

Our Mission

To learn, study and monitor the condition of Portage Lake and take steps to keep it healthy and viable.

Friends of Portage Lake

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Portage Lake Report



First annual event a success...

Did you try the Double Time Tri?

by Mark Parks

On Saturday, June 12th, Klines Resort and our lake was host to the first annual Double Time Triathlon. Nearly 100 volunteers, many of whom were from our lake community, helped facilitate this event which hosted nearly 130 athletes. The event included a 400 yard swim, an 11.75 mile bike route around the lake, and a 3.1 mile run through trails at Klines Resort.



The event was a complete success and raised approximately \$1,400 for our invasive weed treatment program. We are hopeful that this will become an annual event.

A big “thank you” to race director Jim Mishler and to all who volunteered to help with this event. It would not have been possible without your help and support.



Left:
Race director Jim Mishler gives instructions.



Right:
Ruth Parks counts athletes as they enter the water to begin race.

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1st ANNUAL JULY 4TH BOAT PARADE

JOIN "FRIENDS OF PORTAGE LAKE" FOR OUR FIRST JULY 4TH BOAT PARADE!

DECORATE YOUR BOAT IN A PATRIOTIC STYLE!

YOU JUST MIGHT WIN THE TRAVELING TROPHY FOR MOST PATRIOTIC BOAT!

DATE: Sunday, July 4

TIME: 1:00 PM

ROUTE: Meet near the lighthouse at Klines Resort and follow the leader. Re-gather for presentation of trophy.

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Website of the Month

www.ngm.com

This month's recommended web site could be considered the digital companion to the National Geographic Special Issue entitled

Water—Our Thirsty World.

Be prepared to dedicate an hour or so browsing this extensive on-line resource dedicated to every facet of freshwater.

(Info Courtesy of MLSA newsletter)

Pancake Breakfast Aug. 7

A fundraiser for the "Friends of Portage Lake"

Enjoy a great breakfast and support a great cause at our 1st Pancake Breakfast.

Everyone's invited at the Klines Resort clubhouse on Saturday, Aug 7 from 8 to 10 am.

\$5 per person, \$2.50 ages 12 & under.



Chairman's Report

Busy summer ahead

Summer has officially arrived at Portage Lake! The lake is now busy with fishing, boating, and enjoying those long evenings that occasionally end with a beautiful sunset and marshmallows over a good fire by the water's edge.

The double time tri was a highlight of our year. (See article on page 1, pictures on pages 1 & 3).

Another major happening since our last newsletter was the information meeting held on April 19th for lake residents. The meeting, held at West Mendon United Methodist Church, was attended by 60 residents and included a discussion on the proposed invasive weed treatment plan for this year. There was also a time of questions and answers and sharing of encouragement and concerns. The committee explained the financial donations

required to meet our goal for funding the treatment program. Funds given at the meeting and through mid-May met and exceeded our expectations. Thank you to all who attended the public meeting and to those who have given so generously.

A few of our committee members attended the 49th annual Michigan Lake and Stream Associations Conference in Lansing April 30 – May 1st. The goal of this conference was to provide lake monitoring training and to offer education on lake management, riparian law, and other topics of interest to lake residents. This was a great conference for anyone who would like to expand their understanding of the issues that affect the viability of our Michigan lakes and streams.

Please see the notice in this newsletter on the 1st annual July 4th boat parade which is right around the corner. I hope you'll join us in this fun event to come together as lake residents and show our patriotism!

Mark Parks,
Chairman



Bikers return to transition area.

Invasive Weed Treatment Update

The MDNRE has finally issued our permit. Because of the high water levels, the next weed survey has been delayed until July.

Our next steps are:

1. Identify areas to be treated for milfoil.
2. Obtain permission from property owners adjacent to treatment areas.
3. Apply treatment. Inspect and re-treat where needed.
4. Continue to monitor cabomba and seek permission to treat. (The state has not responded to our trial treatment request.)



Kaitlyn Kline readies her equipment in transition area.

Treasurer's Report

Our "Friends of Portage Lake" Triathlon Fund Raiser on June 12, 2010 seemed to be perfect all the way around. Weather, venue, participants, volunteers, spectators - we could not have asked for anything more perfect. Everyone had so much fun and we are already talking about next year and hoping we can make it even better if that is possible. We are waiting to hear about the proceeds from the event, but we expect the news to be great.

Special thanks to all the people who volunteered to help me pull off the registration - they were absolutely awesome and made it seem like we had done it before! Ruth Parks, Lorraine Barton, Glory Bragg, Grace Bond -my husband David, my sister Mary and her husband Steve - Sherry and Terry Large - you all made my job easy - thank you so much.

A special note of thanks to Phil and Tama Kline (and the entire resort community) for allowing the Triathlon to have the greatest venue ever. We all know and appreciate the effort put forth to make it successful and we are grateful from every aspect. Especially considering that Phil participated in the event - I think that meant Tama had some extra duties?

Our donations to date total \$5,500.00. This does NOT include proceeds from the Triathlon held on June 12, 2010, or the Pancake Breakfast that we will have on August 7 at Klins Resort.

The responses for donations that we have received via our public meeting in April and our quarterly newsletters has been overwhelming. Our committee could not be happier to find so many enthusiastic "Friends of Portage Lake"!!

Thanks again for your most generous donations, your willingness to volunteer for our fundraisers and your notes of encouragement for our efforts. We could not be successful without all of you and for that we are grateful.

We will continue to inform you of our activities and progress on the lake weed conditions via our quarterly newsletters. We welcome any suggestions or comments at any time.

Kathleen Kauffman

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50/50 Raffle Report

Congratulations to Joe Calasa and his wife, not only for winning their age group in the triathlon (both competed) but they also had the winning ticket of the 50/50 drawing. When we called them to report they had won, they were especially pleased. They are from Waterloo, Indiana and look forward to participating again next year. The amount forwarded to them was \$86.00 and the amount going into the lake fund is also \$86.00.

Sherry & Terry Large

I'm a Friend of Portage Lake!

- Contribution enclosed:
\$_____ (Thanks!)
- Volunteer to help with Pancake Breakfast August 7
- Send me emails with copies of the MLSA newsletter
- Other: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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