

Barlow Lake Newsletter

Memorial Day Weekend 2017

First Edition 2017

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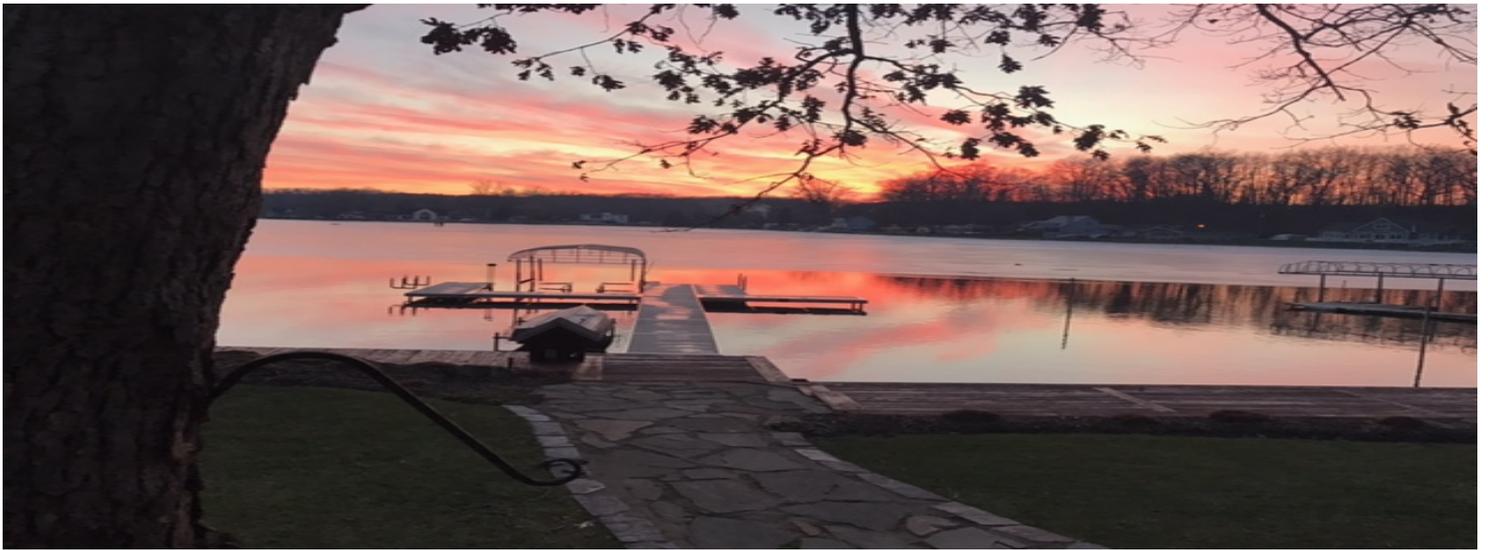
For me the mild winter was very much welcomed.

However, I did find myself wondering if the early departure of the ice and snow only made it harder because it felt like summer was truly just around the corner.

Summer 2017 is now upon us – there are several new faces around the lake, new homes built – lets welcome our new neighbors, say hello to our long time resident friends and get ready to enjoy a summer on this beautiful lake we call Barlow



LIFE IS SIMPLE - JUST ADD WATER



Association Officers / Area Captains

We need help in area 5 for captains and a Fish Contest Coordinator. Please send any fish contest results to lmillerx25@aol.com for now.

Association Officers:

President: Luke Miller

Vice President: Mike Cunningham

Secretary: Barb Cunningham

Treasurer: Don Visser

Area Captains:

Area 1: Jim and Mary Lou Johnson / Luke Miller

Area 2: Greg Oatley

Area 3: Ruth Hubbard

Area 4: Bob & Wanda Hunt/
Mike & Marilyn Wagner

**Area 5: Terri Duff / Fred Ainsworth / Bernice Heys/
VACANCY – Need help**

Area 6: Sue O'Brien

Special Interest Coordinators

Fireworks: Earl Krol

Boat Parade: Mary Lou Johnson

Fish Contest / Stocking: Sadly Vacant

Still looking for any volunteers to help with advertising, newsletter, welcoming committee, and fundraising.

Please send dues to:

2017 Dues.....

Don Visser

Suite 150 2480 44th St SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Dues for Barlow allows us to continue with fireworks, boat parade, fish stocking and the fish contest - \$40.00 per year is not very much compared to other associations.

For those who would like to contribute “extra” you can do so and can have it directed to the fish funds or fireworks – simply select which – or both on the dues sheet and we will make sure to apply accordingly.

Thanks to all those that have paid– we have had some very generous folks adding to fireworks and fish stocking.



Dates for your Calendar

Summer 2017



2017 Association Meetings:

June 3rd – 9 AM Yankee Springs Township Hall

ANY INTEREST IN BEING AN OFFICER ? ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN AUGUST

August 19^h – 9 AM Yankee Springs Township Hall

OFFICER ELECTIONS TO BE HELD

Fireworks:

July 1stnd – Tentative Start at 10:15

Rain Date: TBD

Boat Parade:

July 1st

Theme: **TBD**

2:00 PM Start in Turtle Cove

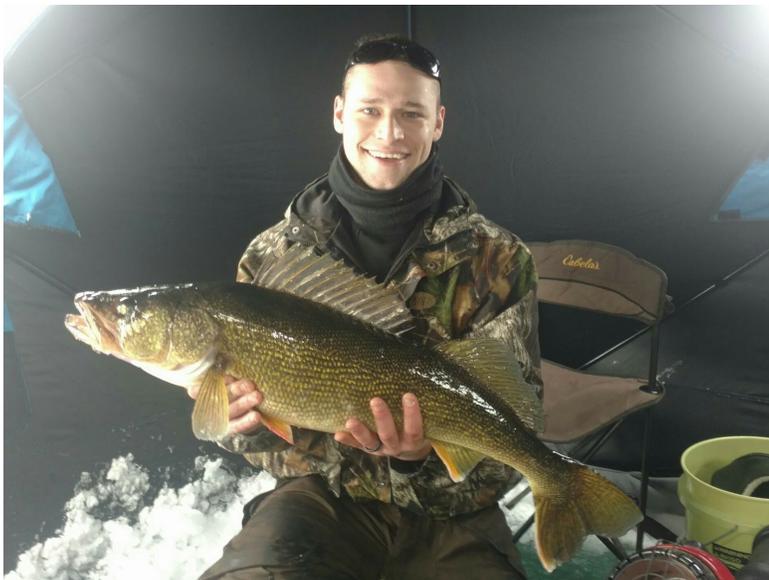
Contact Mary Lou Johnson

795-0009 or mljohnson0009@charter.net



Triathlon: July 16th – Tri Del Sol Triathlon – YMCA CAMP

YMCA Picnic: August 5th - 4-7 PM – Activities to include: Climbing wall, archery, zip line & S'mores



R.J. Bailey (Russ and Gaye Patterson's oldest grandson) catch and release winter 2017

Barlow Lake History - What A Great Story

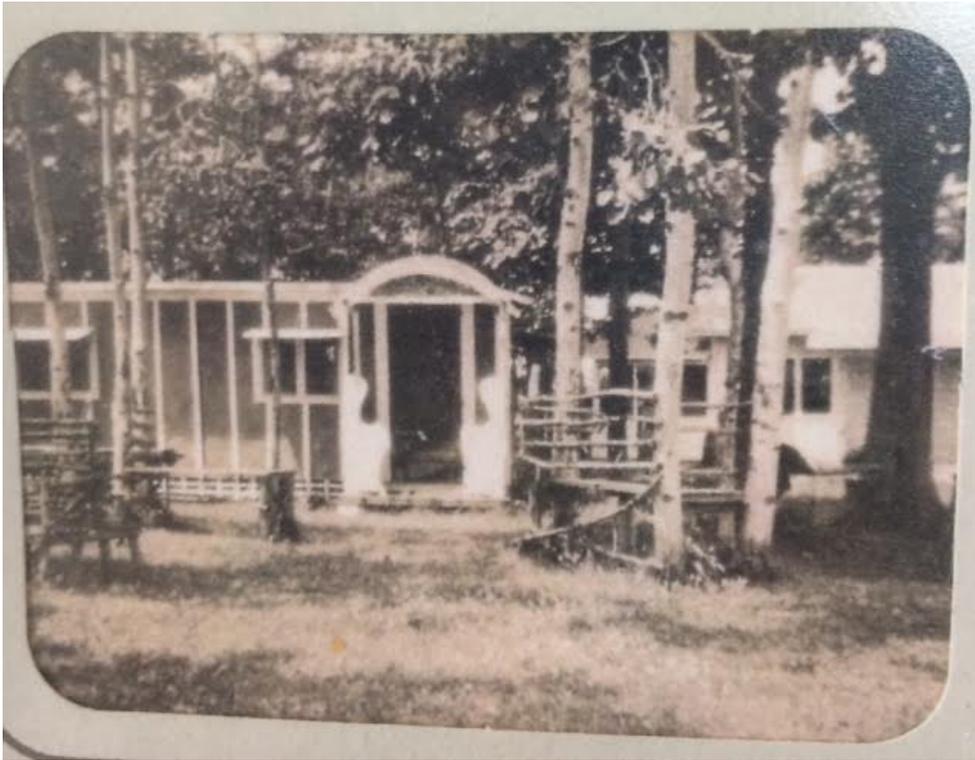


“It would have been a car that looked like something like this that brought Arthur and Vera Harding along with their 9 year old daughter, Vivadale, to Barlow Lake for the first time. It would have been a drive through the country on a dusty two-track road from the Harding’s modest home in the city of Grand Rapids. No one really knows why or how the Harding’s path led them to the beautiful point on the northwest shores of the lake. What is known fact is that five generations later their family still thanks the Lord above for the treasure of what is now referred to as Patterson Point. The Harding’s purchased the property on a land contract from Theodore and Lottie Wisner on June 1st, 1922 for the sum \$300.00 which was paid over a 30 year period at \$10.00 a year interest free.

Vivadale was an only child and eventually married her high school sweetheart, Bernhard Patterson. In the late 1940’s Vivedale inherited the lake property and she and Bernard, better known as “Bun”, spent many happy summers with their children, Patricia, Russell and Bernadine. Bun was the Barlow Lake Association president for many years. The family was very involved with the Barlow Gardens Roller Rink. The whole Patterson clan worked there along side of their dear friends and owners of the rink, Henry and Cathy Carpenter and the Carpenter’s daughter, Edna, her husband, Forrest, and their sons Jerry and Mike Keyes. The roller rink, which was located on Briggs Road, was a social spot for the young people in the community and many romances were sparked around the smooth hardwood floors to the music of the day.

After the loss of Bun in 1976 and Vivadale in 1981, Russ and his wife, Gaye had the opportunity to purchase the sister’s portion of the property and in 1983 they became sole owners. The tradition continued of spending every summer at the cottage along with their 3 daughters and Gaye’s mother. In 2003, the lake beckoned them to a full-time living and the old cottage was replaced with a new year round home. The family has grown to include 3 sons-in-law and 12 grandchildren who can be seen nearly every Sunday afternoon enjoying family time on the beloved grounds picked out by their ancestors 95 years ago.”

In celebration of the 95th anniversary of Patterson Point, The family invites you to stop over “LAKESIDE” from 1 PM to 2:30 PM on Saturday, June 3, 2017 and receive a treat.



*Patterson's Barlow Lake
Cottage many years ago*

*Russ Patterson on the point
with a big fish -- summer
of 1950*



A very special thanks to Russ and Gaye for sharing this with us.

Stories like these are what we want and truly show why Barlow Lake has been such a special place for a lot of us for many, many years and is helping provide these same memories and history for our new neighbors on the lake.

FISHING CONTEST

2017 year to date



| FISH | FISHER-PERSON | DATE OF CATCH | SIZE |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|
| Crappie | Peyton Edick | | 10 in |
| Brown Bullhead | None Reported | | NA |
| Sm. Mouth Bass | Owen Huizenga | 8-11-2016 | 18 ½ in |
| Walleye | Hope Johnson | 7-23-2016 | 20 1/2 in |
| Green Sunfish | Hope Johnson | 6-25-2016 | 9 1/2 in |
| Northern Pike | Ian Verstrate | | 34 1/2 in |
| Black Bullhead | Dave Quada | 8-23-2016 | 12 in |
| Lg Mouth Bass | Armondo Rios | | 19 in |
| Blue Gill | David Hoekstra | 6-13-2016 | 9 ½ in |
| Rock Bass | Peyton Edick | | 10 in |
| Sunfish | David Hoekstra | 6-13-2016 | 10 1/4 in |
| Perch | None Reported | | NA |

We were truly saddened to hear that Mike Hoekstra passed away this past year.

We would like to extend our sincerest condolences to his wife Bonnie and Mike's family. His passion for Barlow Lake and all he did to support not only the fishing contest for many years but the stocking program and all the effort working with the DNR, helped make this lake even better.

Mike will be sadly missed.

General Lake Information

Thank You

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Russ and Gaye Patterson for sharing their story and pictures – this is exactly what we have been hoping to get from the good folks on Barlow. Hopefully this will help generate additional stories for future editions of the newsletter.

We would also like to thank Tony Groves for the excellent history and maps of Barlow Lake and his generosity in sharing. We are very fortunate to have Tony as a resident here on Barlow. His contributions in making this a better lake cannot be measured.

