

Spirit Lake Improvement Association

2016 Winter Newsletter

Ice Fishing
Jamboree
Tickets and
Calendars
Are available
from many local
businesses and
any board
member/officer

***Can't win if
you don't
hold a ticket!!***

Annual Ice Fishing Jamboree

Spirit Lakes Improvement Association

www.spiritlakeassoc.org

Saturday, February 13, 2016

Fishing Contest 6:00 am-3:00 pm
Fish Must Be Registered by 3:00 pm
Ticket Drawing at 3:30 pm
Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Prizes:

1st-\$300 2nd-\$200 3rd-\$100 4th & 5th-\$50

Numerous door prizes also awarded

Brats, chili, and refreshments starting at 11:00 at the public
Landing on Little Spirit
Carry Outs Available

Life Jacket Kiosk

SLIA has accepted DNR's offer to have the Life Jacket for Kids Program on our lake. The costs of building the kiosk and maintaining the life jackets will be paid for by the DNR. This is a free program which supplies life jackets for children while boating on Spirit Lake. The building and maintenance of the kiosk is up to the association. Two members have offered to maintain the kiosk and jackets, but we are still looking for volunteers to build it. The plans and lumber will be supplied but, we need the brawn! Please consider this as a labor of safety for all kids!

Walleye Stocking

Early in the summer, Spirit Lakes was once again stocked with walleyes and minnows. In September, the DNR conducted a late evening electrofishing exercise to check on the survival and reproduction rate of these fish. The survival rate was found to be 66%. This is considered quite good! The DNR invited any interested parties to follow along during this study. The reports from people that tagged along was, "It was fantastic to see this process!"

Did you hear
about the big
fight at the
seafood
restaurant?

*3 fish got
battered*

Algae Study

In the 2015 summer newsletter we wrote about the Algae Study. After many volunteer hours, forms, mailings, telephone calls and water tests the study is complete. We have not received any results as of today. We are all anxiously awaiting the findings and then the recommendations. A huge thank you to Joe Burger and all the volunteers would put in many hours to fulfill the Associations obligations. We would not have received the grant without the help of all the volunteers.



Kids Panfishing Day 7/11/15

Eighty kids participated in another tremendously successful kids fishing day. Fun was had by all!

Winners: Eight and under

Blue Gill	1st-Kayden Auner, Athens 9"
	1st-Addison Augustine, Athens 9"
Perch	1st -Kella Gerbert, Medford 9.125"
	2nd-Morgan Liske, Medford 9"
Sunfish	1st-Isaiah Giese, Lomira 6.875"
	2nd-Alayna Brown, Stevens Point 6.25"
Crappie	1st-Jorie Miller, Wausau 10.125"
	2nd-Mason Grove, Colgate 9.875"
	2nd- Kayden Auner, Athens 9.875"

Nine and up

Blue Gill	1st-Vanessa Birch, Merrill 7.75"
	2nd-Matthew Annis, Marathon 7.625"
Perch	1st-Parker Weik, Marshfield 8.625"
	2nd-Paul English, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 8.5"
Crappie	1st-Ryan Eskuri, Spring Grove, IL 9.5"
	1st-Julia Franke, Princeton 9.5"
	1st-Chloe Rennack, Vesper 9.5"
	1st-Parker Weik, Marshfield 9.5"

Please notice the beautiful map in the Boat Landing Shelter. Many of the residents/members have their properties located and marked on this map. If you wish to have your property identified please talk to a board member/officer.



Musky Tournament 9/19/15

The 2015 SLIA Musky Tournament was held Saturday, September 19, 2015. Thirteen boats hit the water on what turned out to be a beautiful fall day. Fisherman reported a few follow-ups and one fish was lost in the netting process. The highlight of the day was Daryl Kistenmacher of Appleton landing a 43.5" musky. The fish took the bait in shallow water and put up a ten minute fight. Daryl's fishing partner was his father-in-law Tom Wendt.

Suggestions, Comments, Ideas????

The Spirit Lakes Improvement Association has a shared email address you can use to communicate with the SLIA board members. This email address is spiritlakeassoc@gmail.com. Use this address to ask questions, share pictures, or discuss topics you would like others interested in the lakes to consider.

Ice In, Ice Out, Ice In

On November 22 Little Spirit appeared to be frozen, followed by Big Spirit on November 28. Then...the warm weather and wind hit. The lakes both opened up in many areas. As of today there seems to be 4-6 inches in most areas but there are still open spots-use caution!



Knute and three of his buddies have gone ice fishing every Saturday during the winter for nearly forty years. One Saturday, the guys are ice fishing along a highway when a funeral processional drives by. Well, Knute lays down his rod, steps out of the fishhouse, takes off his lucky hat and places it over his heart. This processional is huge and takes nearly five minutes to pass. Once it passes, Knute sits down, puts his hat on and drops his line without saying a word. Needless to say his buddies are floored by his actions. One of em finally speaks up and says, "that sure was a respectful thing you did there when they went by." Knute replied, "It seems the least I could do seeing as how I've been married to the woman for over forty years!"