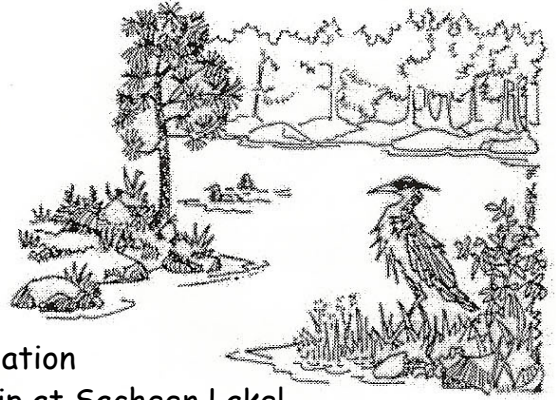


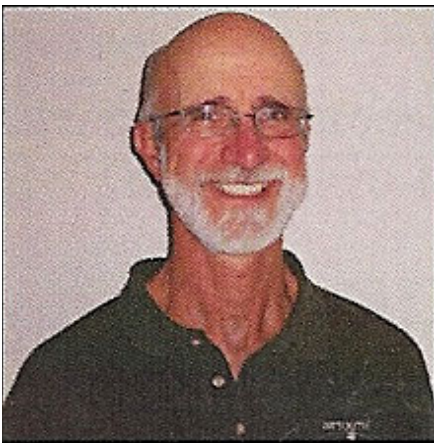
SacheenSCOPE



Published by the Sacheen Lake Association
Celebrating 58 Years of Stewardship and Friendship at Sacheen Lake!

December 2016

SacheenSCOPE. . . since 1988
edited by Nancy Cain



The President's Message **Hunker Down!**

by Don Hill - President, Sacheen Lake Association

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Where did the summer go?! Can you believe how fast the time goes? There was no-where near enough free time to get all the items on my to-do list checked off this summer. But I can console myself that at least we did manage some fun outings and good times with friends and family, so all in all can't complain. And there's always NEXT summer for more of the to-do list! For now, it's time to hunker down and get ready for what promises to be a memorable winter. Hopefully we'll get a good solid freeze and the lake will be safely navigable (and I can plan better) so I can get the Ice-Off marker placed in time for our annual contest. E-mail your guess for Ice-Off date to Carol at Lakesend@gmail.com for a chance at the \$25 prize. The contest is open to all Sacheen Lake Association members.

As I reflect back on this past year, I pause to give thanks that we managed to avoid yet another bad wind-storm. The previous two years were more than enough, don't you think? On the other hand we still lost several more trees, this time due to bark beetles! The experts advise us to get those dead trees down and cut into four foot lengths or smaller in a timely manner, so they dry out and the larvae die rather than hatch to infest more trees. So I guess the firewood reserves grow, and we plant replacement saplings, and the cycle continues. On the bright side to all the record rainfall, the end of the drought should make the forest more resistant to the beetles, I'm told.

Now, with the holiday season approaching like a freight train, it's a good time to pause and reflect on all that we can be grateful for; family, friends, our beautiful woodland lake... so many blessings!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy 2017!

Don Hill President, Sacheen Lake Association

Water and Sewer District News

by Sheila Pearman, District Manager
spearman@ifiber.tv 447-4641

The District Board is grateful for the support of the community with the passing of the replacement M&O Levy with 64% approval. We appreciate the understanding of, and willingness by, the Sacheen community to be good stewards to Sacheen Lake. THANK YOU!

Our new sewer system has been operating for over a year now. Remember that items such as baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, and sand should not go into the system. If your pump should fail due to any of these items, the repair costs will be incurred by the homeowner. An informational card was sent out last year listing these items, please keep and refer to this card. If you need another card, contact the office.

We appreciate the timeliness that most have observed in paying their monthly billings. Many of you are using your bank's bill pay service. This allows for set up of automatic monthly payments as well as saving the cost of an envelope and stamp! This can be especially helpful for those who travel or are snowbirds. To save mailing costs for the District, you can also request to go green with your bill being sent by e-mail. Please notify the District in writing if you wish to go green.

For those of you who are in arrears with your payments, we will now begin enforcing the District policy that says after 90 days of being in arrears, the District will notify you of such. If the account is not then brought up to current within 10 days, we will begin the collection lien against your property process with the county. Policy also dictates a 10% late fee be assessed for late payments. All filing costs for such procedures will be borne by the property owner.

Close out of the construction project has been delayed by Contractor's Northwest's lawsuit against the District demanding an additional \$1.3 million for excess rock excavation and project delay. Though they refused to go to mediation last spring, they agreed to mediation this fall. Our attorneys are currently fine tuning a mediation agreement to present to the Board for approval. We are confident that the settlement will be considerably less than that requested by the lawsuit. Portions of that settlement will be covered by insurance companies from Sewall Engineering and the District. Once this is settled, the project and loans with Ecology and Public Works Trust Fund will be able to be closed out.

During the winter months, we will be working on a new Hydraulics Permit for maintenance of the beaver tubes downstream. These permits are necessary to allow us to install and maintain the tubes that help keep the lake water level from rising too high and causing shoreline erosion. We will also be contacting downstream property owners to coordinate trapping efforts to keep beaver numbers in check. We appreciate the cooperation the downstream property owners have provided in the past in working on this issue.

The District Board now meets the **second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm** at the Sacheen Lake Fire Station on Highway 211. Please consider how you might become an active part of the Sacheen Lake community. There will be two Commissioner positions up for election in November, please don't always assume that someone else will do it.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and prosperous new year.

Sheila Pearman
District Manager
(509) 447-4641
spearman@ifiber.tv

Commissioners: Peggy Johnsen 447-4587 Mike Quick 447-3609 Perry Pearman 447-4641



Meet Your Fire District



by Mike Nokes
Chief, SPOFR

South Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue (SPOFR) was formed when Pend Oreille County Fire District's 1, 3, and 7 merged to form the new district. SPOFR protects 150 square miles, serves a population of about 2,500 and the District maintains approximately 45 volunteer firefighters and of those 17 are EMT's.

SPOFR is primarily an all-volunteer fire district with the supplement of two full time and two part time staff members.

So when you see firefighters or EMT's out training or on an emergency helping someone, they are volunteers who have left their jobs, or families to do so. They are people who have put their lives on hold to go help someone in need.

SPOFR responds to just over 400 calls a year for service. Of which about 70% are requests for medical assistance. 20% are fire related and the rest are miscellaneous calls for service and assistance.

Currently, with Newport Ambulance not providing EMS treatment and transport services in the County for an undetermined amount of time, SPOFR has geared up to fill the gap the best we can.

One of our full time staff members Captain Scott Doughty and one of our volunteers Crystal Brooks are both Paramedics. Currently we are the only agency in the south half of Pend Oreille County right now that has the resources in place to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) care. This resource is available to people who call 911 in SPOFR's response area when they are available.

You may have also seen an AMR ambulance in the area. At the time of this letter (11/21/16) AMR is almost 30 days in to what will be a 30 or 60 day trial period in Pend Oreille County. AMR has been providing one ALS transport ambulance staged in Pend Oreille County 7 days a week for 10 hours a day. AMR is a for-profit company who wants to see the statistics of the area to see what kind of business model (if any) might work for them in our county.

SPOFR would like to thank AMR and their willingness to come up and run this trial period. This has been a welcome relief to the many emergency service providers throughout Pend Oreille County. SPOFR is working diligently with other stakeholders to come up with a long term, sustainable Advanced Life Support Ambulance plan.

This loss of service has highlighted our need of volunteer emergency medical providers. Our entire district is in need of volunteers, but especially from the Diamond & Sacheen Lake areas. If we had more medically trained providers it would help spread out the current increased work load and help decrease response times to areas that don't have as many EMS providers.

Meet Your Fire District - Continued



by Mike Nokes
Chief, SPOFR

South Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue is starting an Emergency Medical Technician class in January that will finish in April. We are looking for new members who would like to take this class and become an EMT and serve their community.

The SPOFR volunteer EMT's and firefighters have been doing an incredible job of ensuring we have a response to every medical call that comes in and transporting of people to the local Hospital. Neither I nor the Commissioners can thank our members or our partner agencies enough for their hard work and dedication during this stressful and taxing time.

If you are curious about the EMT class and would like information on becoming a volunteer EMT or Firefighter please contact me soon for the class is right around the corner. Or if you have any questions you can reach me at 447-5305, or on-line at www.spo-fr.org.

Sacheen Lake Association Membership Renewal Form

Dues for 2017 are still only \$10 for an individual / \$25 for a family

Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Lake Address:	
Home Phone:	
Lake Phone:	
Email Address:	

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

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

PLEASE include your correct **CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS**



Become a friend!

Sacheen Lake Association is now on FACEBOOK

STAY INFORMED

Join the **SLA email list**.

Please send your request to be added to the email list and/or send address corrections or changes to:

lakesend@gmail.com

Fertile Valley Road used to be much closer to the lake in the area known as The Narrows. When the paved road was built homeowners were given their choice of rebuilding below the new road or above it, thus the little row of cabins almost directly on the shoreline in the narrowest part of the lake...

On the lake itself as it begins to "narrow" you pass the NO WAKE markers and are entering the area where one of the three original resorts existed. The Narrows Resort (1952-1969) sat on 800' of shoreline (on the Fertile Valley Road side), just beyond Reed's Landing. When the resort closed, it was divided up and sold as private lots. There was a boathouse near the dock and it is our understanding the original owners, Florence Johnson and Roland Nichols rented camping trailer spaces and boats. Jim and Pat Wood also told us about motoring up to buy ice cream bars. The electrical box marked ice cream freezer and the in-ground power line were located, but we have since torn down the boathouse.

We (Brad & Diane Wear) bought the original resort house in 1994, but we were forced to demolish it because of mold issues. The volunteer Fire Department was happy to assist us by doing a training burn.

At the very narrowest part of the Narrows there is an old cabin on the rocky knoll and a smaller one below it. They were owned by Beatrice Bahm and her brother, Charles Bahm. Beatrice (Bea) was a reporter for the local newspaper, The Newport Miner. She lived year round in the little cabin below, now owned by David and Diane Germaine. She had wood heat, an outdoor shower and an outhouse, a true pioneer woman! Charles was a summer user and in his later years rented the upper cabin before selling it to Myron & Sylvia Kerr (my parents), who had also purchased Bea's place in 1971. We bought the upper cabin and bunkhouse from my parents in 1990 and have since sold it to Moniquea DeGan.

In the early 70's I recall meeting neighbors Ralph & Vi Homme to the west and Vince & Donna Smith, Jamie Spivey and his mom, Leonard & Beryl Pielli and their bunch of kids. There were seven of us and six of them, Roger & Nancy Moore, Mike Grizzle to the east, and Gayle Eymer across the lake. The Piellis have also relocated a few lots east to one of the lots of the old resort property, as well, where the original shared camp stove/oven still stands.



The old cabin holds many special memories for my family. My siblings and our own sons share memories of fishing for sunfish all day long, when not swimming (or raking milfoil), and limiting out on rainbow trout, with an occasional brook trout. Many family turkey dinners were held on Saturdays following Thanksgiving, hunting, ice-skating back and forth between the two cabins when the lake was frozen, even a chilly winter night wedding proposal took place. Many late summer and fall nights were spent at the lower cabin sharing stories in front of a natural rock fire pit that has since collapsed.

The Narrows & The Narrows Resort

By Diane Wear

It's hard to believe we and many others water-skied through the narrowest (and shallowest-8') part of the lake, but we did... I do, however, recall two scary incidents, one involving a brother-in-law on a stand-up jet ski crashing into the rocks, and another involving a power boat with two young woman - one driving, one skiing and no spotter - doing the same. Both incidents could easily have been fatal. If you unknowingly entered the area with a powerboat, we tried to direct you around the rocks... some listened, some did not. The propeller business makes good on rocks at Sacheen! The Sacheen Betterment Association received permission to mark all of them near the surface on the entire lake in the 90s. Today, SLA places orange balls to mark those rocks. The no-wake buoys as you enter the Narrows are placed each spring by the Sheriff Marine Patrol and the NO WAKE ZONE now encompasses the entire west end of the lake to the outlet.

sacheenlake.com

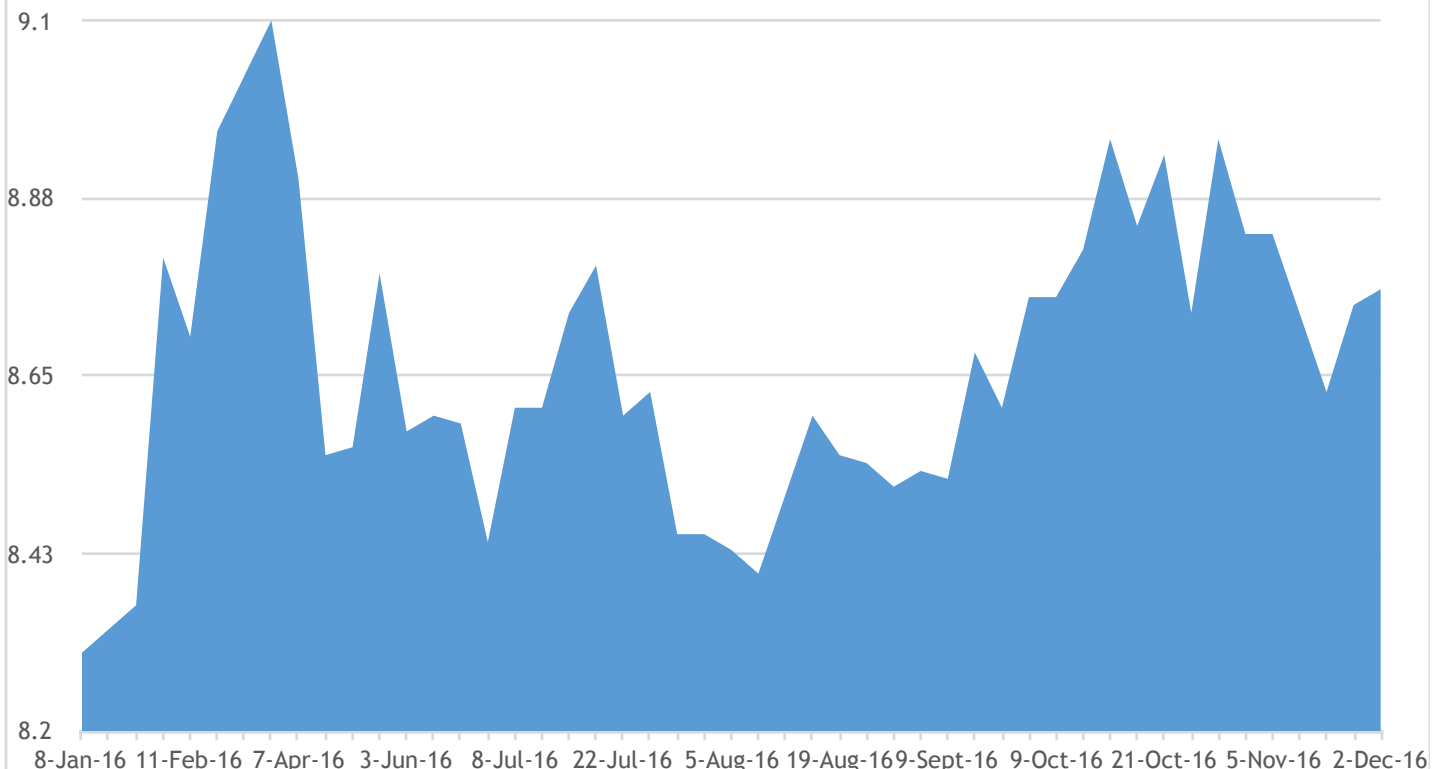
Don't forget check out our beautiful website. It is a wonderful way to stay connected with our community, lake and sewer news, and the wildlife around the lake. To share your photos and Info, contact Jerry Johnsen @ jj_at_lake@yahoo.com.

Is there a topic or story that you would like to see in the SCOPE?

Do you have photos to share?

Please contact Nancy Cain
naecain@gmail.com

Sacheen Water Level Gage Reading



Meet our new Sewer District Board Member - Michael Quick



Mike grew up in Pend Oreille County living at Diamond Lake before attending and graduating from the University of Washington and having his marketing advertising career in Seattle.

He and his wife Mary Anne have lived on the Terrace since 2009 where Mary Anne grew up (the Fields place). They had dated in high school before reconnecting in 2008 and then marrying in 2010. Together they have five children and three grandchildren (with another due in April).

Mike is retired from marketing/advertising but now works in Spokane Schools Special Education as a paraeducator one-on-one. Mary Anne is a 4th grade teacher at Grant Elementary, and they commute together daily.

Mike looks forward to helping the board evolve to being ever more helpful to all lake residents now that the sewer system is largely completed.

Sacheen Merchandise For Sale

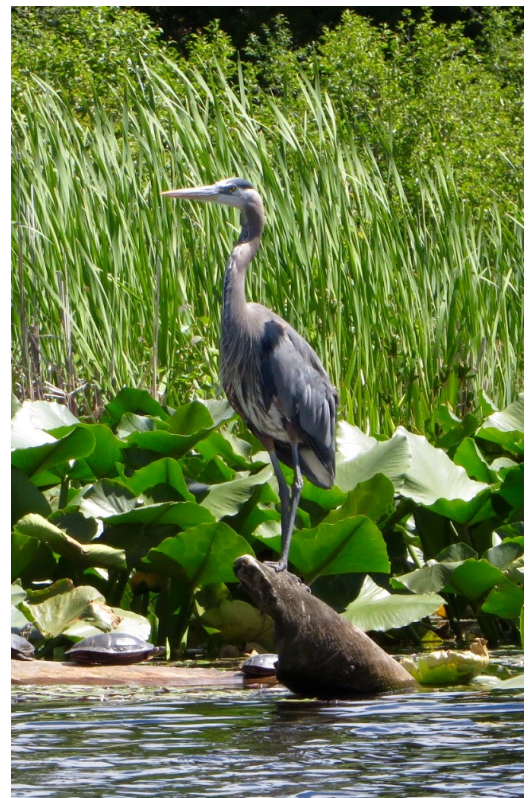
Virginia Hill - Merchandise Chairman
(509)447-0960

Sacheen Lake merchandise is for sale at the annual meeting and the community picnic. You may also shop at Virginia's home by calling and arranging a time.

The merchandise includes various items of clothing, coffee mugs, and beverage glasses.

If you have any ideas for merchandise that you would like to see sold, please email Virginia at DVJH@aol.com

These make wonderful Christmas gifts!



SacheenSCOPE
PO Box 401
Newport WA 99156

Sacheen Lake Association Board

President:	Don Hill 509/447-0960 DVJH@aol.com	Eastshore
Vice Chair:	Brian Hood 509/447-3124 LakesEnd@gmail.com	Sacheen Shores / West End
Secretary:	Beryl Pielli 509/447-3793 lbpielli@povn.com	At large
Treasurer:	Jerry Johnsen 447-4587 jj_at_lake@yahoo.com	Schaefer's Beach
*Lance Barklen, 509/447-0247 barklen@cox.net		Mtn. View
* Mary Maxfield, 509/993-5117 spokanemary@yahoo.com		Eisenbarth's Addition
* Karen White, 509/447-0151 dankaren89@gmail.com		At large
* John Pargman, 509/447-0735 gjpargman@yahoo.com		At large
* Jeanne Holman, 509/599-7234 larryandjeanne70@yahoo.com		The Narrows
* Al Pool, 509/447-0221 alberthpool@gmail.com		The Terrace

Sacheen Sewer & Water District Meetings

2nd Wednesday of each month - 5 p.m.
Sacheen Fire Station on Highway 211

SLA Annual Meeting - June 24, 2017

Saturday, 9-11:30 a.m. Fire Station, Hwy 211

SLA Community Picnic BBQ - Aug 12, 2017

Saturday, 11:30am -2pm at Meyers-Harter Park

Community Volunteer Clean-Up Days

Meet at Meyers-Harter Park at time listed

Fertile Valley Road Cleanup

May 6, Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Meyers-Harter Park Weed 'n' Trim

May 11, Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - noon
(bring some yard tools)

Highway 211 Cleanups

June 10, Saturday 8:00 a.m.
August 26, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Fertile Valley Road Cleanup

September 9, Saturday 9:00 a.m.