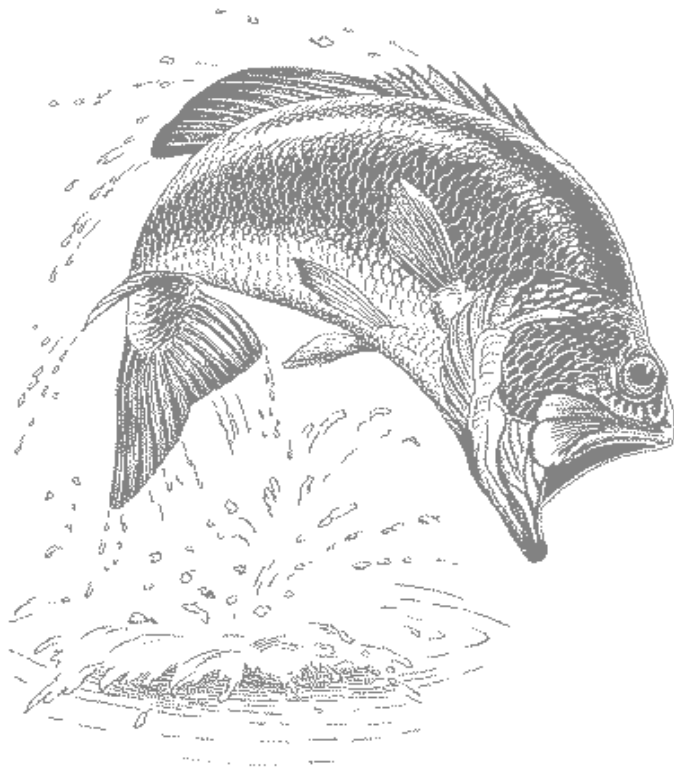


## **HISTORY OF THE LAKE ST. LOUIS ANGLERS**

### **STOCKING AND HABITAT PROGRAMS**



### **IN THE BEGINNING.....**

In March 1966 Lake Saint Louis Estates was incorporated, the beginning of Lake Saint Louis.

November 1966 work began on the construction of Lake Saint Louise.

July 1967 the Lake Saint Louis Community Association was incorporated.

July 19, 1967 R.T. Crow acquired all of the stock of Lake Saint Louis Estates.

### **STOCKING**

Lake Saint Louise was initially stocked 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.

December 1968 construction began on the dam of the large lake. In May 1970 the Lake Saint Louis large lake dam was closed and the lake began to fill.

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, large mouth bass, various types of sunfish and crappie as well as rough fish. Large mouth 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 and Catfish Charlie stocked in the small lake. Cost \$1.00 per pound. Opel Fish Hatchery

May 15, 1986 200 Florida/Illinois 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 bass were stocked in both lakes. Cost \$3.50 per pound \$2,590 total cost. Opel Fish Hatchery.

November 21, 1989 – 1,500 lb. of Flathead and 500 channel catfish were stocked, \$1,450. Opel Fish Hatchery.

November 25, 1989 - 680 lb. bass 200 (6-10 inch) Florida/Illinois bass. Opel Fish Hatchery.

October 28, 1990 – 1,000 lb. Walleye stocked in large lake along with some channel cat \$2,950. Opel Fish Hatchery.

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

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

October 1994 - 300 channel catfish. Opel Fish Hatchery.

June 26, 1996 1,000 lb. Flathead catfish running 3-15 lb. \$1,500. Opel Fish Hatchery.

September 23, 1997 – 900 Hybrid stripers stocked in large lake (6-8 inches). \$1350 Osage Catfisheries.

September 23, 1997 -100 Hybrid stripers stocked in small lake (6-8 inches). \$150, Osage Catfisheries.

April 21, 1998 1,000 (4-7 inch) Bluegill and 2,000 (8-10 inch) Channel catfish stocked in small lake. \$1460, Osage Catfisheries.

September 30, 1998 500 Hybrid striped bass stocked in small lake. \$1,000, Osage Catfisheries

October 21, 1998 – 21,000 fathead minnows stocked in small lake. \$350, Osage Catfisheries.

November 13, 1998 – 40,000 fathead minnows stocked in large lake. \$700 Osage Catfisheries.

October 26, 1999 – 1,300 (6-8 inch) Hybrid stripers and 1,300 (2-3 inch) red ear sunfish stocked in large lake. Small lake received 300 of each. \$1,950, Osage Catfisheries.

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

November 16, 2000 - 27,750 shiners stocked proportionately in both lakes. \$2000, Osage Catfisheries

June 22, 2001 – 1,000 pounds of Flatheads some 30# plus. 2/3 were placed in the large lake. One tagged fish in each lake is worth \$100. Must photo, witness and release. \$1,500.00 Opel Fish Hatchery.

November 2, 2001. 150 pounds of 3.5 – 4 inch crawfish stocked in both lakes proportionally. Osage Catfisheries, \$650.

November 29, 2001. 115 pounds of fathead minnows placed in small lake. Osage Catfisheries \$700.

October 20, 2006. 300 lbs Florida/Illinois strain largemouth bass stocked in the large lake and 90 lbs hybrid stripe bass stocked in the small lake. Opels Fish Hatchery \$2,300.

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

March 22, 2008. 80 Grass carp and approximately 3,000 blue gill were placed in the small lake. Opel Fish Hatchery \$2,000.

The Anglers used Opel Fish Hatcheries, Osage Catfisheries, 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 2- Anglers build 88 crappie beds for both lakes.

1988- February- Angler's 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 Berkley fish habitats placed in large lake.

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

1997- March- 25 trees placed in small lake.

1997- March- 150 trees placed in large lake.

2004 – May 15 – Electrofishing in the small lake 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. Majority 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.