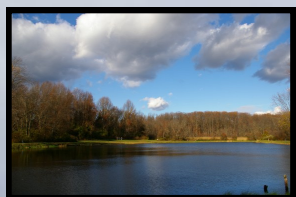




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Spring is a Busy Time at the SCCSFA Lake

In preparation for the coming 2023 fishing season, The Club completed a number of projects at the Lake area to give it a manicured appearance.

The vegetation around the Lake from the banks had become over-grown and it was difficult to walk around. The Facilities committee asked to have a boom mower brought in to cut back the banks, and the request was approved.



Before



After

The Holding Pond feeds water into the Lake. It was reshaped and dugout.



Before



After

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When coming down the lane to the Lake, you will immediately notice a change on both sides. On the northside, going up the hill to the Trap field, all the dead and fallen trees were removed, as well as the overgrown vegetation. The abandoned road to the Lake was leveled out and the entire area planted with Hi-Mark Tall Fescue for the deer and other wildlife in the area.

The southside of the lane also received the same as the northside except a landscape grass was planted. This once non-usable area can now be used by SCCSFA families to enjoy their lakeside experience. The photo below was taken by our member Dave Scarani shortly after the areas were planted.



Lake Water Management

You may remember from a past publication, we contracted with Solitude Lake Management to care for and keep our Lake healthy. To date we are happy with the service and have received many acclamations related to the Lake's appearance and surrounding area.





Trout Fishing Opening Day Preparations

Thanks to Lake Chairman Sonny Maddalozzo and his brigade of volunteers, for preparing for the big day. On March 30th, they stocked the lake with over a 500 trout ranging from 12 to 22 plus inches from the Zion Grove Hatchery.

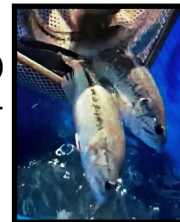
Stocking the Lake is no easy feat, carrying 5-gallon buckets of fish around the Lake, but it's an enjoyable and fun task; a time to meet members and enjoy some good old-fashion SCCSFA fellowship. For the children who participated, I'm certain it was a memorable event. So please, thank Sonny and the volunteers for their effort and dedication to the club.



There was also a second stocking on April 20th of another 500 trout ranging from 12 to 22 plus inches from the Zion Grove Hatchery.



On April 3rd, the Lake received a stocking of 100 Large Mouth Bass and 50 Crappies from Fish Haven Farm in New York.



As feeder fish for the trout and bass, 50 pounds of minnows from Krutz's Fish Farm in Elverson were stocked. On the same day as the Bass.





Trout Opening Day Juniors Fishing and Kids Rodeo at the Lake

On Saturday, April 1st the SCCSFA once again celebrated the opening day of the PA Trout Season with their Junior Fishing First at the Lake and Kids Trout Rodeo.

In the club's traditional fashion, only junior members were permitted to drop their lines at 8 o'clock for the first hour of fishing. The fishing Rodeo for Children 15 years old and younger was again a success. After the 9 o'clock hour the excited young anglers and their catch made way to the measuring table to sign up in hopes of winning the 2-piece Spinning Rod and Reel Combo for the largest catch of the rodeo. There were also other prizes to be awarded. However, every Junior coming to the table left with a consolation gift and a 2023 certificate from the club. Please see page 5 to view the participants and their harvest.

The club's chef, Director David Ham and his sous chef Skip Hewett were on hand for breakfast and lunch. They provided for all our needs, from a clean eating area to delicious, down-home cooking in a family style social setting. It doesn't get much better!



Important Notice!

Please take all your garbage to the trash cans. This also includes bait packages and old fishing lines. The fishing line will also damage our mowers.

Reminder!

The Lake is only open from DAWN until DUSK.

It's fair to say, despite the weather, it was a wonderful day on the lake for family anglers of all ages. Good fishing and good company in the beautiful setting of our club...



Who could ask for anything more!

***** Junior Members Showcase *****



Wyatt Borlie, Age 15
14.5 inches

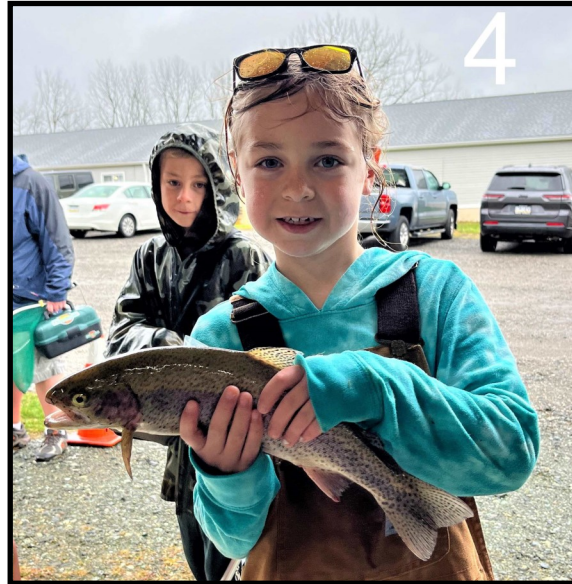


Luke Borlie, Age 9
13.5 inches

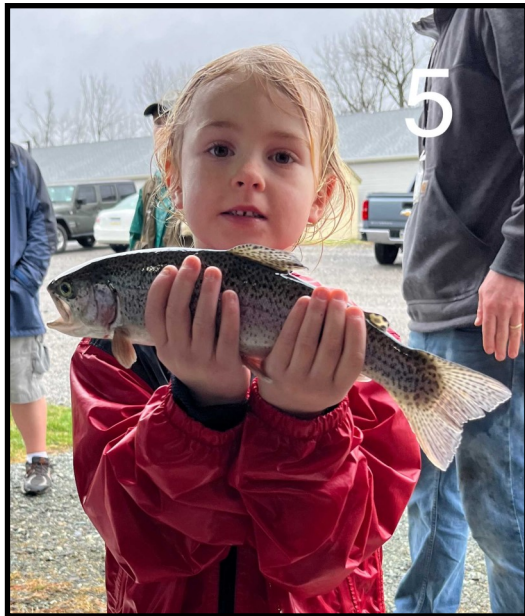
***** Junior Members Showcase *****



**Andrew Bailey, Age 16
20 inches**



**Jackie Wengle, Age 7
15.5 inches**



**Allison Wengle, Age 5
12.5 inches**



**Matthew Wengle, Age 9
12.5 inches**

***** Junior Members Showcase *****



**Cassie Wengle, Age 11
12.5 inches**



**Joseph Tarabo, Age 12
14 inches**



**Rori Brown, Age 9
18.5 inches**



**Anthony DiBona, Age 12
14 inches**

***** Junior Members Showcase *****



**Hunter Ulshafer, Age 8
15.5 inches**

**Montgomerie Ulshafer, Age 10
16 inches**

See you all in 2024, on the first Saturday in April.

Can't Wait!

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Advisory

It's a PA Fish & Boat Commission violation to throw trash or debris along waterway or adjacent lands. This includes fishing line. Throwing away fishing line around the lake has become a major problem. It is causing damage to the mower, increasing cost for repair and labor. Please be courteous, remove your trash.

You are able to immediately report any Club violation or safety concern you witness by calling (610) 505-3966 or any of the other numbers posted at various locations.