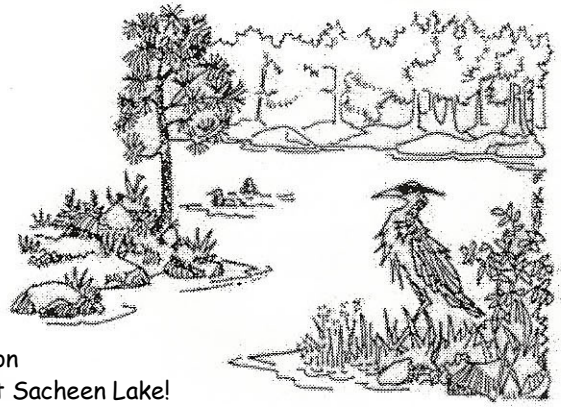


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2009-2010—Not A Long, Cold Winter

By Captain Alex Arnold, SPOFR

This winter was a very mild one for our region. We had a miniscule amount of snowfall that is definitely going to have an impact as 2010 moves forward. Because of the minimal snow pack this year, they are predicting more fires with greater intensity for the central and eastern parts of the state. This includes beautiful Pend Oreille County.

Here in South Pend Oreille County we have been very fortunate to have not experienced a fire of large magnitude in many years. There are a few contributing factors; one of the factors is you, our citizens in the communities. Perhaps the most influencing and biggest factor is the due-diligence of reporting possible fires in our communities.

I can honestly say that I have spent my fair share of time in the summer chasing down dust from cars on back roads that was believed to be smoke. That is okay with me. The citizens here enjoy the beauty that this area offers, if that means a few calls to check out a potential fire, ok then. People in our communities are quick to call if something seems wrong. That is the right thing to do. The volunteers and staff in South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue have been able to get on top of some brush fires that had a lot of potential if they had gone unnoticed or unreported for much longer.

Another factor as to why we have not had a structural fire loss during a large scale wild fire in our area is because many community members are diligent in maintaining a safe barrier around their homes. A green zone of at least 30 feet around all of the structures in your property is the recommendation. This, along with Firewise construction, reduces the risk to your home. Using fire resistant shrubs and plants also minimizes risks and brings landscaping beauty to your home.



from left to right Dean Keck, Lt. Dave Ainsworth, and Capt. Perry Pearman

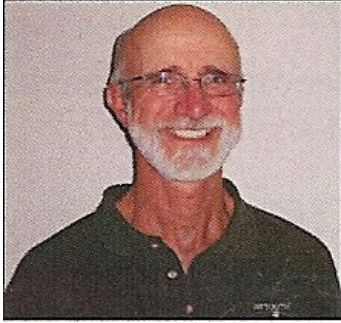
This summer may become a very long and cautious summer for the residents and visitors of South Pend Oreille County. With some due diligence and an ounce of prevention in place we can get through this potentially high danger fire season that is ahead. With the help of everyone in our communities we can continue to make Pend Oreille County the safest place to live, work, and play.

2010 is the 100th anniversary of "The Big Burn". This was a series of fires that

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The President's Message



"Initiatives"

This time of year, when the ice and snow have given way to budding trees and the return of the water-fowl and glittering waves on the lake, I'm always especially grateful for this beautiful place. I'm also grateful for so many of you who share our passion for stewardship of Sacheen Lake. I feel privileged to share leadership of the Sacheen Lake Association with your Board of Directors, a fine group of people who have worked hard this past year to pursue initiatives aimed at improving the health and vitality of the lake and watershed ecosystem, as well as support the community of those of us who reside here.

In our upcoming General Meeting (Mark your calendars; June 5, 9 AM at the Fire Station!) we will report to you, the membership of the Sacheen Lake Association, on the issues and initiatives the Association has been involved with in the past year. I won't list them all here, but I am proud of the work we have done. But we still face a number of challenges in the year ahead. Your membership dues (see form in this newsletter, or online at www.SacheenLake.com) provide the resources that allow us to work for you to protect and improve Sacheen Lake.

By the way, another little pro-lake initiative: look in this SacheenSCOPE for a coupon for non-phosphate fertilizer at Diamond Lake Lumber. Help reduce phosphates in our lake (phosphates promote algae growth which can become toxic).

Our annual picnic, on August 14, will once again be an opportunity to gather as a community, enjoy fellowship and some great food, and also take part in the formal dedication of the new information kiosk that your Association has provided for the Myers-Harter Sanctuary. We look forward to seeing you there!

Finally, I want to remind you that the new boating safety regulations require everyone currently under age 30 to have attended and been certified in boating safety in order to operate any motorized watercraft. We are sponsoring two classes taught by Charlie Schaefer to help ensure everyone's knowledge of the rules, (and to make sure that none of our members have their vacation spoiled by a guest or family member being ticketed!). Call Linda Walters at 447-0446 to reserve a spot in either the May 22 or June 12 class.

I hope you enjoy your spring and summer at beautiful Sacheen Lake!

Don Hill

President, Sacheen Lake Association



Discovered this snowshoe hare in his winter camouflage, but there was no snow to hide in this year, due to the El Nino effect.



Photos by Carol Hood

You Can Shop Year Round!

No need to wait for the annual picnic or Christmas. Call **Virginia Hill at (509) 447-0960** and schedule a time to come to her house and shop for high quality Sacheen Lake merchandise.

Sign up now for Mandatory Boating Education

In 2010 boaters between 12 and 30 years of age **MUST** have a Mandatory Boating Education (MBE) card to operate any PWC or motor above 15 hp. The SLA will sponsor—and Charlie Schaefer will teach—the Boaters' Safety Course free at our fire station on May 22, and June 12 (8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.). The course lasts five to six hours, and you will be tested and receive the MBE card that day. To attend, call Linda Walters at (509) 447-0446. She has made arrangements for the two dates and will take reservations.

For more general info, go to: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/boating/boatered/>.

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burned well over 3 million acres of land and timber in three states in the Inland Northwest. Watch for upcoming news articles and events in conjunction with this anniversary.

News from the Ladies of the Lake

The Ladies of the Lake is a social and philanthropic group formed to promote friendship among the women of Sacheen Lake. They usually meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month year round.

If you are new to the Lake and would like to join our group, go to our web site www.sacheenlol.org or call Jill Short, President, Ladies of the Lake at (509) 447-4499.

Ladies of the Lake Cookbooks are still for sale for \$10. Contact Dorothy (509) 447-3352.

SLA Adopt-a-Highway Workdays

Roger and Nancy Moore are once again 'leading the charge' for the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup along Sacheen on Highway 211. Mark your calendars to help out on the following days:

Saturday June 12

Saturday August 28

(Both days, meet at 8 AM at the Myers-Harter Sanctuary)

As they say, "Many hands make light work." Please lend a hand to help clean up our community highway.

Thanks!

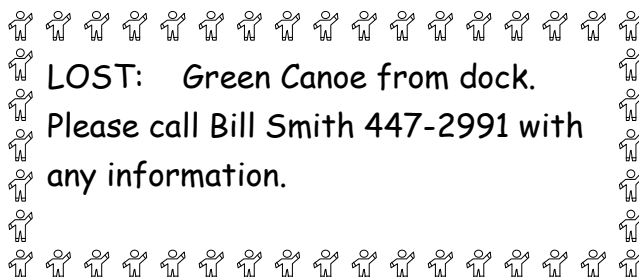
Please Take Online Poll for PO County

How is Pend Oreille County doing? We are interested in hearing from any of you who have dealt with county employees in any department.

Please take our Customer Service Survey. You can fill out the survey online located on the *bottom* of our website's home page at www.pendoreilleco.org

If you would prefer to complete the paper survey they are available at the following locations: Counseling Services, Hall of Justice, Courthouse, Sheriff's Office and the Extension Office.

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Lake Level Report 1st Quarter 2010

The lake water level has remained relatively stable during the first quarter of 2010 with a low of 8.4' on Jan 1st to a high of 8.88' on February 19th. This is lower than the 2009 high of 9.32' on Apr 15 and the 2008 high of 9.65' on April 15. It is significantly lower than the highest level in recent memory of 10.5' recorded on Jan 24, 2006. Several factors led to the lower lake levels this winter: winter maintenance of the beaver tubes by the Sacheen Lake Association volunteers, a reduced number of beavers in the river as a result of trapping by the Sacheen Lake Sewer and Water District, and lower precipitation so far this year. The Association is seeking additional volunteers to help maintain the tubes this summer. Please call Don Hill, 447-0960, to volunteer. It only takes one morning of your time to make a difference. The goal this summer is to lower the level to 7.9'—the level set by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Date	Water Level at Bridge
1/1/10	8.4
1/8/10	8.4
1/15/10	8.43
1/22/10	8.71
1/29/10	8.62
2/5/10	8.68
2/12/10	8.81
2/19/10	8.88
2/26/10	8.8
3/5/10	8.7
3/12/10	8.77
3/19/10	8.78
3/26/10	8.76



Sacheen Lake is one of many beautiful lakes located in Pend Oreille County. The fishing, boating, large granite boulders and mature trees along its shoreline make it a desirable place to live and play. Development along the lake's shore is regulated by a few state agencies and by Pend Oreille County at the local level. Any building or development within 200 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) is regulated under the County's Shoreline Master Program. The OHWM is the highest point that the water usually reaches. The OHWM may migrate a little on any given year. If a property owner would like to develop their lot and is not sure where the OHWM is, the county is more than happy to come on site and delineate the OHWM for you. Residential development is not allowed any closer than 25 feet from the OHWM without a shoreline permit or shoreline exemption. This includes any structures, landscaping, walkways, vegetation removal, and docks.

For future generations, it is important that everyone take an active role in protecting Sacheen Lake. This includes avoiding the use of herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers around the lake. These chemicals leach into the water and pollute the lake. It is also important to avoid burning on the shorelines. The ashes produced from burning seep nutrients into the lake that are the favorite food of Eurasian Milfoil.

Many changes have occurred in Land Use Planning in Pend Oreille County over the last 5 years. These changes started with the adoption of the Pend Oreille Comprehensive Land Use Plan in October of 2005. This

document provides the goals and policies that are to guide development into the future. Shortly after the Comprehensive Plan was adopted, the County adopted a set of Development Regulations that provide the regulatory authority to implement the Comprehensive Plan.

Our new Development Regulations instated zoning in Pend Oreille County. This new zoning promotes residential development, cottage industries and home based business, everywhere within the county. New commercial projects are required to apply for and receive a Conditional Use Permit. Home business and cottage industry is defined as the accessory use of the residence (home) for a business conducted only by residents of the dwelling and does not require a Conditional Use Permit. Home based business and cottage industries do not include storefronts or businesses that invite the public in for sales or service.

The Pend Oreille County Community Development Department is committed to preventing illegal development around the lake and is working with land owners to think about the impacts on the lake as they develop their property. We must remember that we are just stewards of the lake, and it is our responsibility to leave the lake in good shape for our children and their children.

If you have any questions about what is allowed on your property please do not hesitate to contact the Community Development Department at 509-447-4821.



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Time to Renew Your Membership

Sacheen Lake Association Membership Renewal Form

Dues for 2010 are now due: \$25 for a family, and \$10 for an individual.

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NAME:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
LAKE ADDRESS:	
HOME PHONE:	
LAKE PHONE:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	

Please fill out the form and mail with your check, payable to:

Sacheen Lake Association
c/o Linda Benzo, Treasurer
PO Box 401
Newport, WA 99156-0401

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Phone: (509) 447-2603

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Ice-Off Contest

We used a wooden marker in the middle of the main lake this year to determine our winning date. Fifteen entries for the date the marker would fall were received by the February 20, 2010 deadline. The winner would receive \$50. Multiple correct guesses would split the prize money. The marker fell over on March 5th. Nobody guessed that date. But two people were equally close—Mary Sterling guessed March 3rd, and Marilyn Christensen guessed March 7th. They each received a check for \$25. Hopefully, more people will enter next winter.



Recipes

Vegetable Squares

Shared By Virginia Hill

(A reasonably healthy and very tasty hors d'oeuvre)

- 2 pkg crescent rolls (8 oz.)
- 1 pkg low-fat cream cheese (8 oz.)
- 1 carton low-fat sour cream (8 oz.)
- 1 envelope buttermilk dressing mix
- 4 cups chopped mixed vegetables (cauliflower, broccoli, green pepper, black olives, carrots)
- 1 cup grated mixed cheese

Crust:

Unroll crescent rolls; press into layer in 15x10x1-inch ungreased baking pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool.

Topping:

In medium mixing bowl, stir together cream cheese, sour cream, and dressing mix.

Mix until smooth, then spread on top of cooled crust.

Top with chopped mixed vegetables.

Sprinkle cheese over vegetables. If desired, broil lightly to melt cheese.

Cut into 2-inch squares.

Enjoy!



[Photo from: thepioneerwoman.com]

Residential Runoff – Slow It Down; Keep It Clean

MAINTAIN YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

Septic systems can contribute to source water contamination for various reasons, including improper location of the system, poor design, faulty construction, incorrect operation, and poor or no maintenance of the system. Malfunctioning or overflowing septic systems release bacteria and nutrients into the water cycle. Nutrients can cause algae blooms and excessive plant growth in lakes. Increased bacteria levels in groundwater, lakes and streams can present a public safety issue.

By following the basic recommendations below, you can help ensure that your system continues to function properly.

- Inspect your septic system annually.
- Pump out your septic system regularly. (Pumping out every three to five years is recommended for a three-bedroom house with a 1,000-gallon tank; smaller tanks should be pumped more often.)
- Do not use septic system additives.
- Do not divert basement pumps into septic systems.
- Avoid or reduce the use of your garbage disposal. (Garbage disposals send excess solids to your septic tank and can increase the frequency your tank needs to be pumped.)
- Don't flush trash. Excess solids can clog drainfields.
- Don't drive over the system or the drainfield. This can compact the soil and break the piping of the system.
- Check for signs of system failure, such as areas in the yard that remain moist during dry times, or spots of excessive grass or plant growth. If you see signs of failure, schedule an inspection and repairs immediately.

- If you sell your home, inform the new owner about your septic system and share maintenance records.

REDUCE YOUR WATER CONSUMPTION

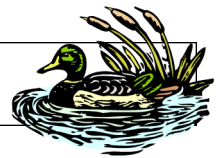
Homeowners can significantly reduce the volume of wastewater discharged to a home septic system or a sewage treatment plant by conserving water. If your home has a septic system, by decreasing your water usage, you can help prevent your system from overloading and contaminating ground water and surface water. (Seventy-five percent of drainfield failures are due to hydraulic overloading.)

- Use dishwashers and clothes washers only when fully loaded.
- Take short showers instead of baths and avoid letting faucets run unnecessarily.
- Replace old water fixtures with new water-efficient showerheads, faucets, and toilets. Look for the new WaterSense rating given by the EPA. This rating system helps consumers identify high-performance, water-efficient products that can reduce water use in the home and help preserve the nation's water resources.
- Repair and replace any leaking fixtures immediately. (Nearly 14 percent of the water a typical homeowner pays for is never used—it leaks down the drain.)

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Suggestions for Products to Keep Sacheen Lake Cleaner



Here is a list of phosphorous-free plant foods and cleaning products which can be safely used in septic systems and yards to help keep Sacheen Lake clean and free of fertilizer for lake weeds:

Sweet Earth Kelp Meal © Whitney Farms All-Natural Plant Food © Greenacres PFC 18-0-10 Phosphate-free Lawn Fertilizer
20 Mule Team Borax Natural Laundry Booster © Seventh Generation Automatic Dishwasher Detergent or Liquid Gel © Seventh Generation Natural Laundry Detergent © Seventh Generation Natural Dish Liquid © Seventh Generation Natural Tub & Tile Cleaner © Seventh Generation Natural Fabric Softener © Seventh Generation Chlorine-Free Bleach © Mrs. Meyer's Surface Scrub (cleanser) © Ecover Stain Remover (for fabrics) © Biokleen Soy Toilet Scrub © Biokleen Bac-Out Stain & Odor Eliminator © Biokleen Spray & Wipe All-Purpose Cleaner © MainStays Recyclable Adjustable Sprayer © Dr. Bronner's Pure Castile Soap © Distilled White Vinegar © Arm & Hammer Baking Soda

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ADDRESS CORRECTIONS-
*If you would like to be removed, submit changes or corrections,
please let us know at lakesend@gmail.com.*

- Special dates of interest:**
- **May 5, 2010, Wednesday, at 7 p.m. Sewer & Water District regular meeting (new regularly scheduled meeting days changed –1st Wed of each month)**
 - **May 22 & June 12 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Fire Station – Boating Safety classes**
 - **June 5, 2010 (Saturday) Annual General Meeting at the fire station at 9:00 am. Contact Don Hill 509-447-0960.**
 - **August 14, 2010 (Saturday) Annual Picnic at the Park.**