games, this year's special event will be "SANDCASTLES" - what a good use of all the sand!

SANDCASTLE CONTEST

Build your sandcastle on your own beach!

A big one, a little one, your choice!

Judges will walk around the lake beginning at noon on July 1. A prize will be awarded to the winner at the picnic!

WANT ADS:

For Sale: Window Air-conditioner; Sears, like new: \$75
Yard Tools, set of dishes, other items.
Jim Krupp: 898-2300 or (231) 932-7038

For Sale: Inboard/outboard boat trailer (for use on another lake,
of course). 17½' Larson, 289 Ford v8 engine, Volvo
outerdrive. Asking \$2500, open to offers, at Gifford
Lake for viewing.
Bob Stegmier: 898-3002 or (616) 866-4769

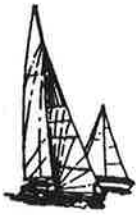
DUES for 2000 are still only \$15.00. What a bargain! Ginger Frick will be
at the picnic on

SATURDAY, JULY 1, at 2:00 PM.
at the George Stegmier Beach!

Peace,

Your "prez"

(You may use this bottom half for scratch paper)



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SPRING NEWSLETTER - April 7, 2000

Greeting from your "prez" at wonderful Gifford Lake!

First: A short summary of the September 4, 1999 meeting of your Trustees and officers; N. Trustee- George Stegmeir, E. Trustee - Terry Couturier, W. Trustee - Henry Tjoelker; Fish Committee: Bob Stegmier and Clarence Nordquist; Picnic Committee: Larry and Carol Sinke and John and Nancy Barrows; Treasurer: Ginger Frick; Secretary: Marge Doorn, and yours truly were in attendance. Wow, what a handsome group that was!

Our treasurer, Ginger, reported a balance of \$255.16 in the "coffers". That is a little short! A whole bunch of you haven't paid dues for a year or more. They are a bargain for only \$15.00. A little notice is included with this newsletter if you haven't paid lately. If you have, thanks a lot. In these prosperous times, all of us can afford to pay!

Fish committee persons, Bob and Clarence, recommended that no fish be planted in 2000. The trustees agreed.

Annual Gifford Lake Picnic will be held on July 2, 2000 at the George Stegmier Beach, beginning at 1:00 P.M. Details will be sent to you in an early June newsletter.

Concern was expressed regarding beach erosion. I'll write about this in a minute! That is all from the Officers - Trustees meeting.

Second: Erosion can be a serious problem for lakes and streams. May I suggest that you inspect your lakeside bank and beach for erosion. A good time to do this is immediately following a rainstorm. If sand and forest debris is washing toward the lake, pollutants contained in them will likely enter the lake directly. How do you control this? Some ways include letting the beach grass grow, installing landscape timbers and/or rocks at the base of the banks, letting trees and bushes grow on the banks, and not removing old stumps. Thanks!

Third: Regarding the Gypsy Moth problem. I have been looking carefully for egg sacks in trees and crevices for a number of months, and have found only a few. Michigan State Extension Service personnel indicated to me that the problem will be spotty, but probably not serious. So I'm suggesting that we do not spray this year. I personally, do not like to spray anything that may unintentionally harm wildlife. If the gypsy moths do eat us up, you can impeach me!

And Last: The winter was beautiful with a good snow and ice cover until the end of February. Then it all melted! There has been little rain or snow since. It looks like the spring fire-hazard will be high, so be careful. The lake level is very low (we came in 1968 and I have never seen it this low) so let's all be extremely careful of the lake. Please don't start any new fish cover brush piles. It will probably be OK to renew some old ones if needed.

And a few notes:

*Do you want to buy or sell something? Free Want Ads in the Gifford Lake Gazette. Send ad to me by May 31 - it will be in the early June issue. (Doorns, 8987 S. Gifford Lake Dr., Rt. 1, Box 1407; Baldwin, MI, 49304. Ph. (231)898-3157)

*New folding tables are available for your use. Let me know.

*Is it time for a septic tank pump-out? Every 2-3 years is a good idea!

*Spring 2000 Trustees and Officers meeting (including Fish and Picnic Committees), on Saturday, May 27 at 11:00 A.M. at the Doorns' home.

*Your 2000 dues to the Association may be paid anytime now. . \$15.00, that's all! Send to Ms. Ginger Frick, Treasurer
9068 S. Frick Rd.
Rt. 1 Box 1412
Baldwin, MI 49304

Peace, *Laurene J. Doorn*