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Looking ahead...

Summer is just
around the corner.

Have you taken a
boater safety course
lately?

Fun Facts...

The deepest part of the
lake is 35 feet. The
average depth of the lake
is 25 feet.

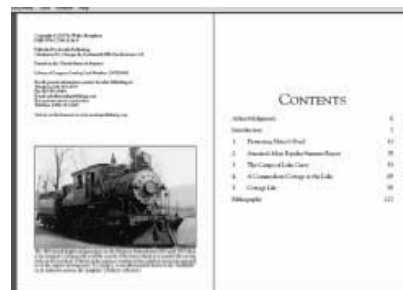
The History of Lake Carey is on Paper

By Deb Tierney

Walter Broughton, past president of the LCCA, has completed his book on the illustrated history of the Lake. It will be available in most bookstores (major chains and local bookstores) at the end of April.

In the meantime, you can order a pre-publication copy on Amazon.com (<http://www.amazon.com/Carey-Images-America-Arcadia-Publishing/dp/073855185/>) at list price (\$13.99). The retail price will be \$19.99.

Walter will be donating any royalties the book earns to the association's Lake Carey Conservation Fund.



Thank you Walter!

Mark your calendars!

2008 Meeting Dates

May 11
June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14



All meetings are held at the Dam Site

Notes and Reminders

- ◆ **Compost**—The compost bin at the dam site is only for lawn clippings and leaves. Please do not discard branches, shrubs, or non-degradable materials.
- ◆ **Dam Site Reservations**—If you would like to reserve the dam site for a private gathering, please contact Ed Hetzel 570-836-4733 or at edwardh4@epix.net.
- ◆ **The Boards**—the boards will be going back in the dam no later than April 1st. We are hoping to get some work done on the dam during the month of March.



The Lake Carey Cottager's Association

A newsletter for the residents of Lake Carey



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A message from the Presidents

Dear Neighbors—

As of this writing, two days of rain dumped 1-2 inches and has finally passed taking with it the snow and filling creeks, streams, the Susquehanna River, and of course Lake Carey. Clocks have been turned forward and we have yet to recover from the lost hour of sleep.

A high-water level in Lake Carey seems to have been a common theme throughout the winter. I left part of my dock in this year and the high water has nearly covered it on several occasions. With a return to normal amounts of precipitation, the lake water levels should remain high.

Plans for repair of the dam have moved slowly and initial estimates are higher than anticipated. LCCA will be asking all Lake Carey community members to participate in the necessary repairs of the dam. The dam is a vital resource for the entire community.

Several folks have been busy over the winter as is evident with the debut of our direct e-mail address (lake_carey@yahoo.com); making it easier for residents to contact the LCCA. Lake Carey is also on the web now—www.lakecareypa.com (see the related article on page 2). Our hats go off to Chris Ziemba and Deb Tierney for their hard work.

Dr Broughton's book about the history of Lake Carey is scheduled to be out on April 27, 2008. He sent me an e-mail from a hotel lobby in Thanjavour, India and was having a terrific time.

In summary, we can't wait for the warmer weather and the return of summer to the lake. We look forward to seeing everyone real soon.

Alan & Trisha Thatcher

Remember...

As spring approaches and we begin to work outside, use only non-phosphorus fertilizers. Fertilizers are entering the lake and causing pollution. Remember, if they are a nutrient for your lawn, they will act as a nutrient in the lake too!

The Dam

By Ed Hetzel

Close inspection of the dam has shown considerable loss of fill in front of the concrete slab that forms the entrance to the spillway. It is quite possible that this is the main source of the leak. There are also a couple of areas along the side walls that will need some attention and will be addressed if necessary. The dam repair committee has contracted with Dr. Givler to provide detailed engineering plans for repairing the leaks in the dam. These plans have been completed, submitted to the PADEP, and approved. We are now in the process of bidding the work out and have received one estimate so far from a contractor that has worked with Dr. Givler in the past. They are located quite a distance from the lake and their estimate was very high. We will continue to seek out local contractors to bid on the job and look into alternative ways to reduce the cost; possibly doing some of the work ourselves, as long as it does not affect the plan approved by the PADEP. In addition, we began applying for the necessary permits required prior to doing any work on the dam. We will update everyone as information becomes available.



Growing Greener Grant

By Deb Tierney

It has been almost a year now since Fred Lubnow of Princeton Hydro prepared and submitted our application for a Growing Green grant that would help us secure the funding needed to move forward with our subwatershed implementation plan (refer to the March 2007 issue of "The Lake Carey Cottager's Association" newsletter). We all have been anxiously awaiting news on the verdict of our submittal.

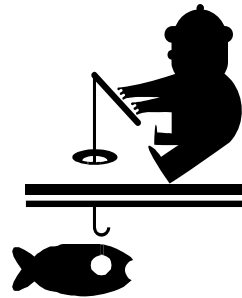
Well, we received some very disappointing news this week regarding our submittal; we did not receive grant money as we had hoped to. Our next step will be to set up a meeting with the PADEP and find out why it was not funded and how to improve on the next application. The PADEP has already announced that the next round of grant applications are due by May 16th.

The One That Got Away!

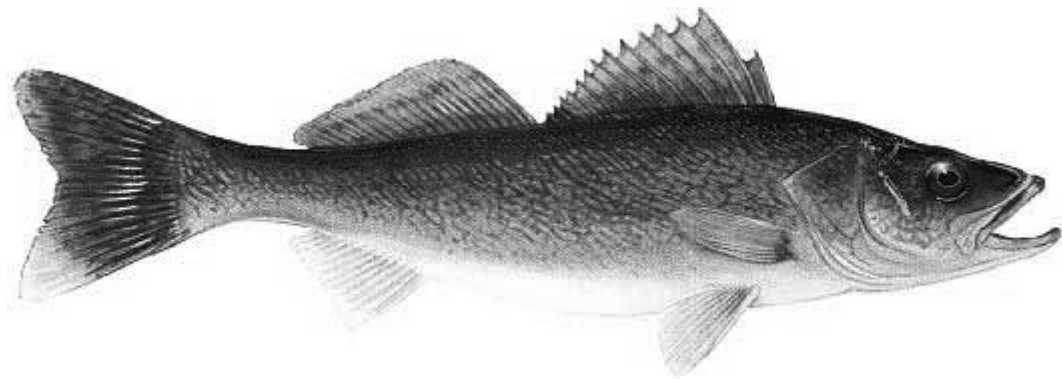
By Paul Brown

One frosty cold Saturday night last month, a few local residents of Lake Carey were sitting on the cold ice trying to think of what the not so co-operative fish would bite on. When out of the depths of the lake swam a hungry Walleye that took the bait. After a long-hard fight the fish was in sight through the five inch hole in the ice. This is when it was clear that this was a fish most fishermen dream of. One fisherman ran for his camera wanting to capture this moment on film. Upon his return, he discovered what his fishing buddies already knew; the fish wouldn't fit through the hole!! How could this be! Try as they may, it just wouldn't fit.

Imagine being able to see the fish you have dreamt of through the semi-clear ice and not able to land it. They did what any respectful angler would do, they cut it free. Hopefully someone else will be able to experience the thrill felt by those ice fishermen that cold frosty night when, it's a bit warmer. After some excited conversations about what could have been, it was back to the task at hand, trying to figure out what the finicky fish would bite on next. True story!



Would you be able to recognize a Walleye if you caught one?



Lake Carey is on the Web...

By Deb Tierney

Thanks to the help of Chris Ziemba, Lake Carey is now on the world-wide web. Go to www.lakecareypa.com to view our web site. The site is still in the beginning stages of development and we are working very hard to complete it by the second quarter of this year. When all is said and done, you will be able to access information about your community with a click of a mouse. Everyone will be able to see copies of our newsletters, educational material, a calendar showing upcoming events, topics of interest pertaining to our watershed, etc.

Remember, you can reach us via our new e-mail address at lake_carey@yahoo.com if you have any questions or suggestions. We will be sure to get back to you.



What are those weeds growing in our lake?

By Ed Hetzel and Deb Tierney

Last summer we all experienced an outburst of aquatic plants growing just below the surface of our lake. This aquatic plant called, Eurasian Water-milfoil, is a submersed, rooted perennial plant that is non-native to North America, which makes it an invasive species.

The Eurasian Water-milfoil prefers fertile, fine-textured, inorganic sediments (in other words—nutrient rich) in water ranging from 1-8 feet deep. This aquatic plant is commonly found in lakes, ponds, and rivers throughout Pennsylvania. The plant has long stems that branch out (referred to as a canopy or mat) near the surface of the water. It spreads by fragmentation so the action of boats, jet skies, and waves cause the stems to break off, drift to new locations, sink to the bottom and take root; only to start the vicious cycle all over again. They can also continue to grow while floating. The milfoil can be transported from one body of water to another via boats, trailers, and/or fishing gear.

The dense canopies produced by these aquatic plants can shade out the native vegetation and change the ecological balance of a body of water, meaning they can alter the types of aquatic invertebrates present in the water, change the reproduction abilities of some fish species, and negatively impact the oxygen level in the deeper waters of the lake; something we do not need. These plants can also increase the sedimentation rate by trapping sediments amongst them. In addition, these plants can and will impair the ability to swim, boat, and fish.

Prevention is the major goal in any control program. These plants can take over a body of water once invaded within two years. There are several methods for attempting control. The LCCA will be monitoring the aquatic plant growth this year and we will be developing a plan on how to control and manage this problem.



Picture Courtesy of the University of Pennsylvania

What is lurking around the corner?

By Gene Skrynski



Get out your calendars and mark the last Saturday in July (the 26th) as Lake Carey Day. Include Friday in your party plans as we are planning on having "Meet your Neighbor Night" again.

Saturday's events will include canoe/kayak competition and paddle boat races in the morning, poker run and boat tours in the afternoon, chicken bar-b-que for dinnertime, and a dance featuring a great band, "The Covers", in the evening. Don't forget, we will be selling raffle tickets for some great prizes to be given away during the dance. These prizes are donated by many of the local businesses. Lake Carey apparel will also be sold throughout the day.

In addition, we would like to give something back. We will be helping out the Delaware Valley Raptor Center (DVRC) by collecting medical supplies. If you remember, last August they visited us at the Chapel and shared stories of five raptors that they have rescued which included Benson, the bald eagle shot in Tunkhannock along the Susquehanna River a few years back. They are in need of the following items: hydrogen peroxide, Johnson & Johnson (brand specific) rolled gauze bandages—2", 3", or 4", and Johnson & Johnson Adaptic non-adhering dressing 3x3 inch. Johnson & Johnson products work the best on the raptors. If anyone would like to contribute any of the above items, Deb Tierney will be collecting them in the morning at Fitzsimmons Grove.

If you have any suggestions or recommendations for this year's events please let me know. We are always looking for folks to help us out, so if you would like to help just give me a call. I can be reached at 570-836-6449.