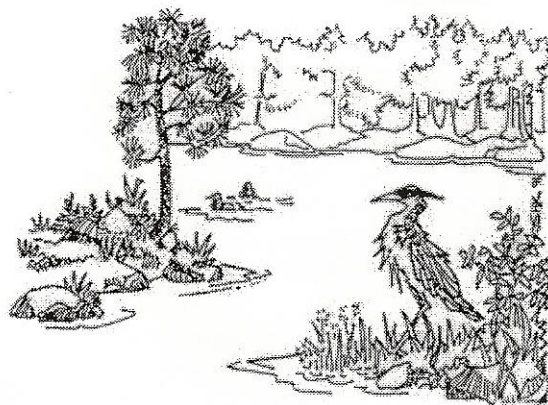


SacheenSCOPE



Summer 2009

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Annual Sacheen Lake Picnic

Sat, August 15 - 11:30 AM
Myers-Harter Sanctuary on
Fertile Valley Road (1/10th mile from Hwy 211)

Sacheen Lake Association

(Sacheen Betterment Association)

(After 52 years, we've updated our name,
But the picnic is still your annual neighborhood gathering.)

Sirloin Burgers, Hot Dogs, Buns & Drinks Provided;
Bring a Salad, Side Dish or Dessert to Share

Sacheen Merchandise Table, Volleyball, Horseshoes &
Election brochures from each candidate running for
Sacheen Lake Sewer & Water District Commissioner:

**Maria Bullock, Gary Garrett, Peggy Johnsen,
Perry Pearman, Richard Prange, Jill Short**

Visit with your old neighbors and meet your new ones!
Celebrating 52 Years of Stewardship and Friendship at Sacheen!



Russell & Estella Addis
1973 SBA Picnic



Carol Garrett, Anita King, and
Louise Dyekman
at merchandise table
50th Anniversary picnic 2007

The President's Message



'tis the Season

Summer is in full swing. Everyone is so busy, with chores and guests and livelihoods, it's hard to find a minute to spare. But I hope you'll find the time to participate at the community picnic August 15. It's intended to be a relaxed social time to reconnect as a community. We can't be too busy for that!

But speaking of busy; our local bea-

vers have been living up to their name! Your Sacheen Lake Association has been working diligently to undo the beavers' efforts to build up Dam 1, start a new dam just downstream of Dam 1, and block the stream flow at Dams 2 & 3. It's a constant battle to keep the flow going, and appears the beavers have been breeding reinforcements, but we're not giving up! I'm very grateful for the volunteers who have been willing to help with this task. Check the Lake Level graph at www.SacheenLake.com to see how we're doing.

The other sign of the season that you probably have noticed is the knapweed coming into full bloom. If you haven't been aggressively pulling the plants, or applying herbicide, you will soon be 'rewarded' with seeds for

thousands and thousands more weeds next year! It's not too late if you hurry... just be sure to cover the piles of blooming weeds, or the seeds can still spread.

Hope to see you all at the picnic Saturday, August 15. Have a great summer!

Don Hill

President, Sacheen Lake Association

We're on the web!
www.SacheenLake.com

Milfoil Update

A limited attack on milfoil continued this summer due to the lack of funding from not passing the Maintenance and Operations levy for the Sewer District. On June 29th Lakeland Restoration Services and Dave Lamb treated about 5 acres of milfoil with their air boat. The areas were at Hatches Addition on the north end of the lake, the narrows, and the dense weedy milfoil area at the outlet. There was enough treatment chemical left to dose the approximate 1000 sf patch off of the Terrace.

Lake residents teamed up to produce ten 10'X10' bottom barrier frames to block the sunlight and kill milfoil. We divers placed five of these at Moon Creek and the remaining five on the Terrace patch. Our plan is to relocate these barriers to kill milfoil each season. We were able to hand pick from the boat launch to the resort on 211.

Last fall's survey indicated a lot of new infestations of milfoil in the little lake and the narrows which are causing us concern. These new plants are most likely brought in by

boats from the large milfoil patches at the outlet. It may be time to post a reminder for boaters at the bridge to clean off the milfoil before reentering the lake.

We are scheduled to survey the lake again on September 12th with Dave Lamb to monitor the results of our summer efforts and plan for next year's treatment.

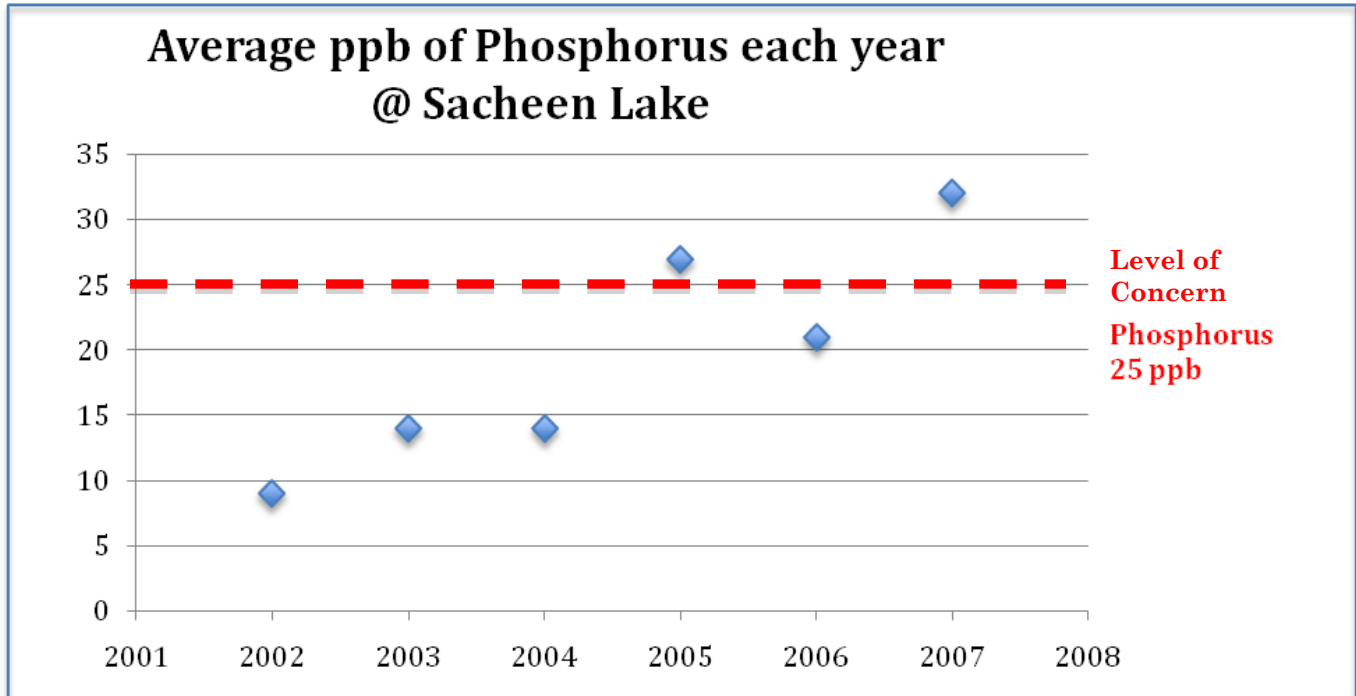
Submitted by Perry Pearman



Know Your Liability!

Boaters between 12 and 25 years of age *must* have a Mandatory Boating Education (MBE) card to operate any PWC or motor above 15 hp. Charlie Schaefer will teach the Boaters' Safety Course for at least five people for free at your location. The course lasts five to six hours, and you will be tested and receive the MBE card that day. If you are interested, call Linda Walters at 447-0446. She will make arrangements if there enough interest during this summer. SLA will sponsor courses next May and June. See SLA website for more information.

Phosphorus Alert



Since 2001 there has been an upward trend in the level of phosphorus in Sacheen Lake. From 2002 through 2004 there were 30 tests of the water quality in the lake. The highest reading was 29 ppb, the only reading above 25 ppb. From 2005 through 2007 there were 34 tests. There were 8 readings above 25 ppb with the highest reading at 125 ppb.

Algae thrives at phosphorus levels above 25 ppb. Algae blooms, which have been seen at Schaefer's Beach, the Narrows and at the West End have appeared earlier than in previous years. You can help to lower the level of phosphorus in our lake by limiting the amount of phosphorus you use in your home/cabin. Use phosphorus-free detergents and fertilizers.

YEAR	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	11	12	11	15	38	10
	7	11	10	11	125	23
	8	11	17	16	7	9
	10	9	19	10	16	10
	9	19	10	11	5	107
	8	15	8	5	5	112
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Lake Level Maintenance

It rained on July 13 most of the day. The water in our lake went up over an inch. An inch of water in Sacheen is almost 9 million gallons of water! There are three beaver dams on the West Branch of the Little Spokane River that slow down the release of water from our lake. As you know, the Sewer and Water District has a permit from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife to maintain two 24" culverts in the dams to improve the flow of water. The beavers make it their business to plug up these tubes. The tubes must be cleared about every other week to keep the water flowing to keep the lake level at a reasonable level. On behalf of the Sewer and Water District, the Sacheen Lake Association has been keeping the beaver tubes clear. Don Hill has been leading this effort this year. He needs your help. Please call or email him if you are willing to assist in cleaning out the tubes. Thanks!

Here's a list of intrepid "Beaver Buster" volunteers who have helped Don this season:

Perry & Joe Pearman, Garth Christensen (installed steel trash racks)

John Pargman

Rich Prange

Mike Harrison

Brian Hood

Joanie Suttle

Jim Morris

Special points of interest:

- Put August 15, 2009 on your calendars! That's the date of the Annual Picnic at the park.
- Buy beautiful Sacheen calendars as gifts! See details on our website. Sales benefit Ladies of the Lake charities.

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please send your request to be added to:

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changes or corrections, please let us know!