



# PIKE LAKE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025

Dedicated to working with the DNR to protect and enhance the water quality of Pike Lake and it's fishing inventory. The Club also encourages the promotion of all water sports and recreational activities.

**MEETING: AUGUST 2, 2025**  
**PLACE: Down Slope Pub**  
**Corner of HWY 167 & County Rd CC**  
**START: 5:30 Socialize – 6:00ish Meeting**

**President: John**  
**Vice-Pres: Chris**  
**Secretary: Jerry**  
**Treasurer: Jason**



The minutes of the Pike Lake Sportsman's Club meeting that was held on Monday, July 7th at Hartford Town Hall. There were 15 members present.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**CHECKING \$6,184.68**  
**SAVINGS \$5,915.98**

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**MEETING:**

John opened the meeting with an update regarding the "Memorial Bench" status. He said that he is a little disappointed with the time it is taking to get the bench ordered and also to agree with the plaque that is going to be on the bench. John said he understands that there has to be restrictions on where they can be placed and what the plaque has on it otherwise you would have a mishmash of benches spread around the Park with plaques all over them. He said that he was a little frustrated with working with them. But the bench has been ordered and when delivered, we will have to assemble it and maybe install it. John said for \$2500 dollars you'd think they would take care of it and even polish it every day. (As I'm working on this, we rec'd a message from Elias that he has word that the bench will ship on Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>. Bench could be assembled week of Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> and install it on 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>.) John said that next month we will have the Club elections. He said that Chris and himself would like to "retire" and also Jerry wants to pass the secretaries' job on to someone else too. John is hoping that new people in the positions will help the Club to grow and keep going. The older members remember the "rock projects" and the Fisherees and "Carp shoots" that the Club ran on the Lake. But that took a lot of work and time to pull off and we had many more members that are no longer around – if they are around they are not a young and healthy as they used to be! We also do not have the direct access to the Lake.

Joe said that he talked at length with Drew Wallace, the DNR fish biologist that gave the fish report at our June meeting. Drew had mentioned that some of the "fish" projects that the Club may be interested in undertaking would be "tree drops" and "fish sticks". John said these were looked at a number of times as a Club project but they would take a lot of planning with the DNR getting permits and insurance, etc. Some one asked about the "Walleyes For Tomorrow" and John said that the President had resigned and that he didn't know how well they were still organized. Joe said that he would stay in contact with Drew for possible future projects.

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There was discussion regarding the meetings not being held on the Lake. Some thought that we may draw more members as the Town Hall is not close to the Lake. Also, if we held the meetings at a bar or on the Lake, we might be more visible. First discussed was our annual Club fish fry. After some discussion on the date preference, the majority said that Friday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> would word the best. John said that he'd check with the Park to make sure the north pavilion at the Park was available and reserve it. (John called the next day to say that he had reserved it.) John also said that he and a few other members would stop at the Down Slope Pub to see if it would work for a meeting. (On July 17<sup>th</sup>, John asked me to send out an e-mail to the members to tell them that the August meeting would be held at the Down Slope Pub. John said that the Pub has been remodeled and a meeting room has been added in the back of the building which will work for us. He also said that the owners Tina & Jim will provide a Taco Bar for our meal. (John will provide the hamburger meat to help out.) John said that although the bar is open on Mondays, parking should not be a problem as business is slow that night. We can start arriving at 5:30 to socialize and have our meeting at 6:00 or so. Tina and Jim asked if we could give them a

number of members that they could expect so they knew about how much food to prepare. **Please let John or myself know if you are planning to attend so we can give them a number to expect!!!!** Do not wait until the day of the meeting!!!! **Also, if a member is unsure of the location or wants a ride, please contact John or Jerry or another member for ride.**

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**ELECTIONS:**

With the annual Club elections scheduled to be held at the August meeting, (Per the Club By-Laws and this year the positions up for election are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sargent-At-Arms and four Board members.) and as custom, at the July meeting we ask for nominations and then hold the actual elections at the August meeting.

Currently John [redacted] is President, Chris [redacted] – Vice-Pres., Jerry [redacted] – Secretary, Jason [redacted] – Treasurer, Nick [redacted] – Sargent-At-Arms and the four Board Members Steven [redacted], Bruce [redacted], Jim [redacted] and Joe [redacted] are up for election. (Note: Two Board members – Ed [redacted] and Josh [redacted] - are up for election next year.)

John, Chris and Jerry have said that they would like to “call it a day” and if possible be replaced.

John started the nominations and the following are the names received:

- President:** Joe [redacted]
- Vice-Pres:** Steve [redacted]
- Secretary:** Deanne [redacted]
- Treasurer:** Whitey [redacted]
- Sargent-At-Arms:** Nick [redacted]  
Marco [redacted]
- Board Members:** Dan [redacted]  
Chris [redacted]  
John [redacted]  
Jim [redacted]  
Bruce [redacted]  
Sue [redacted]  
Dan [redacted]

Please note that if someone changes their mind or someone wants to be added for consideration, nominations will be open until before the election takes place! So if you were not at the July meeting you can still have your name added or removed from the list.

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**DUES ARE DUE:**

**Our Annual Club dues are now due! It was agreed that we hold the Annual dues at \$35.00!**

**So if attending Monday’s meeting see Whitey! (Boy! Such a deal! Where else can you go for \$35.00 and receive a great, all you can eat meal and drinks for \$35.00! And that is 12 times a year yet!!! Spread the word!**

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**CHEFS:**

Uncle Larry’s Broasted Chicken with potato wedges and French fries, Jerry brought Cole slaw, Chris had homemade chips and dips and dilly beans. Also there were a variety of desserts – Dan [redacted] brought great brownies! There were more desserts and cookies. **Great meal once again! Thanks to all who brought something!!!! (They apologized for being late on the delivery and didn’t charge a delivery charge!)**

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**UPCOMING CHEFS:**

**August** - Tina and Jim setting up a Taco bar at the Down Slope Pub! If someone can bring a dessert or two that would be great!

**September 12th** – Annual Club Fish Fry at the north pavilion at the Park. Members are to bring fish if you have them. (Time to clear out the freezer!) Everyone one brings a side or dessert to share!

**October** – Whitey [redacted] and Jim [redacted]

**November** – Deanne and Joe [redacted]

**December** – John [redacted] and Chris [redacted]

**Also, Please let us know if you plan to attend!!!**

**(Please let us know by Saturday or before!!!!)**

**John– [redacted] or [redacted]**

**Jerry – [redacted] or [redacted]**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**August 4<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly Meeting at the Down Slope Pub – 5:30 start. **Club Elections for the positions listed above!!! Also, annual dues are due!**

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Club picnic/fish fry/monthly meeting at the State Park’s north pavilion Park! 5:00 start? Friends and family invited!

**October** – Monthly Meeting at Whitey’s Garage.

**November** – Monthly Meeting at ????

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**50/50 WINNER**

**BRUCE [redacted]**

**\$31 FOR THE CLUB AND \$30 FOR BRUCE (THANK YOU BRUCE FOR DONATING YOUR SHARE TO THE CLUB!!!!)**

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**If any Club Member wants to look up older Newsletters and other Club information you can find it at pikelakesportsmans.club.**