



INDIAN LAKE UPDATE

SPRING 2023

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MEETINGS

All are welcome to attend!

Our meetings are held at the Indian Lake State Park Campground Multi-Purpose Building the third Wednesday of every month except December. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm and last approximately one hour.

Key Dates to Remember

Disc Golf Tournaments

June 10/11, 2023

ILDC Day!

September 8, 2023

Fall Festival

September 22-24, 2023

President's Message *A new season and a new ILDC president!*

I wanted to share a little about myself for those who do not know me. I have had a home at Indian Lake for the last 7 years. Since purchasing a home, I have become ingrained into the community. With the help of my cousin; we created a 501(c)3, we raised funds with help from the ILDC and we installed a \$25K playground at Chippewa Park. I was able to get Columbus Disc Flyers to donate baskets and with the help of family and friends we were able to install a 9-hole disc golf course (which has now become PDGA certified). I like to support the Chippewa Outreach Community Center and ILDC and the amazing things they are doing to help our community. This past month myself and three others have opened up a community real estate office in Russell's Point. I am looking forward to immersing myself further into helping out our community on a more personal level.



Rachel Kubic,
ILDC president

I look forward to serving you, our members and the broader community, as the ILDC President for 2023. I want to personally thank Dale Frymyer, our past president and current vice president, for his tireless efforts to improve our community. He has been such an integral part of all of the things that the ILDC has done and will continue to do. My goal will be to continue with the great work that the ILDC has been doing and further spread the word about what the ILDC is and how people can get involved.

Report of Activities: There is a lot of activity going on within ILDC. We just finished a very successful Maple Syrup Festival. Members are planning for the Taste of Indian Lake on June 3rd (Restaurant Trail with prizes), the Disc Golf Tournament on June 10th (amateurs)/11th (PDGA sanctioned), assisting the Pickleball group to bring awareness to the community that are raising money, to put in eight Pickleball courts at Old Field Beach, in the beginning phases of planning for a shelter house at Chippewa Park from money from capital funding, planning the new gateway sign in Lakeview and much more.

If you are interested in meeting new people and getting involved in our community; the ILDC is a great way to begin. Our members are vested in improving and maintaining our great lake. If you have an idea that you would like to share with the group, please come to one of our meetings. Our meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM across from the state park campground commissary.

Thank you to all of our volunteers that continue to give of their time for the good of the community!

Maple Syrup Festival Growth Shines!

by David Goff, Maple Syrup Festival co-chair

The 2023 Maple Syrup Festival took place on one of the season's coldest and snowiest weekends, but dozens of entertainers, vendors, volunteers, and festival goers joined together for the largest Indian Lake Maple Syrup Festival in history. Despite the wintry weather, lots of sunshine helped grow the festival with the many great sights and sounds heard throughout the weekend. Vendors joined together and squeezed into the entertainment tent where they, along with festival goers, were treated to the fabulous sounds of acoustic guitarist Natalie Uhlenhake; both Riverside School Show Choir and Riverside Marching Band, and Indian Lake Middle School Show Choir. Children of multiple ages enjoyed wonderful face paintings by area residents Rebecca Walz and Terra Clem as well as the sounds and faith message demonstrated by the Seed Sowers Gospel Puppet Show. Bounce houses were on site for kids of all ages who were willing to brave the blustery weather!



In addition to the nearly two dozen vendors who offered handmade crafts, homemade baked goods, maple syrup/honey-based flavored candies and dessert snacks, festival goers enjoyed vintage maple collectibles displayed by collector Paul Nussbaum, Indian Lake Park staff/ODNR naturalists provided wagon rides and demonstrations of the maple syrup extraction process in the park's maple syrup sugar shack. The ILDC made and sold over 600 maple syrup flavored pancake and sausage breakfast meals. Thank you to the dozens of school aged students who entertained and volunteered at the 2023 Maple Syrup Festival and Pancake Breakfast. A special thank you to the Indian Lake High School Key Club members who worked diligently serving tables and assisting guests as well as our many area food sponsors and our three entertainment sponsors: CRANBERRY RESORT, RV WHOLESALERS, SHORELINE CONSTRUCTION, and QUEST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION. Plans are already being made for the 2024 Maple Syrup Festival and Pancake Breakfast and the continued growth of this great annual tradition at Indian Lake!

Indian Lake Memorial Tree and Bench Program

The ILDC Memorial Tree program is closed once again. At the request of the State Park manager, ILDC will not take orders nor plant memorial trees this Fall. The tree donors can still order the new plaques to replace the old wood posts. Thank you to Randy Sullivan and his crew members who lowered the old wood posts to a height of 18" or less to improve their appearance.

The ILDC Memorial Bench Program includes over 20 installed benches along the lake shoreline or along the bike path. This spring we plan to place four more already purchased benches. We have six benches in stock for additional purchase and placement as requested this summer. The Memorial Bench price has also increased to \$1,200 each.



Memorial Bench order forms are available at the State Park office, Choice Properties Real Estate office, or online at www.ILDCohio.org.

Burning Prohibited in Spring

Ohio law states that most outdoor debris burning is prohibited in unincorporated areas from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. during March, April, and May (Ohio Revised Code 1503.18).



Burning is limited in the spring due to the abundance of dry grass, weeds and leaves on the ground. Winds can make a seemingly safe fire burn more intensely and escape control. If a fire does escape control, immediately contact the local fire department. An escaped wildfire, even one burning in grass or weeds, is dangerous.

"A major cause of escaped wildfires in Ohio during the spring is the careless burning of trash and debris that accumulated during the winter months," said Greg Guess, fire program administrator and assistant chief for the ODNR Division of Forestry. "Unnecessary risk to people and property can be minimized by following safe burning practices and being aware of the burning regulations."

MEMBERSHIP

Last year ILDC finally hit our membership goal of 700 members! As of our April meeting, ILDC has already reached the 700+ goal again! We will send out an email to members from the last two years encouraging them to renew their membership for 2023. As an organization, we have completed some major projects around the lake and our hope is that more full- and part-time residents will learn of our accomplishments and want to support our organization. ILDC has/is working on smaller projects that you may not notice, but improve the Indian Lake State Park appearance. Examples are cleaning the shoreline of tall weeds and planting flowers around the park signage. Other projects include clearing

trails, replacing trail signage, and replacing boardwalk boards. You may not notice these projects but they all are intended to make our Indian Lake State Park even better for the residents and summer visitors. Below is a membership application form if you have not already joined for this year.

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ILDC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION \$15 Family or Business

Make checks payable to ILDC and return to ILDC, PO Box 103, Russells Point, OH 43348

Please print clearly.



Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Street: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

Preferred method of communication:

Mail (Use address above)

Text Phone #: (____) _____

Email (Email Address): _____

I would like to make an additional donation to ILDC in the amount of \$ _____

I'd like to be notified of opportunities to volunteer

ILDC Volunteers Working to Bring Pickleball Courts to Indian Lake!

by Laura Kunkle, Indian Lake Pickleball

Pickleball – a funny name for a fun sport! Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country. It is easy to learn and is played by people of all ages and abilities, making it a great way to stay active and engaged in the community.

A group of ILDC volunteers has a vision of creating a thriving recreation hub that benefits the residents and visitors of our beautiful lake area by building eight pickleball courts at Old Field Beach in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Our goal of building pickleball courts at Indian Lake is to foster increased opportunities for recreation and promote the health and well being of our community. At the same time, we aim to further the positive reputation of Indian Lake as a premier recreation destination.

What is Pickleball?

Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. It was invented in 1965 by three dads on Bainbridge Island, WA. According to the story, the three dads were looking for a way to entertain their children, who were bored with their usual Summertime activities. They set up a badminton court but couldn't find the shuttlecock. Instead, they used a whiffle ball and some paddles. They lowered the net, and the game of pickleball was born. There are pickleball tournaments and clubs all over the world.

Health & Well-Being Benefits of Pickleball

Pickleball offers a variety of physical, mental, and social benefits, including:

- **Low-impact exercise:** Pickleball is a low-impact sport that is easier on the joints than high-impact activities, making it a great option for people with joint pain or arthritis

- **Improved cardiovascular health:** Pickleball is a great form of aerobic exercise that can help improve cardiovascular health by increasing heart rate and oxygen intake.
- **Enhanced coordination and balance:** Playing pickleball requires players to move to react to the ball, which can help improve coordination and balance.
- **Socialization:** Pickleball is often played in groups, which provides a great opportunity for socialization and building relationships.
- **Mental stimulation:** Pickleball requires players to strategize and make quick decisions, which can help improve mental agility and cognitive function.
- **Fun and enjoyment:** Pickleball is a fun and engaging sport that can provide a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction when players successfully execute a shot or win a point.

Overall, pickleball is a great sport for people of all ages and fitness levels, and offers a wide range of physical, mental, and social benefits.

Economic Benefits of Pickleball

Pickleball can have a number of economic benefits for the Indian Lake community, including:

- **Increased tourism:** Communities that invest in pickleball facilities and host tournaments can attract visitors from other areas, boosting tourism and supporting local businesses like hotels, restaurants, and shops.
- **Job creation:** The growth of pickleball can create new jobs in areas such as construction, facility management, and event planning.
- **Health care savings:** By promoting physical activity and healthy living, pickleball can help reduce healthcare costs associated with obesity and sedentary lifestyles.
- **Increased property values:** Properties may see an increase in value due to the popularity of the sport and recreational amenities that come with it.

Overall, pickleball has the potential to provide significant economic benefits to Indian Lake businesses and residents, both in terms of direct and indirect impacts. As the sport continues to grow in popularity, it is likely that we will see even more economic benefits emerge in the future.

Mark Your Calendars for July 8: Indian Lake Pickleball Community Day

The Indian Lake Pickleball Group is hosting a Community Day on Saturday, July 8 from 9am—Noon at Old Field Beach near the dog park. This event will be an opportunity for individuals to learn about the sport, try it out for themselves, enjoy the beautiful scenery at Old Field Beach, engage with other community members who want to learn more about this fast-growing sport, and experience the joy of playing pickleball.

You don't need to bring any equipment. Paddles and balls will be available for those wanting to have some fun. Temporary courts will be set up, allowing participants to get hands-on experience with the game. Whether you are a regular player or a beginner looking to learn, this event is perfect for you. Experienced players will be on hand to demonstrate the game, partner with you for some fun court time, offer tips and guidance, and answer any questions.



Donate Today! Your Support Helps our Community

By supporting our efforts to build pickleball courts at Old Field Beach, you are not only investing in the wellbeing of the community but also in the future economic development of the area.

We are aware of the weed issue affecting the lake, and we understand the importance of keeping people coming to the area despite this challenge. By building pickleball courts, we can offer additional recreational opportunities that are not impacted by the weed problem, and we can ensure that visitors and residents have more fun and engaging things to do.

To achieve our vision, we need your help. We rely on the generosity of donors to fund our efforts. With your help, we can build the pickleball courts and boost the local economy. Your donation will help us realize this potential and create a better future for our community. Learn more and donate now by visiting www.ILDCOhio.org/pickleballcourts or see our **Help Build Pickleball Courts** flyer.

Indian Lake State Park... Then and Now!

by Dave Helgeson, former Park Manager and former ILDC President

I came to Indian Lake State Park as park manager in 1982 and retired from that position in 2002. I thought it would be fun to take a look at the changes that have taken place since 1982.

	Then	Now
Park office	At Moundwood	In the campground
Beaches	Fox Island, campground	Fox Island, campground, Old Field beach, swimming pool campground
Restrooms	Vault latrines	Modern restrooms
Skiing	Two ski zones	Open zone
Enforcement	Rangers-no weapons	Conservation officers-armed
Campground Sites	First come first serve, electric and non-electric, no pets	All sites reservable, pets allowed, full service sites available, WiFi at all sites
Dock fees	State dock per season - \$85 Private dock fee off private property - \$3.00	\$500 \$100
Watercraft	Runabouts, pontoons	Pontoons, runabouts, jet skis, kayaks, wake boards, para-sails
Volunteers	Bass club and student litter pick ups	Camper Hosts, Honda employees, many ILDC volunteer projects
Special Events	Initial small Fall Festival, Fourth of July fireworks, Ring of Fire	Fall Festival which draws tens of thousand, Fourth of July fireworks, Ring of Fire, Party at the Beach, Rock the Lake, Maple Syrup Festival, Arts in the Park and more

It's amazing to look back at how far we've come! Of course, many of you and your parents or even grandparents will remember the amusement park, the various bait stores and boat rentals, dance halls with big bands, etc. Fond memories are made at Indian Lake!



Fore! Disc Golf Tournaments

Saturday, June 10, 2023 Novice/Family Tournament

Enter this beginner friendly, random draw doubles disc golf tournament! Participants will be randomly paired with another disc golfer where both players will throw and take the best shot between the two players.

\$10 to enter. Pre-register at link below, in person registration/player check-in is from 11:00am-noon and play begins at noon. [Register HERE](#)

The winning team will win their choice at a disc per person. In addition, a random pick for another team to win discs.

There will be three temporary baskets added to the course (for 12 holes total) and play will include the full course twice (24 holes total).

Sunday, June 11, 2023 Competitive PDGA Tournament

Come out to the first PDGA (Professional Disc Golf Association) tournament at Old Field Beach! Whether spectating or participating, this will definitely be an event not to miss!

\$35 to enter for PDGA members/\$45 non-PDGA member.

Pre-register at link below, player check-in begins at 7:00am the day of the tournament with a player's meeting at 8:45am and round 1 beginning at 9:15am. [Register HERE](#)

This will be a two round tournament with a lunch break in-between both rounds. There will be three temporary baskets added to the course (for 12 holes total) and play will include the full course twice (24 holes total) per round.

[All proceeds from entries for both tournaments will benefit the ILDC and Chippewa Youth Center!](#)



Help Build Pickleball Courts at Indian Lake

PLATINUM

\$50,000-\$10,001

- Large recognition plaque on permanent court sign
- Inclusion in full-page sponsor recognition ad in next year's Indian Lake Guide
- Placard on fixed court furniture
- Placard on large equipment station
- Frequent shoutouts on Pickleball Facebook page
- Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce social media promotion
- Company logo on tournament ads
- Company logo on tournament giveaways

GOLD

\$10,000-\$5,001

- Medium recognition plaque on permanent court sign
- Inclusion in full-page sponsor recognition ad in next year's Indian Lake Guide
- Placard on medium equipment station
- Frequent shoutouts on Pickleball Facebook page
- Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce social media promotion
- Company logo on tournament ads

SILVER

\$5,000-\$1,000

- Small recognition plaque on permanent court sign
- Inclusion in full-page sponsor recognition ad in next year's Indian Lake Guide
- Placard on small equipment station
- Frequent shoutouts on Pickleball Facebook page

BRONZE

Under \$1,000

- Frequent shoutouts on Pickleball Facebook page

Project in partnership with



Donate at ILDCohio.org/pickleballcourts

Questions? Contact Robin at 937-441-0654



Lake Weed Project Update

from the ODNR, Department of Ohio State Parks and Watercraft Website

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) will work to manage excessive vegetation during 2023 at Indian Lake. ODNR, with all of our partners, made significant progress in improving the lake in 2022. The agency will be aggressive in 2023 to ensure Indian Lake is navigable for boaters, anglers, and anyone who wants to enjoy this amazing natural resource.

The following is a summary of management strategies anticipated to be used in 2023, and was developed from data collected and recommendations made by lake management experts hired by ODNR and the Indian Lake Watershed Project. Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio General Assembly approved additional funding to implement these strategies in HB 45. All strategies and subsequent actions are based on the developing situation at the lake, information provided by lake management experts, or any other information that becomes available.

Monitoring

ODNR signed a contract with Restorative Lake Sciences to:

- Monitor lake vegetation, including an early season survey to be conducted once water temperatures allow to determine the status of lake vegetation and a whole lake survey to be conducted in the summer to compare with the 2022 study;
- Monitor treatment areas and lake conditions; and
- Provide recommendations for chemical/mechanical treatments.
- Herbicide Applications

Once water temperatures reach a consistent 50 degrees, Restorative Lake Sciences will conduct a lake vegetation survey to determine the effectiveness



Dredge Material Giveaway Program

from the ODNR, Department of Ohio State Parks and Watercraft Website

What happens when dredge material is removed from Indian Lake? It's a question often asked, and the answer includes a beneficial uses for neighbors at Indian Lake!

Material is removed from the lake by pipeline from a dredge on a barge and is deposited at ODNR disposal sites. Past dredging activities have moved more than 100,000 cubic yards of material from the lake to Moundwood. That's about 7,700 tandem dump truck loads! Dredging is a positive step that removes excess material from the lake, but figuring out what to do with a mini-mountain worth of material can be a challenge.

ODNR's dredge dirt giveaway program is an opportunity to take this material for free. The beneficial reuse of this material allows ODNR to continue to use disposal sites for future dredging projects, and residents can receive nutrient-rich soil for their private use. ODNR will be on-site at the Moundwood DMRA (dredge material relocation area), weather permitting, to load dirt on the first and third Fridays of the month from 8:00am until noon beginning May 5 through Sept 15. Other days are available, by appointment. Natural unwashed sand is also available for pickup.

Contact Shawn.Nixon@dnr.Ohio.gov for additional information.

and extent of 2022's herbicide applications. Once this survey is completed and Restorative Lake Sciences make its recommendations, ODNR will move forward with necessary herbicide applications to target Eurasian watermilfoil. Three areas were identified by lake management experts as potential treatment zones:

- Northern end of open zone
- Spillway area
- West of Orchard Island

Specific size and extent of application areas will be determined based on the results of the early season lake vegetation survey. The survey will also target the effectiveness of 2022's herbicide application zones.

Treatment will begin as soon as water conditions and temperatures allow. Any treatment will occur in designated areas every few weeks, with continued monitoring of oxygen and nutrient levels. Depending on any effects to lake conditions, the last large-scale treatment could be completed by the end of June.

Smaller herbicide applications could be necessary based on continued surveying and monitoring to be conducted by the lake management expert.

The end goal is to reduce invasive Eurasian watermilfoil from the lake as much as possible because complete eradication is unachievable. Monitoring for harmful algal blooms will be necessary and will be a consideration in any additional herbicide applications later in the season.

Harvesting

Lake management experts recommend mitigating Coontail and any early-season Curly-leaf pondweed by harvesting. ODNR will utilize state-owned equipment and employees to conduct harvesting. The agency is currently accepting bids for private harvesting to supplement these harvesting efforts.

Harvesting will focus on areas dominated by dense Coontail as identified by lake management experts.

Maintenance Dredging

ODNR will continue to focus on maintenance dredging utilizing state-owned equipment and personnel located at Indian Lake. Areas identified by lake management experts will be a focus for ODNR's maintenance dredging program. As-stated, ODNR's dredging program is focused on maintenance such as maintaining navigational channels and dredging of silt-traps and other inflows to the lake.

The agency has reestablished a community task force to help identify additional priority maintenance dredging locations and locate additional Dredge Material Relocation Areas. This task force will bring together ODNR staff members focused only on efforts at Indian Lake and community members to advance maintenance dredging through the identification and acquisition of dredge material relocation areas.