

# LILLY LAKE NEWS

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### The Origin of the Wisconsin Friday Night Fish Fry

There are several possible origins, but the most commonly accepted is from Catholicism and the large German population tradition of fish dinners on meatless Fridays as far back as the 1800s. It is thought that Prohibition also helped since restaurants and taverns needed something to attract customers.

The big question is who has the best fish fry?



## AUGUST REHAB DISTRICT MEETING

On August 4th, the annual meeting of the Lilly Lake Rehabilitation District was held at the Wheatland Town Hall. There were approximately 25 people in attendance.

Two of the main topics were the weeds and the geese. The weed growth appeared greater than normal this past summer, possibly due to the lower water levels and drought. Marine Biochemist treated portions of the lake for Eurasian water milfoil on two occasions. Milfoil is the plant that grows right up to the lake surface impeding boat traffic and making swimming very difficult. The DNR permit allows up to a certain amount every year, but only for non-native plants like milfoil.

A gaggle of geese on the lake this year also reinvigorated the discussion of possible control measures. Physical removal can only be done when the birds are flightless, which is a short period in June and must be completed by personnel from the USDA. However, a DNR permit can be obtained to destroy the eggs, if nests can be found. This latter option may be pursued next spring.

Finally, the budget was discussed. Since there has been no special tax assessment collected from district residents for a few years, the account balance has dropped. It was proposed (and passed) to assess \$.10/\$1000 home value this year.

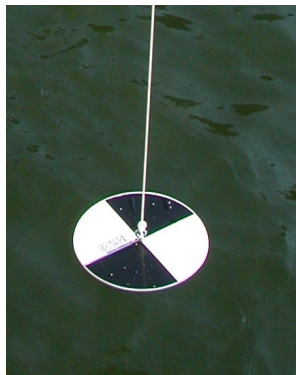
The next meeting will be in May 2013.

## LILLY LAKE VENETIAN NIGHT IS BACK!



This past summer Venetian Night returned to Lilly Lake. Back by popular demand, the event was held August 11. The boat decoration theme was the "Wizard of Oz" and the movie was played that night on the beach. Let's hope this becomes an annual tradition.

## LILLY LAKE IN INTERNATIONAL TEXTBOOK



### Water clarity highlights:

Max = 16.75 ft (Sept 15th)

Min = 9.25 ft (August 18th)

Season Ave = 11.57 feet

### Send in Your Fish Pictures!

Do you have a photo of fish you caught on Lilly Lake? Send it in to the email below and we may include it in the next newsletter!



- Do you have a topic that you would like to see in the newsletter?

Please contact Mike Adam at: [balooadam@yahoo.com](mailto:balooadam@yahoo.com).

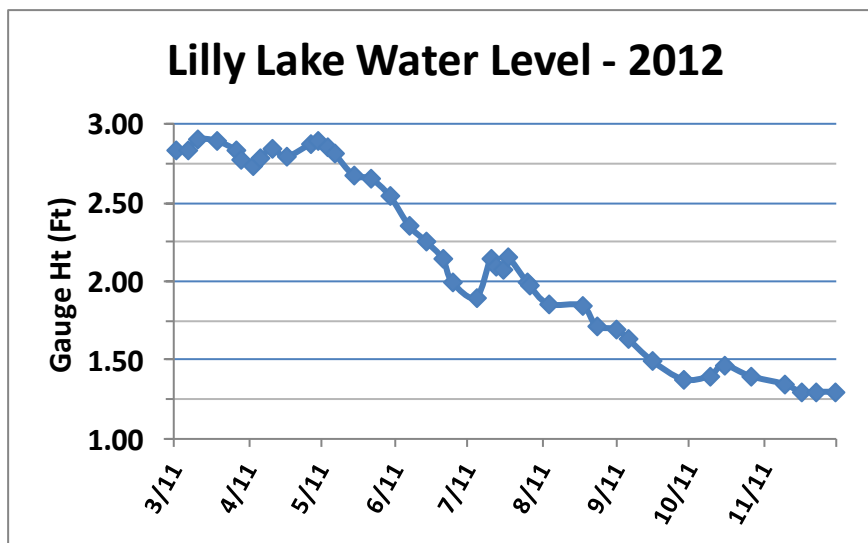
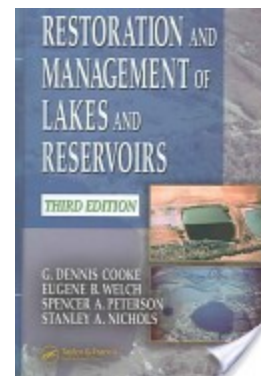
So you think Lilly Lake is a quiet little lake that no one outside western Kenosha County knows about? How about one that is recognized internationally?

In the book “Restoration and Management of Lakes and Reservoirs” by Dennis Cooke et al. in a section highlighting case studies of successful lake restoration projects, there it is: Lilly Lake, Kenosha County, Wisconsin.

Copyright laws prohibit the reproduction of any of the text, but the book discusses what the lake was like prior to and after the dredging project. It focuses on the water quality and aquatic plant responses. Of the case studies highlighted, it is the only one from Wisconsin. There is even an aerial photograph of Lilly Lake on the back cover. How about that!

The authors are internationally renowned limnologists. The book is very technical

and not recommended as a casual read (although it may help you sleep). I have a copy of it if you really want to see it.



## LILLY LAKE BEACH WATER TEST RESULTS-2012

An advisory is issued when the E. coli bacteria reading is between 235 and 1000 colonies per 100 ml. A closure happens when counts are over 1000.

June 4,- 16 cfu/100mls  
 June 12 - 40 cfu/100mls  
 June 18 - 28 cfu/100mls  
 June 25 - 16 cfu/100mls  
 July 2 - 13 cfu/100mls  
 July 9 - 1203 cfu/100mls - CLOSED  
 July 10 - 8 cfu/100mls - REOPEN  
 July 16 - 1 cfu/100mls  
 July 23 - 109 cfu/100mls

Aug 1, - 86 cfu/100mls - REOPEN  
 Aug 6 - 261 cfu/100mls - ADVISORY  
 Aug 7 - 1414 cfu/100mls - CLOSED  
 Aug 9 - 1300 cfu/100mls - CLOSED  
 Aug 13 - 387 cfu/100mls - ADVISORY  
 Aug 14 - 67 cfu/100mls - REOPEN  
 Aug 20 - 20 cfu/100mls  
 Aug 27 - 6 cfu/100mls

