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President's Message

Hello to all of our Sacheen Lake neighbors! We're happy to be sending out this edition of the SacheenSCOPE after a gap in having a volunteer editor. Unfortunately, our replacement editor was overtaken by her workload soon after she took on the job. But thanks, Melissa, for your hard work to get up to speed and get this version as far as you did! We're in need of a new editor, so if you are interested, please contact us at SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com. This is also a new email for the Sacheen Lake

Association (SLA). We moved the management of the emails into the hands of the SLA Board after many years of generous support from Carol and Brian Hood and created an email account unique to the SLA. You may contact us at this email address to share your thoughts or concerns. We will also ask you for feedback on thoughts regarding the lake and community and would appreciate your response; we volunteer our time for you and the lake environment. Many of you have already seen emails sent on behalf of the SLA Board by me; I hope they are helping the community understand the SLA activities so you can join in or understand what we do to support the lake and community. And in case you think I don't look like Al Pool, you're right! Al Pool resigned in March 2022 and I took over the role in March 2022. I bought property on the south side of the lake in August 2017 and have been ecstatic about the buy since then! The lake, surroundings, and community are all more than anticipated! Although I am relatively new to the lake community and Board, I have taken the Board role seriously, leaning on the wisdom, guidance, and experience of those before me. The Board is reinvigorating activities for the community and implementing some new concepts for the Board; hopefully you noticed the 4th of July Boat Parade on 2 July! I was happy we had the opportunity to have the SLA Annual Meeting and annual Picnic this year as a means to keep the lake community involved and informed, as well as having family fun and getting to know our neighbors. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can in the near future. Stay healthy and enjoy our precious lake, its ecosystem and your neighbors! – *Grant Miller, President Sacheen Lake Association*

Sacheen Lake Association Mission Statement

The SLA formalized a new Mission Statement this year at our Annual Meeting, which is open to the entire community. After being in existence for nearly 66 years, we are frequently surprised that many long-time lake residents are still not aware of the SLA. Our Mission Statement captures the essence of what support we attempt and achieve. Mission Statement: ***The purpose of the Sacheen Lake Association is to advocate for the conservation as well as safe and environmentally sustainable use of Sacheen Lake and surrounding ecosystems, while promoting a strong sense of rural community.*** See our Annual Meeting presentation on the SLA website for details of what support we recently provided to and for the lake and community.

www.sacheenlake.com

It is a wonderful way to stay connected with the SLA Association, our community, the lake and its wildlife, and news from the Sacheen Water and Sewer District. To share your photos and information, contact our webmaster Carl Gross at carlgross@gmail.com.



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Sacheen Lake Association Membership Form

Dues for 2022 & 2023 are still only \$10 for an Individual & Student / \$25 Otherwise

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

Sacheen Lake Association, c/o Denise Reilly, Treasurer

P.O. Box 401, Newport, WA 99156-0401

PLEASE include your correct CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS and PHONE #

Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Lake Address:	
Phone:	
Email Address:	<i>If you do not have an email address enter NONE</i>
Membership type:	<i>Check only one</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Public/Not for Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (contributes more dues than required)

We also use the above information to keep the community up to date, via emails as well as sending the SacheenSCOPE. This information has supported the community in multiple ways (lost and found, sinking boat, etc.). This information is kept only by the SLA and not distributed further. So, please let us know who and where you are on the lake as well as how to reach you, even if you don't join the SLA.

We're going Digital

The SLA Board and Sacheen Water and Sewer (W&S) Board have decided to transition the SacheenSCOPE to digital format. This transition will save thousands of dollars per year for the printing and mailing expenses. The plan for transition is to discontinue mail-only format with this edition of the newsletter. However, we are collecting information on who does not have digital capability and we will send a hard copy to those individuals starting with the first 2023 edition. If you cannot receive a digital format, please send a note to our PO box (see above or below for the address). Be sure to include your name, mailing address, and phone number as well as why you cannot receive a digital format. Once started, the digital version will be posted on the SLA website at www.sacheenlake.com/scope and the community will be notified via email. If we don't have your email



Dear SLA,

We do not have a computer or ability to access digital media. Please continue to send me a hard copy of the SacheenSCOPE at the below address.

Joe and Jane Doe
123 Large Trout Lane
Newport, WA 99156

Please note we may be reached by phone at: (509) 123-1111.

Sincerely,
Joe and Jane Doe

and you wish to get notified of the web posting of the SacheenSCOPE, now is a good time to provide it. Send your contact information to: SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com.



Volunteering

As known by many in the community, the SLA hosts events for the SLA members and local lake community. These events include volunteer projects (e.g., cleaning Hwy 211), the SLA Annual Meeting, and the annual picnic in which community members participate. The SLA By-Laws include wording addressing our liability from SLA members participating in such events, as well as liability against any action taken by the Officer or representative of the Association in good faith. Additionally, there is a Federal Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 (posted on the SLA website under [Resources](#)) protecting volunteers from liability. Starting this year, we ask that all event participants sign a release of liability. We, the Board and SLA members, appreciate your understanding of our protections in support for all we provide to the community. A summary of this can be found in the 2022 Annual Meeting presentation posted on the SLA website.

Speaking of Volunteering...

We've had a few volunteer opportunities over the past few months. I can say from experience it is so rewarding to give back to our community, and such a fun way to stay connected with friends around the lake! Below are a few highlights.



Boat launch cleanup 6/25/22



Hwy 211 cleanup 5/21/22



Myers-Harter Park cleanup 5/7/22

Community Yard Sale

Our most recent community event was a community yard sale jointly hosted by the South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue and the Sacheen Lake Association. We had asked for at least 6 sellers to hold the event and ended up with 7! Mingling, buying, selling, and fun was had by all. We hear some of the sellers even made some money and reduced their storage needs; other sellers bought too much of their neighbors' wares! We plan to hold it again next year with hopefully more sellers! See you there!



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The 2022 Annual Picnic Went off without a Hitch!

We appreciated having such a good crowd at the annual SLA Community Picnic on July 9, 2022 at the Myers-Harter Park, especially after a two-year delay due to covid. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make it possible. And thank you to all the people who brought side dishes and desserts to go with the chicken and water that the SLA purchased. We don't believe anybody left hungry! It was just our little community picnic (with around 100 people!), yet it was quite a treat to connect with people again.

The kids had a great time with the foot races and prizes as well as the balloon toss. I even think a few of the older adults had a great time at the foot races. Many thanks to Gary and Carole for collecting year-round all of the prizes for the kids. Even our new SLA President, Grant, had a great time though he was ambushed with a barrage of water balloons after the official games were over and got just a little wet. A surprise initiation for the new SLA President is always great fun!

Our raffle prize this year was awarded to Amy. Dan built a beautiful wood-shake-side flower planter complete with beautiful flowers! The materials were funded by the SLA and Dan donated his craftsmanship and time to make the prize. Great job Dan and congrats Amy. What is Dan going to do for next year's raffle? ... come and see next year!

Many at the picnic asked where the chicken came from, so when you are at Yokes in the Deer Park area, let them know how much you liked it. We also want to thank our local fire department for the loan of all the folding tables and to Store n More for contributing the ice to keep the water and food cold. Please let them know their kindness and community support was appreciated and give them some of your patronage in return.

Finally, many thanks to our many community members who joined and paid dues for their Sacheen Lake Association membership. It is a small fee, but it is those fees that make the purchases for the picnic possible. The community appreciates your contribution to bringing us together for good food, good company, and games and prizes for the kids.

The Sacheen Lake Association hopes to see you again next year!

Lil Hastie
Picnic Coordinator
SLA Board member



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Annual SLA Meeting

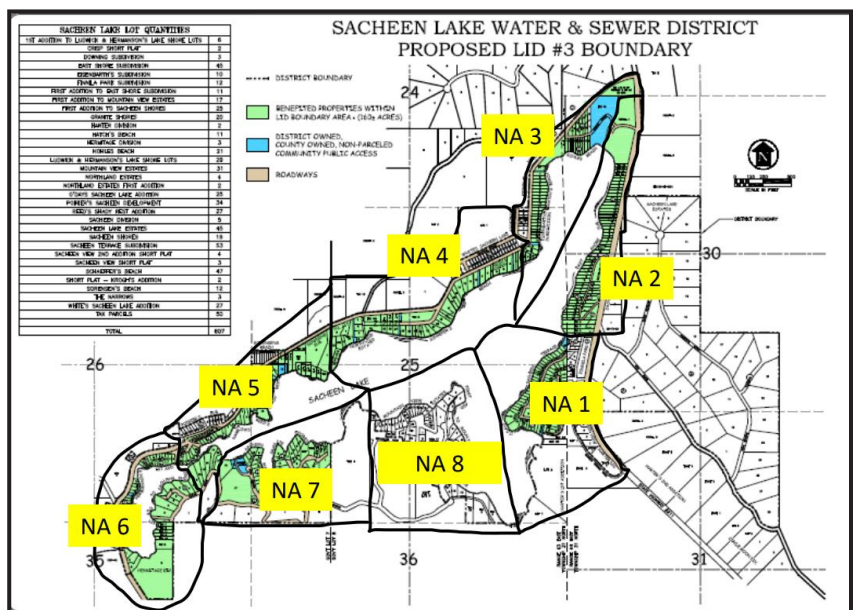
On 11 June 2022, the SLA held our Annual Meeting at the Hwy 211 Fire Station. The meeting, as always, is open to SLA members and others of the community. This is an opportunity for the Board to present our activities, obtain input from the community, and for you to get to know new faces in the community. At the meeting, the President presented the following general topics (and much more): new SLA By-Laws Mission Statement and Goals; the Board members and Support Staff, who are so critical to accomplishing the purpose of the SLA (e.g., placing buoys on the rocks in the lake, the SacheenSCOPE editor, our email manager, etc.); financial status of the SLA; what the SLA does for the community; the annual calendar; and a summary of community concerns expressed to the SLA (we listen!). Additionally, the Department of Natural Resources presented information on the plan for forest harvesting on the south side of the lake (harvesting begins in 2024). The Sacheen Water and Sewer Board summarized their history, budget, lake treatment, and what the W&S Board can and cannot do for the community. Their presentation is posted on the SLA website at <https://sacheenlake.com/water-sewer/>. Come next year to learn about the SLA and your community.

Board Updates

The SLA Board has been very active this year. We have had a significant turnover of experienced Board members and some of our new members are also new to the area. As a result, we are creating an SLA Standard Operating Procedures so new members can rapidly obtain an understanding of what we do and how we operate. We hope this also lessens any stress one might have in joining the Board in the future! Additionally, in late 2021 we started a rewrite of the By-Laws to ensure they are compatible with how the Board currently operates. This is an on-going task. Once completed (hopefully in spring 2023), we need SLA members to vote on By-Law changes (voting occurs at the Annual Meeting). During this past Annual Meeting in June 2022, the members voted in a new By-Laws Mission Statement and updated Goals. These are available in the 2022 Annual Meeting presentation posted on the SLA website.

One of the changes the SLA Board has implemented is how we represent sections of the lake community. The current By-Laws do not take into consideration that although there are eight members associated with a lake development-area, not all areas of the lake may be associated to a Board member. As a result, we now have eight (8) Neighborhood Areas (NA #) and eight Board members are each assigned to one of the Neighborhood Areas (note: specific boundaries of the areas are notional at this time). This was a change consistent with our Mission Statement to promote a strong sense of rural community. The Neighborhood Areas Board representative as of (9/15/2022) are listed below.

Area	Assignment
NA 1	Denise Reilly
NA 2	Don Hill
NA 3	Elaine Hooker
NA 4	Karlene Perry
NA 5	Larry Holman
NA 6	Grant Miller
NA 7	Wendy Blecker
NA 8	Connie Gross



SLA Board Neighborhood Areas Map (Notional area boundaries)



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Important Information

Safe Boating Information Sign with No Wake Zone Identification

The SLA posted a new safe boating sign summarizing some of the State boating laws. Please note the update illustrates the No Wake Zones on Sacheen Lake. A NO WAKE SPEED is defined to be a speed that does not generate wake, but is no more than 5 MPH. No Wake Zones are always in effect in designated areas, as well as the entire lake from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.



Lions, and Tigers, and COUGARS? – OH MY!

We have had many cougar sightings since Spring of 2022. We live in their territory, and there are a few tips & tricks we can learn to cohabitate and prevent conflicts with them. Not only do we need to protect ourselves, but also our furry domesticated friends! Below are some pointers to prevent cougar encounters, as well as some important tips:

[What to do about cougars | The Humane Society of the United States](#)

- Store trash in an enclosed trash bin and don't leave food that can attract cougars and other animals outside.
- Install lighting and motion sensors in dark areas around your home
- Keep pets inside, especially from dusk until dawn, and always supervise small pets when outdoors
- Be aware of your surroundings and partner up with a buddy when venturing outdoors
- Bring a loud device such as whistle or airhorn that can scare away animals
- DON'T RUN if you encounter a cougar – it will see you as prey and chase you!



Photo taken on 5/27/22 on 371 Bayview Rd

Wake Boat Wakes

The SLA Board in the past has managed possible boat wake damage through a request to the county to initiate a no-wake period on the entire lake when the lake level is high enough that boat wake may cause shoreline erosion and property damage. Recent studies by several states and universities have highlighted the impact and power of wake boat wakes. The University of Minnesota College of Science and Engineering's St. Anthony Falls Laboratory study indicated the following: "In both modes of operation, the suggested distance from shoreline/docks for wakesurf boats is more than twice the distance of the 200 feet currently recommended by Minnesota guidelines for common recreational boats." Their study would seem to imply that a lake has to be around or more than 1000 ft wide to support wake boats. Sacheen Lake has only one section of the lake that exceeds 1000 ft (check out Google Maps). Many states are investigating or have implemented laws restricting the large wake from wake boats created while using them in their "surfing" mode. While Washington State and Pend Oreille County have not implemented any laws / ordinances, our lake property owners would greatly appreciate wake boat operators to at least use the middle of the lake and stay away from docks and the precious shoreline property. Thank you for your understanding and appreciation of the problem we face as lake property owners and wake boat enthusiasts. Reference: <https://cse.umn.edu/college/news/umn-researchers-study-waves-created-recreational-boats>.



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Important Information

Invasive Species at Sacheen Lake

On a yearly basis, our local voters are asked to approve a levy that supports the Operations & Maintenance for the Sacheen Water and Sewer District. This levy provides crucial funds, at no additional cost to the taxpayer, mostly for the purpose of invasive species management in Sacheen Lake. The lake is treated for Eurasian Milfoil, Curly Leaf Pond weed, and Water Shield using these funds. Photos below, taken from the web, illustrate these three invasive species. Please realize that there are other lake weeds which are not treated. Many of the lake residents use Diversified Divers for clearing all weeds near their shore and docks.



Eurasian Milfoil



Curly-leaf Pondweed



Water Shield

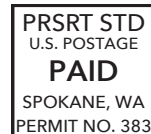


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The Sacheen Water and Sewer District (W&SD) will be saying goodbye to Joni Stillian. The SLA Board appreciates the work done by Joni on behalf of our sewer-connected neighbors and the lake (invasive species weed control, beaver dam management, etc.) and wish her the best of luck in her other endeavors. Thank you, Joni, for all your efforts on our behalf!

Please vote for the Sacheen W&S levy for Sacheen Lake this November; let's keep our lake usable through invasive weed management, water level control, and insurance that allows the W&S volunteers and board to perform the functions they do. This levy allocates funds from your current property taxes at no additional cost to you! Thank you!

Meet Your Board

President: Grant Miller, 858-204-5560, NA 6
Past President: Don Hill, 509-447-0960, NA 2
Vice President: Wendy Bleecker, NA 7
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Member: Elaine Hooker, 509-217-2475, NA 3
Member: Karlene Perry, 509-869-8400, NA 4
Member: Larry Holman, 509-953-6543, NA 5
Member: Lance Barklen, 509-447-0247, At Large
Member: Lil Hastie, (206) 817-7562, At Large

Lance Barklen is resigning from the Board as of 9 October 2022. Thank you, Lance, for your many years of service to the lake and community!

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