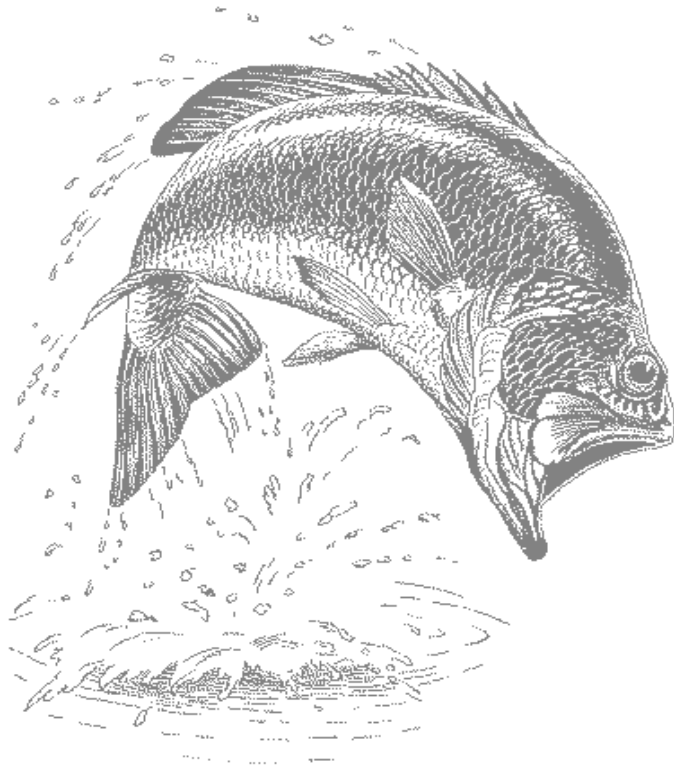


HISTORY OF THE LAKE ST. LOUIS ANGLERS CLUB

STOCKING AND HABITAT PROGRAMS



IN THE BEGINNING.....

In March 1966 Lake Saint Louis Estates was incorporated. It was the beginning of what is now Lake Saint Louis.

In November of 1966 work began on the construction of a 52 foot dam which formed the 75 acre Lake Saint Louise.

In July 1967 the Lake Saint Louis Community Association was incorporated.

In December of 1968 the construction of a 42 foot earthen dam was started that formed the 550 acre Lake Saint Louis.

In May of 1970 the dam of Lake Saint Louis was closed and dedicated allowing the lake to begin to fill.

In December of 1971, water topped the spillway of the Lake Saint Louis Dam. The lake was now full.

STOCKING

Lake Saint Louise was initially stocked in July 1967, with 7500 bass, 7500 channel catfish and 15,000 bluegill fingerlings. In addition to those fish stocked by the Conservation Commission, Lake Saint Louise has many black and white crappie as the lake was originally filled with these fish. These fish ranged in size from ½ to 2 lb. Lake Saint Louise is a 75-acre lake with 3.2 miles of shoreline and a maximum depth of 43 feet.

November 1970 Missouri Conservation Commission (MDC) stocked the large lake.

The large lake, 550 acres, was initially formed and stocked by damming Peruque Creek, one of the well-known St. Louis area fishing streams, and a tributary of the Mississippi river. Fish coming into Lake Saint Louis Lake by Peruque Creek included 3 types of catfish, largemouth bass, various types of sunfish and crappie as well as rough fish.

Largemouth bass, channel catfish and bluegill were stocked in 1971.

It might be noted that the large lake has a watershed of 58 square miles. Theoretically, if the watershed ground were saturated with moisture, one inch of rain would supply the lake with five feet of water.

After the initial stocking of both lakes by the MDC any additional stocking would have to be done by the Community Association or the newly formed Lake Saint Louis Anglers.

Neither group had extra funds for fish stocking but when money was available a fish stocking program was started by the LSL Anglers.

In 1973 the last of 3,000 northern pike were stocked in the large lake. In April 1974 the first pike reported caught measured 30 inches.

June 29, 1983 - 1,000 lb. of flathead catfish and channel catfish were stocked in the small lake at a cost of \$1.00 per pound (\$1,000). Opel Fish Hatchery.

May 15, 1986 - 200 Florida/Illinois largemouth bass were put in the small lake and 800 of the same fish were put in the large lake by Opel Fish Hatchery at a cost of \$1.50 per pound (\$1,500).

March 28, 1988 - 700 lb. of 1.5-2 inch largemouth bass were stocked in both lakes. Cost \$3.50 per pound (\$2,590). Opel Fish Hatchery.

November 21, 1989 - 1,500 lb. of flathead catfish and 500 channel catfish were stocked (\$1,450). Opel Fish Hatchery.

November 25, 1989 - 680 lb. of Florida/Illinois strain largemouth bass (200 measuring 6-10 inches) were stocked. Opel Fish Hatchery.

October 28, 1990 – 1,000 lb. of walleye were stocked in the large lake along with some channel catfish (\$2,950). Opel Fish Hatchery.

September 1993 – 2,000 hybrid stripers (5-7 inch) were stocked in the large lake (\$3,000). Opel Fish Hatchery.

October 1994 – 1,000 hybrid stripers were stocked in the large lake. We felt the fish were too small and as a result Opel Fish Hatchery came back later that month with 300 channel catfish free of charge.

October 1994 - 300 channel catfish were stocked. Opel Fish Hatchery.

June 26, 1996 - 1,000 lb. of flathead catfish running 3-15 lbs were stocked (\$1,500). Opel Fish Hatchery.

September 23, 1997 – 900 hybrid stripers (6-8 inches) were stocked in the large lake (\$1,350). Osage Cat Fisheries.

September 23, 1997 -100 hybrid stripers (6-8 inches) were stocked in the small lake (\$150). Osage Cat Fisheries.

April 21, 1998 - 1,000 (4-7 inch) bluegill and 2,000 (8-10 inch) channel catfish were stocked in the small lake (\$1,460). Osage Cat Fisheries.

September 30, 1998 - 500 hybrid striped bass were stocked in the small lake (\$1,000). Osage Cat Fisheries.

October 21, 1998 – 21,000 fathead minnows were stocked in the small lake (\$350). Osage Cat Fisheries.

November 13, 1998 – 40,000 fathead minnows were stocked in the large lake (\$700). Osage Cat Fisheries.

October 26, 1999 – 1,300 (6-8 inch) hybrid stripers and 1,300 (2-3 inch) red ear sunfish were stocked in the large lake (\$1,950). The small lake received 300 of each. Osage Cat Fisheries.

April 28, 2000 – 600 (8-10 inch) channel catfish and 500 (5-7 inch) hybrid bluegill were stocked in the small lake (\$790). Osage Cat Fisheries.

November 16, 2000 - 27,750 shiners were stocked proportionately in both lakes (\$2,000). Osage Cat Fisheries

June 22, 2001 – 1,000 pounds of flathead catfish with some being 30 lbs plus were stocked (\$1,500). Two thirds were placed in the large lake. One tagged fish in each lake is worth \$100. Must photo, witness, and release. Opel Fish Hatchery.

November 2, 2001 - 150 pounds of 3.5 – 4-inch crawfish were stocked in both lakes proportionally (\$650). Osage Cat Fisheries.

November 29, 2001 - 115 pounds of fathead minnows were placed in the small lake (\$700). Osage Cat Fisheries.

October 20, 2006 - 300 lbs of Florida/Illinois strain largemouth bass were stocked in the large lake and 90 lbs hybrid striped bass were stocked in the small lake (\$2,300). Opel Fish Hatchery.

May 1, 2007 - 800 Florida/Illinois strain largemouth bass (8 to 10 inches) were placed in the large lake (\$2,000). Opel Fish Hatchery.

October 2007 – 575 smallmouth bass (8 to 10 inches) were placed in the small lake.

March 22, 2008 - 80 grass carp and approximately 3,000 bluegills were placed in the small lake (\$2,000). Opel Fish Hatchery.

September 27, 2008 – 800 Northern and Florida/Illinois strain largemouth bass (6 to 8 inches) were placed in the large lake (\$2,000). Opel Fish Hatchery.

October 8, 2009 – 1000 northern strain largemouth bass (6 to 8 inches) and 140 pounds of larger size northern strain largemouth bass (1 to 1.25 pounds) were stocked in the large lake (\$3,550). Curryville Fish Hatchery.

October 12th, 2010 – 790 smallmouth bass (6-8 inches) were placed in the small lake (\$2,700). Curryville Fish Hatchery.

September 30th, 2011 – 175 pounds of largemouth bass (1 to 1 ¼ lbs) were stocked in the large lake. Curryville Fish Hatchery.

October 12th, 2011 – 800 hybrid stripers (6 to 8") were stocked in the small lake (\$3,500 total for Sept and Oct 2011 stockings). Curryville Fish Hatchery.

October 3rd, 2012 – 350 lbs of largemouth bass (12 to 14") were stocked in the large lake (\$3,500). Curryville Fish Hatchery.

October 4th, 2013 – 180+ largemouth bass (1 pound range) were stocked in the large lake. Curryville Fish Hatchery.

November 12th, 2013 – 825 hybrid stripers (6 to 8") were stocked in the large lake (\$3,500 total for Oct and Nov 2013 stockings). Curryville Fish Hatchery.

October 2nd, 2014 – 1,000 crappie (5 to 6") and October 10th, 2014 – 1,200 crappie (6 to 7") were stocked in the small lake (\$3,500 total cost for both stockings). Curryville Fish Hatchery.

October 9th, 2015 – Approximately 300-325 largemouth bass were stocked in the big lake. The fish averaged around 1.4lbs (\$3,500). Curryville Fish Hatchery.

October 4th, 2016 – Approximately 300-325 largemouth bass were stocked in the big lake. The fish averaged around 1.5lbs (\$3,500). Curryville Fish Hatchery.

October 24th, 2017 – Approximately 350 lbs of largemouth bass were stocked in the big lake. The fish averaged around 1.25 lbs (\$4,000). Curryville Fish Hatchery.

October 10th-13th, 2018 – Approximately 280 lbs of largemouth bass (1 – 1.5 lb size) were stocked in the big lake and 500 channel catfish (6” – 8” size) were stocked in the small lake (\$3,775). Curryville Fish Hatchery.

October 2019 – Approximately 730 fingerling largemouth bass (5 to 8 inches) were stocked in the big lake. Approximately 1715 channel catfish (6 to 8 inches) and 180 smallmouth bass (4 to 5 inches) were stocked in the small lake (\$4,800). Curryville Fish Hatchery.

October 2020 – Approximately 85 pounds of northern crayfish were stocked in the small lake. Approximately 550 hybrid striped bass were stocked in the big lake and 350 hybrid striped bass were stocked in the small lake (\$5,000). Osage Cat Fisheries, Inc.

October 2021 – A quantity of 28 tagged largemouth bass (2.5-3.0 lb size) were stocked (20 in the large lake and 8 in the small lake). Approximately 310 hybrid striped bass (10-12 inches) were stocked in the large lake. Approximately 585 hybrid striped bass (6-8 inches) were stocked in the small lake. (\$5,000). Osage Cat Fisheries, Inc. Additionally, 360 pounds of largemouth bass (1.5-2.5 lb size) were stocked in the large lake. Fish were obtained from a Missouri private pond. (\$2,347.20 from 2022 stocking fund).

Spring and Fall 2022 - 360 pounds of largemouth bass (180 fish) stocked in the large lake. 223 pounds of largemouth bass (104 fish) stocked in the small lake. 388 hybrid stripers (6-8” long) stocked in the large lake. Bass were obtained from a Missouri private pond (\$5,000), hybrid stripers were obtained from Osage Cat Fisheries, Inc. (\$1,411 club money). This is the first time that club money was used to buy fish for stockings.

Spring and Fall 2023 – 250 pounds of largemouth bass were purchased from a Missouri private pond. 200 pounds were stocked in the large lake and 50 pounds were stocked in the small lake. (\$3,000).

2024 - To date we have been able to obtain 85 adult largemouth bass for a total of 174 lbs at a 2.05 lb/bass average. We have also purchased from Nemo Fisheries: 600 8-10" hybrid bass and 7"+ bluegills for large lake; 350 8-10" hybrid bass and 200 6"+ redear sunfish for small lake.

The Anglers Club uses Opel Fish Hatcheries, Osage Cat Fisheries, Curryville Fish Hatchery, and the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) as primary fish suppliers. The Anglers continue to work with MDC on a stocking program.

HABITAT PROGRAM

The LSL Anglers established a fish habitat program in conjunction with Missouri Department of Conservation.

1984 March - Anglers start crappie habitat with pine blankets.

1985 April - Anglers sink 100 pine blankets in large lake.

1986 Anglers sponsor recycle drive to raise funds for habitat.

1987 February - Anglers build 88 crappie beds for both lakes.

1988 February - Anglers report 300 crappie beds placed in lakes.

1996 March - 12 large plastic fish habitats placed in large lake.

1996 March - 8 large plastic fish habitats placed in small lake.

1996 March - 100 trees placed in large lake

1997 March - 10 large plastic fish habitats placed in large lake.

1997 March - 5 large plastic fish habitats placed in small lake.

1997 March - 25 trees placed in small lake.

1997 March - 150 trees placed in large lake.

2004 May - Electro fishing in the small lake conducted to remove excess crappie and small bass population.

2004 March - 100 trees placed in both lakes. 20 large PVC "Fish Condos" placed in the lakes.

2005 March - 100 trees placed in both lakes. 100 "No Snag" PVC structures placed in the lakes. Approximately 75 in the large lake, 25 in the small lake.)

2005 June - Placed 27 "no snag" PVC structures in the large lake, 13 in the small lake. Transferred vegetation from the large lake to the small lake and placed in 'burrito' bags for planting.

2006 March - Approximately 250 trees placed in the lakes. The majority were placed in the large lake.

2007 March - Approximately 250 trees placed in the lakes.

2008 March – Approximately 250 trees placed in the lakes. Nearly a 50/50 split between the small and large lake.

2009 March - Approximately 150 trees placed in the lakes. The majority were placed in the large lake.

2010 March - Approximately 150 trees placed in the lakes. The majority were placed in the large lake.

2011 April - Approximately 150 trees placed in the lakes. The majority were placed in the large lake.

2012 April - Approximately 150 trees placed in the lakes. The majority were placed in the large lake.

2013 March - 160+ trees were placed in both lakes. The majority were placed in the large lake.

2014 March - 180+ trees were placed in both lakes. The majority were placed in the large lake.

2015 March - Approximately 175 trees were placed in the lakes. The majority were placed in the large lake.

2016 March - Approximately 150 trees were placed in the lakes. The majority were placed in the large lake.

2017 March - No habitat was placed in the lakes this year. Habitat money was re-appropriated for fish stocking.

2018 March - Approximately 350 trees were placed in the lakes. The majority were placed in the large lake. Our biggest habitat day ever.

2019 March – Approximately 225 trees were placed in the lakes. The majority were placed in the large lake.

2021 March – Approximately 200 trees were placed in the lakes. The majority were placed in the large lake.

2022 March - Approximately 200 trees were placed in the lakes. The majority were placed in the large lake.

2023 March – 150 trees were placed in the large lake and 40 trees were placed in the small lake.

2024 March – 120 trees were placed in the large lake and 40 trees were placed in the small lake.