

Lakeside

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**Coffee Chat with Steve
Charron - June 13**



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on our
Lake Water**

Lakeside

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**Our mission is to
preserve the health and beauty
of our
lake for future generations.**

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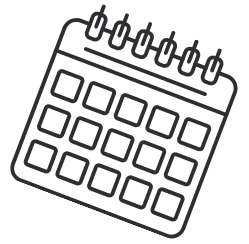
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The Lakeside Newsletter is published
May, June, July, and August for LPA
members.

Its primary purpose is to provide reliable
information and help build knowledge to
address challenges for our lake.

Mark Your Calendars



- **June 13** - Coffee Chat w/ an Expert - Steve Charron, 9 AM, at Alsville
- **June 20-21** - Lake-Wide Rummage Sales Weekend
- **June 22-23** - Lake-Wide Garbage Clean-Up
- **July 4** - 4th of July Boat Parade (*Not LPA sponsored event*)
- **July 25** - Sailing Regatta (*Not LPA sponsored event*)
- **August 1** - LPA Annual Meeting
- **August 1** - LPA Family Fun Day
- **August 22** - 4th Annual LPA Golf Tournament

*****Details for July and August events will be shared
in upcoming Lakeside Newsletter editions*****

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**From Your LPA President:
Scott Ross**

*Several significant developments have occurred within the Lake Poinsett Association (LPA) in recent months. Notably, the websites of the three Lake Poinsett community organizations have been consolidated into a single platform: **LakePoinsettcommunity.org**.*

This new website provides streamlined access to information about the lake, updates on activities, and ongoing changes in the surrounding area. The site will be regularly updated to reflect new events and modifications. We encourage you to visit the page. Special acknowledgment is extended to Lydia Fuhr of the Lake Poinsett Sanitary District for her dedicated efforts in developing the website.

*We are seeking members to join our directors' team on the Lake Poinsett Association board. Please consider being part of our team. **Email your interest to directors@lakepoinsett.org**.*

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Again, text your zip code to 888777.

Coffee Chat with an Expert:

- Steve Charron, SD Lakes & Streams Association
- June 13 - 9:00 AM
- Alsville - 45401 193rd St, Lake Norden



Join us on June 13 for the Annual Coffee Chat. Our guest speaker/expert will be Steve Charron, President of the South Dakota Lakes & Streams Association. He will be speaking on the transition of an infested lake (which Poinsett is now considered) to the zebra mussel taking over our lake environment. He will address the danger of all users of surface water infested with zebra mussels, as well as discussing the \$100,000 economic impact study that will be concluded by the date of our Coffee Chat. Mark your calendars and plan to join us to hear about this important topic.

For more information:

- visit: <https://www.sdlakesandstreams.org/resources>
- See Page 5 for a letter from SD Game, Fish and Parks regarding Aquatic Invasive Species.

NEW COMMUNITY WEBSITE LAUNCHED



The Lake Poinsett Association's website has been updated. The Lake Poinsett Association has partnered with other organizations serving our lake community – the Lake Poinsett Water Project District and the Lake Poinsett Sanitary District – to launch a combined website.

Visit www.lakepoinsettcommunity.org

Aquatic Invasive Species

Threaten our Lake

Dear Lake Association Members,



South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) continues to slow the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) through outreach and education, user engagement, regulation, and law enforcement. However, GFP can't be everywhere, all the time and it takes the efforts of all surface water users to use best management practices every time they use a surface water of South Dakota.

As in previous years, GFP is providing ways for Lake Associations (LAs) to partner to help engage users. Many options exist and can be tailored to specific scenarios. Some of which include:

- **Distribution of educational materials:** This GFP-created information can be provided to LAs for distribution to its members. This can include virtual content, such as email packages and videos, as well as hardcopy materials.
- **Citizen Monitoring:** A powerful tool that can be used to monitor for AIS. Monitoring devices can be provided to LAs by GFP, as well as instructions on how to report findings online: <https://sdleastwanted.sd.gov/citizen-monitoring.aspx>
- **Signage:** Partnerships between GFP and LAs are available to provide or increase lake-specific signage at specific locations.
- **Inspections:** Through coordination with GFP, volunteers may assist with inspection stations.

In addition to the options that are listed above, GFP has added information to the GFP website that is specific to lake shore residents (<https://gfp.sd.gov/fish/> "Lakeshore Toolkit"). This was in response to increased requests from lake shore residents for information related to actions such as shoreline alterations, vegetation management and boat dock and lift regulations. In 2026, GFP is partnering with the South Dakota Water Resources Institute at South Dakota State University to develop increased guidance on vegetation management.

As we continue working to slow the spread of AIS, we encourage your partnership to ensure sustainable water resources for generations to come. If you or your LA are interested in partnering, please contact Tanner Davis, the GFP AIS Program Coordinator, at Tanner.Davis@state.sd.us or 605.367.5244.

Submitted by Kevin Robling
Department Secretary



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LAKE-WIDE RUMMAGE SALES - JUNE 20-21

Spring clean your homes and cabins and sell those gathered treasures. June is rummage sale season at the lake.

LAKE-WIDE CLEAN-UP BEGINNING JUNE 22

The Lake Poinsett Sanitary District is pleased to provide the Lake Poinsett lake-wide cleanup June 22-23.

All residential property owners who have garbage service through the Lake Poinsett Sanitary District (LPSD) are welcome to participate. Items must be placed at the side of the road in front of your residence by 6 A.M. on June 22nd. Please do not start placing items out for collection until the week before the cleanup. The LPSD and Brookings Dumpster Service (BDS) reserve the right to decline picking up any piles that do not meet the conditions outlined in this flyer.

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE SORTED AND
SEPARATED - MIXED PILES WILL NOT BE
PICKED UP**

Acceptable Items:

- WOOD: needs to be cut into manageable sizes of 4 feet in length, at maximum
- GLASS: all items containing glass must have it removed and placed in a separate container
- FURNITURE: do not allow these items to become saturated with water, cover with a tarp if put out before the cleanup date

- CARPET: must be cut into manageable sizes
- APPLIANCES: stoves, microwaves, water heaters, etc. (exclude items containing freon)
- IRON / SCRAP METAL: must be sorted and in manageable sizes
- EQUIPMENT: all fluids and liquids must be drained; oil, gasoline, etc.
- MISC. MATERIALS: no contaminants, paint cans cannot contain wet paint
- GENERAL WEIGHT RESTRICTION RULE: "If you can't lift it - we can't either"

Unacceptable Items:

- Yard waste, household refuse, hazardous waste, waste oil, liquid paint or chemicals, items containing freon, batteries, branches, tires, concrete
- Remodeling and construction materials are not allowed unless prior arrangements are made with BDS before the cleanup date. Extra fees apply.

Questions??

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SUMMER FUN AT THE LAKE POINSETT RECREATION AREA

June can be the best month out of the entire year to enjoy time on the water, sit next to a campfire, and enjoy time with family and friends. Here at the Lake Poinsett Recreation Area, we are in the heat of camping season, with good fishing and events.

As for events in June being held at Lake Poinsett Recreation Area, we have the National Trails Day Hike on June 6th, as well as programs held every weekend that will be determined later.

A great way to stay on top of what events are being held here at the park is by following our Facebook page – Lake Poinsett Recreation Area.

In 2025, park staff added two new ADA campsites, as well as remodeled the double vault toilet located at our swimming beach. Both were much-needed improvements to the park. We are looking forward to another successful camping season in 2026!

If you ever have any questions regarding the park, you can call 605-983-5085 or email us at lakepoinsett@state.sd.us.

Submitted by Isaac Rubendall, Park Manager

Let's identify some ALGAE in Lake Poinsett

See full color pictures on the LPA website

Algae are a natural component in our lakes.

Algae, a diverse group of aquatic organisms, are vital to Earth's ecosystems, producing a significant portion of the oxygen we breathe, and serving as a food source for many aquatic animals. Algae come in various forms, from microscopic cyanobacteria to giant kelp forests. Our lake grows big fish resulting from this food chain. However, too much algae can be problematic.

When algae bloom, it's dramatic!

Algae rapidly multiply (bloom) when feeding off of excessive amounts of nutrients resulting from fertilizer, wastewater, and stormwater runoff, along with lots of sunlight, warm temperatures and shallow, slow-flowing water. After the bloom, the algae die and decompose. Algae blooms sometimes are natural events, but their frequency, duration and intensity are increased with an overabundance of nutrients.

Filamentous Green Algae (Spirogyra, lake moss)

A common sight in our lake is a type of green algae that grows as a stringy, slippery, green mass. It can be found in early Spring under the melting lake ice. Filamentous Algae grow long, visible thread-like strands or filaments. These strands usually form large floating, bubble filled mats. It latches on submerges rocks, aquatic plants, or objects and flourish in shallow, warm water. Nuisance growth of filamentous algae may indicate the lake has excessive nutrients. Generally, this algae is harmless and does not produce toxins. There are many different types of filamentous algae.





Duck Weed

Duckweed is a small non-toxic plant with tiny roots and leaves; it forms dense floating mats of green aquatic vegetation. At first glance, duckweed can resemble an algae bloom due to their similar coloring and free-floating nature.

Both algae and duckweed thrive in warm water bodies with limited motion and high levels of nutrients such as phosphorus or nitrogen. They are considered edible but do not harvest your own for consumption.

Duckweed and algae become a nuisance when their growth invade large areas and as each die their nutrients are released back into the lake.

Duckweed photo taken by HWY 81 bridge near Lake Albert outlet.

Blue-Green Algae aka Cyanobacteria (cy-a-no-bacteria)

Cyanobacteria, commonly called blue-green algae, are found throughout the world on land and in lakes, rivers, ponds, and seawater. Cyanobacteria were previously grouped with algae but are now classified as a type of bacteria. Some blue-green algae blooms can produce toxins, some do not. The toxins can cause illness in humans and animals that come into contact with water affected by a bloom. If the bloom is toxic it is called a Harmful Algae Bloom (HABs).

Aphanizomenon Flos-aquae

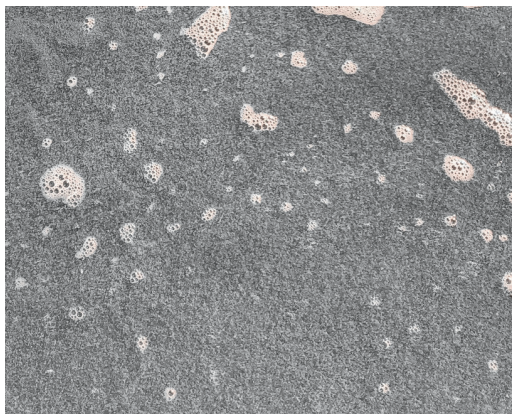
A challenge to pronounce A-fan-ah-zom-en-on. It's a filamentous blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) that looks like floating chopped grass or small flakes. Its filaments can form fragile clumps or rafts from the rolling water currents. Aphanizomenon flos-aquae is a common bloom-forming cyanobacteria that has both toxic and non-toxic strains. It's important to keep an eye out for it. When conditions are ripe it rapidly grows into a Harmful Algae Bloom (HABs).

Photos taken of Lake Poinsett 2025.

Chopped Grass/Grass Clippings



Small Flakes



Clumps



Submitted by Deb Eisenbeisz



West and Northwest Lake Sanitary Sewer Expansion Project

The Lake Poinsett Sanitary Sewer District (LPSD) proposes a project to provide wastewater collection and treatment to the areas on West and Northwest Lake Drives along Lake Poinsett. All other lake areas have previously been updated with these systems, with West and Northwest being the final phase of this expansion project. Residences in these areas currently use septic tank and drainfield systems for wastewater disposal. The LPSD anticipates providing service to these areas of the lake in three phases.

The Lake Poinsett Sanitary District Board invited lake property owners to attend an informational webinar on March 12 hosted by Banner Associates, Inc. regarding the funding application currently pending at the SD Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources for Phase I of the West and Northwest area. A recording of that webinar, along with Question/Answer documents related to the project, can be found on the LPSD website: lakepoinsettcommunity.org.

Submitted by Lydia Fuhr, LPSD Clerk

The 4th Annual LPA Golf Tournament

*Saturday, August 22
Lake Region Golf Club*

Be a Part of the Fun ~

- Sponsor a hole! Sponsorships are welcomed by businesses or families to remember a golfing loved one.
- Be a part of the planning.
- Email your interest to directors@lakepoinsett.org.



The Value of Good Lake Neighbors

- Neighborly Respect & Expectations

NOISE –fireworks, loud gatherings, music, dog barking, etc. Should quiet hours be after 11 PM on weekends? Think about how your actions affect the neighbors.

SMOKE – fire pits and burn barrels. It's a HOT issue. Burning wood, branches, leaves, or trash all produce smoke pollutants that can offend neighbors. Check the wind direction, would the smoke trail affect neighbors? Don't smoke out your neighbors. Be prepared to douse the fire if it bothers them. Respect their enjoyment of being outdoors too.

DOGS - Dogs must always be under your control. In public areas using a leash is the best restraint. Carry bags to pick up all dog waste along dirt or paved roads and sidewalks. Be courteous - do not allow your pet to use a neighbor's yard for a toilet.

PET WASTE is hazardous to our lake water. Never throw it in the lake! Dog feces can contain harmful bacteria, causing serious illness in humans.

- **Did you know?** A single gram of pet waste contains an average of 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, some of which can cause disease in humans. Pet waste decays, using up dissolved oxygen and releasing compounds that are harmful to fish and other animals that rely on water.



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