February 2015 Newsletter
Robby Limerick - - Lake Manager
Three Year Rainfall Comparison

Inches of Rainfall

January
March
May
July
September
November

2015 Monthly Rainfall
2014 Monthly Rainfall
2013 Monthly Rainfall

February 2015 Fish Report

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### Three Year Monthly Angler Attendance Comparison

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**Formula:**

- Pounds of fish (lbs) divided by number of fish = lb/fish average
- lbs fish divided by 50 (acres) = lb/acre average
Three Year Bass Harvest Comparison

Number of Bass Caught

- 2015 Number of Bass Harvested
- 2014 Number of Bass Harvested
- 2013 Number of Bass Harvested

January  February  March  April  May  June  July  August  September  October  November  December
Three Year Bream Harvest Comparison

Number of Bream caught

- 2015 Number of Bream Harvested
- 2014 Number of Bream Harvested
- 2013 Number of Bream Harvested

Number of Bream caught

- January
- March
- May
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### Calendar Year-to-Date

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### Fish Averages (Year-to-Date)

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4.0 inches of rainfall for February 2015. The water temperature is 55°F at the surface. Secchi is at 48 inches.
Bass Fishing
Stevie Tingle, from Tuscaloosa, caught this 8.5 pound bass behind the baseball field on a super cold, wintry day in February. This fish was released.
Justin McGuire, also from Tuscaloosa, caught this nice 7.5 bass that was released. Justin managed to fish on one of the few sunny days in February.
NEW BASS HARVEST REGULATION
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015

The new largemouth bass regulation shall read:
Anglers may harvest any bass they catch at Lake LU, as long as the bass is less than 14 inches in total length. In addition, anglers may also harvest 1 fish greater than 22 inches in total length, a day at Lake LU.
Please continue to encourage anglers to harvest small bass.  ~ Jay Haffner
The cold weather has made this the slowest start to bluegill fishing season ever.

I encourage all anglers to use an accurate measuring device.
Prescribed burn season has been off to a slow start with all this wet weather. As a training aid we burned off the old beach.
Cedar pollen is thick as smoke in the cedar trees right now. Allergy season is upon us!
I took the boys fishing one day. It was like herding cats.

We have been using the recycled lumber from the Big Troll Bridge for EVERYTHING! Here we built a tractor shed with some of the lumber. We now call this
shed the Pythagorean Shed. Remember $A^2 + B^2 = C^2$! When we first put the posts in the ground we checked to see how square it was. It was off square by 18 inches!!! I told Kyle and Daniel that was unacceptable! It was 4:00 on Friday and I told Kyle that if he would pull out all the poles, I would hand dig all the holes to make the shed square! You should have heard all those poles hitting the ground! We “re-squared” the poles by checking the diagonal measurements of the corners, and Kyle used the Pythagorean Theorem that he had learned in Algebra class. We finished the shed with it only being an inch or so out of square in one little spot. Great to see the guys using their college education! It’s been a long time since I was in Algebra class.
I installed a red box containing trail use questionnaires at the kiosk at the entrance to the Nature Trail Complex. Please take a few minutes to fill out a survey form. The data that users give us will help us to enhance your hiking trail experience.
If anyone wants any advice on fishing Lake LU, please call me at 1-205-652-9266 or e-mail me at irr@uwa.edu. Feel free to visit Lake LU’s website at www.lakelu.uwa.edu

Thank you,

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All other photos by R.Limerick unless otherwise noted.