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Please feel free to contact any Board Member for articles you would like to see written or ideas you would like to submit.

The Board would like to THANK all the members who have volunteered to share their time to help the association over the past few months! To recognize the large number of volunteers, we have started a new column called "Volunteer Corner." This will allow us to recognize those people who helped the Association this year.

We would also like to thank the exiting board members: Joanne Boyer, Rod Chaganos, and Chris Olson for their years of service and welcome the new members: Tim McGuire, Betsy Nock, and Kathy Wiggins!

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### ***Welcome to Your Fall Edition of the Archi Times*** by Steve Fleming

We hope you had a great summer and were able to spend quality time enjoying the sights, sounds, and smells of the lake. Summer seems to go faster every year. Personally I am not nearly as worried about global warming as I am about "shorter summers." We could always use just one more weekend to enjoy time on the lake! I cannot speak for anyone else but it is always just a bit

depressing to see people start to pull their docks and boats out at the end of Labor Day weekend. OK, enough of that. Time to look forward! If you don't visit the lake during the winter you should really consider it. It might just be the most beautiful time of the year. The sights, sounds, and smells are totally different and enjoyable in their own special way.

We have been very lucky again this summer to have both loon pairs successfully nest. We have also been fortunate to have another bald eagle hatched on the lake. Our guests remind us how special it really is to have these birds share their space with us!

This summer has been the first opportunity many of us have had to see the tree drops and rock reef that were installed over winter. The feedback from these two projects has been very positive. These two projects will benefit the lake for many years to come. If you have not noticed, the baby loons also used the trees for protection on busy weekends.

This summer has also brought a few challenges. We found Eurasian Water Milfoil in June. A lot of effort has been centered on putting together a plan for addressing this "lake threatening" plant. There are more details in this news letter.

We would like to make you aware of a new state law. Starting September 1, 2009, Wisconsin's law makes it **illegal to transport a trailer and/or boat with any weeds on it**. Please take extra caution putting in or taking out your boat to make certain that it is free of any type of weeds. Do not discard these weeds near the boat landing. Please put them in your boat or car until an appropriate receptacle is available.

We hope this issue of the Archi Times is both informative and enjoyable. If you have any ideas for improvement please don't hesitate sharing them with either myself or one of the board members.

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### **Archie Social News**

**Keep these dates in mind for 2010.**

#### **Annual Meeting:**

Townsend Town Hall

Date: June 26<sup>th</sup> 2009

Time: Social 9AM & Meeting

Start 9:30AM

#### **Annual Picnic**

Date: August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Place: Schwebke's

#### **Golf Outing**

Date: September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Place: Nicolet Country Club,  
Laona

## ***Sympathy*** – by Kathy Wiggins

The Archibald Lake Association would like to express its sympathy to the families and friends of Constance Holt Claypool, 16637 Stonegate Lane and Roy Ciske, 16520 Archibald Parkway who passed away recently. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers!

The Archibald Lake Association would like to be informed of the passing of any members. Please notify Kathy Wiggins so that we properly acknowledge it.

## ***Annual Meeting & Other Thoughts*** by Dick Rankin

Over 50 folks attended the Annual Association meeting in late June. For those not in attendance we gave a thorough update of the '09 projects, i.e. tree drop, rock reef and fish stocking. The discovery of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) several days prior added an additional focus to the meeting with respect to educating the attendees regarding this plant and some options for EWM control.

As a bit of background, Tom Moris, US Forest Service Biologist, who coordinated the tree drop project, provided an overview of the entire project, taking questions at the end. Tom stressed that the branches sticking out of the water were as important as those under the water as the former were used by birds, insects, etc. He urged folks not to cut off the branches. Later in the summer Tom shared the findings of an intern who examined many of the drop sites. The examination showed that fish of all species/sizes were using the drop sites. The trees have also been used by other waterfowl and wildlife seeking protection. Unfortunately, the receding water level is leaving some of the trees out of the water so we hope the drought of the past several years ends quickly. These trees will provide needed protection for fish for between 25 and 100 years.

Other updates from the annual meeting included information from Tim Counihan regarding the fish stocking, both walleye and muskie, committee reports for the picnic, golf outing, clean boat/clean waters program, community relations and some fund raising endeavors. Most of these items are further discussed in this issue of the Times. As mentioned, the focal point of the meeting was an initial discussion of the Aquatic Plant Management Plan, with particular focus on EWM which had just been discovered during a plant survey of the lake on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The follow-up Association meeting of August 15<sup>th</sup>, and letters to the lake membership this summer, further defined the scope, and subsequently the plan to begin a program of EWM control. In this issue there is much more extensive information about the action plan to control EWM. You are encouraged to share thoughts/concerns regarding invasive and native plants with either the Committee addressing the APMP, chaired by Steve Fleming or other members of the Board.

The past year has been a most productive one for the Association as we have engaged in the improvement of the eco systems which will be useful homes for fish and wildlife for generations, completed a detailed plant survey of the lake, aggressively begun to control an invasive species, i.e. EWM, secured a DNR grant to fund this program, continued social events which provided lake members with opportunities to share/interact with neighbors, and begun to embark on fund raising endeavors. Everything has been undertaken with the tremendous volunteerism of our members, as highlighted in this issue also. While the arrival of fall and shortly winter means many won't be visiting the lake, we would like you to think about how you can volunteer to be involved with your Association and its projects in 2010. As you realize, involvement brings rewards for the giver and the receiver, the latter being Archibald Lake. Please do think about attending the Association Annual Meeting on June 26, 2010, being at the picnic on August 15<sup>th</sup> and the golf outing on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Most of all we'd like you to volunteer at the boat landing for the Clean Water/Clean Boat program and the many other projects which will be part of the EWM control program. Let any Board member know of your interest and your availability. Your Association is stronger because members like you

are involved.

### ***Eurasian Water Milfoil*** by Steve Fleming

By this time most of you are probably getting sick of hearing about Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). Honestly, we are getting a bit tired of talking about it as well. However, if we are ever going to control this terribly invasive plant we need to work together and the best way to make sure we are working together is to keep communicating. This article will touch on the things that have already been communicated but go into more detail on things that have not been communicated.

As we have told you, **EWM is an incredibly fast spreading, hard to control, invasive plant.** We know of two lakes in Wisconsin; Big Sand and Legend that have spent \$180,000 and \$1.5 million respectively to control EWM. Once the plant gets established it is very hard to control, and it can drastically affect how we enjoy the lake. The good news is that we have found the EWM infestation early. EWM grows up until it hits the surface and then spreads out across the top of the lake forming a mat that is thick enough that birds can walk across it. Here is a picture of the plant as it is growing in a lake.



The DNR has awarded Archibald Lake a 4 year \$20,000 early response grant to help cover the cost of treatment. We are estimating that the cost of outside surveys and treatment for 2009 – 2012 will be approximately \$17,000. The association needs to do approximately \$11,000 worth of “donated labor” which includes boat monitoring and plant surveys. The four year total cost will be about \$28,000 of which the DNR grant will pay 75% up to \$20,000. All the donated labor we do to help with eradication and control will save the association \$12 / hour.

Our current plan at a high level for the next two years is:

**1. Chemically treat current area (< 0.2 acres) - Planned for Sept 29, 2009**

- ✓ We have contracted with Cason & Associates to do the treatment
- ✓ We have received the permit from the DNR
- ✓ We have placed buoys marking the areas where EWM exists
- ✓ We have notified property owners within 150 ft of the treatment area

**2. Do focused EWM plant survey May, 2010**

Approximate Cost assuming 1 acre = \$750

**3. Chemically treat EWM infestations as identified in #2 – June, 2010**

Approximate Cost assuming 2 acre = \$2,800

**4. Do Complete Point Intercept Survey (All Plants) in August 2010**

Approximate Cost = \$3,875

**5. Chemically treat infestations as identified in #4 – Aug / Sept, 2010**

Approximate Cost assuming 1 acre = \$1,420

## 6. Repeat #'s 2 and 3 above as needed

In our last communications we told you that we were putting out buoys to identify the areas where EWM exists so people can stay away.



The reason we want people to stay away is because EWM spreads very easily. All that is needed is for a fragment of the plant to break off and float to a new area of the lake. Even slight disturbances can cause the plants to fragment. When the fragments settle to the bottom a new plant colony can form. Since putting out the buoys we have gotten reports that some people appear to be trying to see how close they can come to the buoys. One person reported seeing a pontoon boat almost driving over the buoys and another report said there was a PWC driving around the buoys. If intentional, this behavior is just sad! It could adversely affect all of us and how we enjoy the lake. PLEASE avoid the buoys. If you see someone driving around them please take the time to inform the people of the risks associated with their behavior. We cannot overemphasize the importance of not disturbing these plants. These behaviors have the potential of costing the lake association tens of thousands extra in treatment costs.

**We have one additional important request for our members.** Since the plant fragments can cause the start of new plant colonies, if possible, **please take the time to pick up any plant fragments that you might see floating in the water.** The challenge with this request is that EWM and Northern (native) milfoil are very hard to distinguish when floating in the water. Both plants have a single thin stem with rather stiff featherlike leaves. The slender leaf divisions are almost paired on either side of a central midrib. The biggest difference is that EWM usually has between 12 and 14 leaf pairs and northern has between 5 and 12 leaf pairs. Because of the difficulty in determining whether a plant fragment is EWM or Northern, our recommendation is that you pick up both if at all possible. When you get back to your dock please place all plant fragments in a sealed container for disposal away from the lake.

Below are pictures that may help with your identification.



**Eurasian Water Milfoil**



**Northern Milfoil**

This single step could help us in our control efforts.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Steve Fleming at 262.993.4228 or [stevefleming77@earthlink.net](mailto:stevefleming77@earthlink.net)

### ***Clean Boats / Clean Waters*** by Betsy Nock

With the discovery of Eurasian Water Milfoil, it is more important than ever, that we keep our Clean Boats, Clean Water Boat Landing Program in place. Having an operational Clean Boats, Clean Water Boat Landing program is a requirement of our Rapid Response Grant. **Next year, we will be able to count ALL the time monitors are at the Boat Landing as Donated Labor (\$12/hour) which will go toward our share of the cost of the grant.**

During the summers of 2008 and 2009, we attempted to cover the Boat Landing for some time each weekend day and the 3 holidays between Memorial Day and Labor Day. We found that this year, our coverage fell significantly behind that of 2008. In 2008 we were able to provide 86 hours of coverage. **This year our coverage was 57.5 hours – a 33% DROP in hours spent at the landing.** In our proposed budget for the Rapid Response Grant, we have figured in a minimum of 72 donated hours for the 2010 summer season. This means that we will need to continue to schedule our current volunteers, and we will need to find, train and schedule new volunteers. We can certainly schedule for more than 72 hours; but this is the minimum. Our aim has always been to have a presence at the landing every weekend day and holiday of the summer season.

In our Volunteer Column we have listed the members who have been Boat Landing monitors this summer. In addition we would like to thank the following people who have volunteered to join us next summer as monitors: Ron Reinart, Ken Springob, Royce Alsbach, Anna Mae Scheifen, Stan Hall, Patti Spatcher, Barbara Luebke, Tim McGuire and Dick Rankin. If you are interested in working at the Boat Landing during the summer of 2010, please email or call Betsy Nock at [eanock@granitewave.com](mailto:eanock@granitewave.com) or 715.276.6633.

With more monitors, we will be able to provide more coverage during these days as well as cover the landing for longer periods of time. Also, the more monitors we have, the fewer days each monitor will have to work. At this time we are asking you to work three 90 minute shifts each summer. We will have more information about Boat Landing monitors and the training involved in the Spring Newsletter.

### ***Aquatic Plant Management*** by Steve Fleming

Late last year the lake association formed a team that consisted of Steve Fleming, Cathy Lindeman, Matt Marty, Betsy Nock and Kevin Springob to start working on developing an Aquatic Plant Management Plan (APMP) for the lake. The APMP is a comprehensive plan that helps us identify the plants in the lake and manage them as appropriate. One of the first steps in the plan is to understand what plants are in the lake.

In January of 2009 we applied for, and were denied, a DNR grant to help with some of the costs. We decided to move forward with doing a plant survey without the help of the DNR. The plant survey was completed this past June at a cost of \$1,975. During that survey we found Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and our entire focus changed. Now that we have a plan in place for EWM we are going to return to our initial work on the APM Plan.

Starting later this month the team will again convene to start building the APM plan. Many of the tasks discussed in previous Archi Times articles will be back in the plan. We will start by reviewing both the information that we received from the plant survey and the DNR guidelines on APM plans.

As we have more information to share we will let you know. If you have questions or information you would like to share please let us know by contacting Steve Fleming at 262.993.4228 [stevefleming77@earthlink.net](mailto:stevefleming77@earthlink.net)

### ***Money Talks – Budget Status and Plan – by Gary Miller***

Archibald Lake Association finds itself in a strong financial position. We currently have a cash balance of \$7,377. This is a very healthy cash balance, historically, but we have lake improvement projects in front of us that could consume those funds rapidly.

The budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year was presented at the July annual meeting and was approved. The expenses that are projected are larger than the dues income that will come in, even with the increased dues amount to \$30 per year. We are anticipating the potential of significant expenses this year for the treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil, in particular, and for the expenses associated with developing an Aquatic Plant Management Plan.

We have been approved by the Wisconsin DNR for a grant to treat the EWM of \$20,000 over the next 4 years. It is anticipated this amount will meet the expenses needed for treatment. However, if treatment costs exceed the \$20,000 grant, we do have some funds available.

A number of fund raisers have been conducted that are strengthening our finances. A group of Archibald Lake volunteers have conducted two brat fries at the Lakewood SuperValue and have raised over \$400. Also, thanks to the hard work of the golf committee and the excellent prizes that were raffled off, another \$671 was raised at this year's lake association golf outing at Nicolet Country Club in Laona.

The first disbursement out of the Marty-Wiggins Shoreline Restoration fund will be made soon. The \$1,000 that was donated to reimburse members for shoreline restoration projects is available to any lake association members who comply with the Oconto County Land Conservation Cost Sharing Agreement in their shoreline restoration project.

The financial vitality of the association is highly dependent upon membership dues and contributions made by owners of property on and around Archibald Lake. Without the financial support of the lake association members, we are restricted in the projects we can undertake to maintain and improve our beautiful lake. If you have not yet joined the association this year, please do. If you have questions about membership please ask. Our goal is to have 100% of eligible members become a part of the Archibald Lake Association. It is a small price to pay to help maintain and improve Archibald Lake when you consider what you have invested.

### ***Fund Raising Update by Tim Counihan***

Because of the potential cost of the Eurasian Water Milfoil treatment, fundraising is going to be a critical activity in the coming years. We have started a number of activities to help raise money for the association.

Members of the Lake Association staffed the brat and burger stand at the Lakewood Super Value for the first time on Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup>. We were greeted by warm sunshine and vacationers and made a profit of \$217.25. On our second attempt working the stand on Friday August 21<sup>st</sup> mother nature was not as cooperative with cool temps and drizzle but we still managed to make \$189.40. **The total proceeds from the two dates equal \$406.65.**

A big thank you goes to all the people who helped! They are mentioned specifically in the "Volunteer Corner".

Thanks also to Terry Rank at the SuperValue who makes this fundraiser a pretty easy thing to pull off. I am already working with Terry to secure some prime dates in 2010.

In addition, here are the proceeds from the donation box located at the boat landing for the first two months after installation.

July 2009 \$44.61

August 2009 \$70.36

Late breaking news from this past weekend: We just found out that the lock on the donation box was cut sometime over the weekend of September 26<sup>th</sup>. We don't know how much money was in the box. Please help us protect this investment by checking on the box when you pass by.

### ***Volunteer Corner*** by Betsy Nock

*"If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito."*  
Betty Reese

The Archibald Lake Association and its members are grateful for the many people who volunteer their time to help our association with special projects. We would like to take the time to thank them publically. As a volunteer organization, we could not be as viable as we are without the support and contributions of all of our members. Here are some of the ways our members have helped our association, our members and Archibald Lake during the past few months. Thanks for all that you do.

#### **Archibald Landing Project**

Bill Hammen made the box that allows boaters to contribute to our special projects.

Tim Counihan collects the money each week. This year we have collected \$114.97 which will go toward APM and EWM control.

Chris Bordeaux moved the large sign, refurbished it and installed it at its new, user friendly spot near the water front.

#### **Archibald Lake Picnic**

Cathy and Jim Lindeman spearheaded the picnic organization. Many thanks go to Chris and Tish Bordeaux who, once again, opened their garage and yard for this event. Jim Lindeman cooked the many brats, hot dogs and hamburgers that were consumed that sunny day. The Schwebke's have already volunteered to host the picnic next year.

#### **Water Quality Project**

Tim Counihan and Dick Dvorak conduct the testing of our lake water quality during the summer months. These results are sent to the state so that we can review our water quality findings on an annual basis.

#### **Clean Boats, Clean Water Boat Landing Monitors**

The following people have assisted us in monitoring the boat landing this year. Please see the Clean Boats, Clean Water article to see how you can help with this very important project. We want to thank them for their efforts this summer.

Chris Bordeaux

Dick and Joanne Boyer

Tim Counihan

Natalie Cyr

Linda Crawford

Greg Dyer

Matt Marty and Kathy Wiggins

Paul Mattick

Gary Miller

Stacey Newcomer

Betsy Nock

Chris Olson



Steve Fleming  
Bob and Natalie Gehringer

Ray Schiefen

### **Distribution of Materials**

This Labor Day we had important information to give to cottage owners who either have no email or have a cottage on the water near the Eurasian Water Milfoil buoys. Thanks to the volunteers who helped us to deliver information to our Association members in a timely fashion.

Joanne Boyer  
Rhonda Cundy  
Natalie Cyr  
Katie Kesler  
Matt Marty

Gary Miller  
Stacey Newcomer  
Betsy Nock  
Krissy and Troy Van Hout

### **Fund Raising at the Super Value Brat Stand**

This year, in two Brat Frys at the Super Value, coordinated by Tim Counihan, we were able to raise \$406.65. Volunteers who assisted Tim include:

Lisa and Tony Antkowski  
Dick Boyer  
Stan Hall

Cathy and Jim Lindeman  
Tim McGuire  
Chris Murr and Ron Reinart

### **Golf Outing**

This year's Golf Outing was held at Nicolet Country Club in Laona. Larry Market and Ted Albert coordinated this very successful event. Many other members helped by both making personal donations and soliciting donations from local businesses. The Golf Outing raised \$671.50 for the Association. They would like to thank everyone who participated in making this event so successful. Next year's event is already scheduled for September 11, 2010 at the Nicolet Country Club. Larry Market and Mark Hesselink will co-ordinate the event.

As with all recognition, we hope we mentioned everyone. However, if by chance you or someone you know was missed, please let us know and we will mention it in the next Times. We really apologize if we missed someone.

### **More Opportunities to help the Lake Association**

We are grateful that so many members have volunteered to help us as the Lake Association continues to work on important projects for the lake. There are many opportunities to assist the Association in its projects. Below are some of places where we can use volunteers. If you are interested in helping us, please let us know by contacting the person listed.

#### **Picnic Committee**

We are looking for people to help Cathy Lindeman prepare for the picnic. This can include picnic set-up, buying of supplies, helping to host, etc. Please contact Cathy at 920.434.7957.

#### **Brat Fry**

Tim Counihan is coordinating with Terry Rank the dates for next year's Brat Frys. If you are interested in helping out at the stand, please let Tim know at [tcounihan@att.net](mailto:tcounihan@att.net) Generally, the stand is open between 10 and 2. You will need about a half hour on either side for set up and clean up.

#### **Distribution of Association Materials**

We would like to set up a distribution system so that a number of people can deliver materials in a timely fashion. It would be our hope that each person deliver to no more than 10 cottages. If you

are interested in this, please contact Betsy Nock at [eanock@granitewave.com](mailto:eanock@granitewave.com).

### **Membership Committee**

With the Association involved in a variety of activities, it is essential that we have as close to 100% membership as possible. If you are interested in helping us achieve this goal by talking with non-members, please let Cathy Lindeman know at [CALindeman@wisconsinpublicservice.com](mailto:CALindeman@wisconsinpublicservice.com)

### **Golf Outing Committee**

If you would like to work with Larry Market and Mark Hesselink on the Golf Outing committee, please contact either Larry or Mark.

### **Fund-raising Committee**

We are beginning to develop some new ideas for raising money for the Association. If you have ideas for fund-raising and are interested in helping with bringing those ideas to fruition, please contact Tim Counihan at [tcounihan@att.net](mailto:tcounihan@att.net)

### **Clean Boats, Clean Water Boat Landing Volunteer**

This year, we will be able to use all monitoring hours at the Boat Landing as “donated” time (\$12/hour). This work will count for the Rapid Response Grant. Please see the article about Clean Boats, Clean Water to see what being a volunteer is all about. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please call or email Betsy Nock at [eanock@granitewave.com](mailto:eanock@granitewave.com).

## ***Archibald Lake Web Site - by Steve Fleming***

At the annual meeting in June our membership approved the development of an Archibald Lake Association web site. The purpose of the web site is to improve communications within the association and to make it easier to share information for those who have access. We are not planning to use the web site for advertising the lake to others. However, we will not password protect the web site at this time.

In order to develop the web site we are very lucky that Randy Orth, one of our lake association members, has a business, eMarketing 4 Business ([www.em4b.com](http://www.em4b.com)), which specializes in web site development. Randy has volunteered the services of his company to do the initial development. The only cost to the Association will be \$195 per year for hosting. The association gets a free domain name and email addresses with this cost. Once the web site is fully operational, Archibald Lake Association will be doing most of the updates with the help of EM4B.

Our plan for the web site is to make this a location where we can share information easily. We will keep archives of the Archi Times on the web site. We will make available meeting presentations for those who cannot attend the meetings and we will have our calendar of events and pictures from membership events for people to view. We will also have a section for project updates, news about the lake and helpful web links that people may find useful.

One of the opportunities we have with the web site is that we are planning on having a sponsor page where we can list local businesses that would like to buy an advertisement and link directly to their website. Please let us know of any business who might like to buy a small advertisement. We believe we may be able to recoup some of our hosting costs through the selling of these sponsor links.

EM4B has completed a prototype web site and we have gotten some initial feedback from our members for improvement. Once we get those suggestions implemented we will send out the link to more members. This will definitely be a work in progress but it is a start.

For those of you who do not have email and internet access, we will continue to honor our

membership communications commitment. We will continue to send paper copies of all our communications to those without email just as we have done in the past. The web site will be above and beyond our normal communications.

**If you do have internet access and email please make sure that you share your email address with us.** We will not share your address without your permission. **If your email address changes during the course of the year, please send us the new address.** Right now we have 118 members who have shared their email address. Using email for communications saves our association about \$80.00 each mailing we do.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Steve Fleming at 262.993.4228 or [stevefleming77@earthlink.net](mailto:stevefleming77@earthlink.net)

### ***Community / Christian Thrift Store*** by Betsy Nock

With fall upon us, it's that time when we look into our closets and drawers and sheds and wonder "Where did all this stuff come from and why am I keeping it?". That's a sign that it's a good time to clear out one or two boxes of unused items and donate them to the Christian Thrift Store in Wabeno. The Thrift Store is an ecumenical project of all of the churches in the Wabeno-Townsend-Lakewood area and gladly accepts donations from area residents. Sharon and Chuck Ruck who live here work at the Thrift Shop and would help take small donations (one or two boxes) with them when they go to work. You can contact them at 715.276.6456 to arrange a time to drop things off at their house. Betsy Nock has also agreed to take your donations to the Thrift Store from now until the early December. She can be reached at 715.276.6633. The Store accepts most articles **except** baby furniture, baby cribs, large appliances and furniture, microwaves, televisions etc. (if they have to pay to dispose of it, they won't take it). However, they are especially interested in donations of the following items: Men's stuff, Lamps/Shades, Toiletries, Tools/Gadgets, Large Picture Frames, Small Appliances, Men's Clothing, and Small Furniture. So remember the Christian Thrift Store as you begin to close your cottage for the winter months.

### ***Cooks Corner*** By Betsy Nock

Millie Borsum's Wild Rice

1/2 pound butter, melted  
1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 teaspoon oregano  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 cups wild rice  
3 cans beef broth  
1 can water

Melt butter and sauté mushrooms, onions, oregano and salt.  
Add wild rice and simmer for 15 minutes on low heat.  
Put in casserole dish and add beef broth and water.  
Bake uncovered at 325 degrees for 2 hours or until rice is not crunchy.

Note: This dish is BEST if it is baked beforehand and reheated. It freezes well.

Millie and Bill Borsum had the cottage that Deb and Timm McCormick now live in. This was one of Millie's favorite recipes to accompany game, meat or pork.

## ***Material Distribution Policy*** – by Dick Rankin / Betsy Nock

**To avoid confusion related to the distribution of materials at all membership meetings the Archibald Lake Association Board has approved the following statements concerning distribution of materials for Archibald Lake Association meetings.**

1. Members and non-members who wish to distribute materials must provide a complete copy of the items to the secretary of the Board, via electronic file, one week prior to the meeting date. The Secretary, with the Board's approval, will grant permission to distribute said materials.
2. Members and non-members who wish to distribute materials relevant to the meeting need to have a cover sheet on each set of materials to be distributed. The cover sheet of each set of materials must have the name of the distributor, recognition that the materials are not distributed by the Association, and be dated. An example of the statement could be: These materials are being distributed by (person's name) and are not being distributed by the Archibald Lake Association Board.

The secretary for the 2009/2010 year is Kathy Wiggins. Her email address is marwigs@chorus.net.

## ***Final Thoughts*** by Steve Fleming

As you can see from this newsletter there are a lot of great things going on within the association. Our social events have been well attended, and our fund raisers have been very successful. We have accomplished a lot!

We need to keep reminding ourselves that Archibald Lake is still very healthy. Our water monitoring efforts continue to show good water quality. Our plant survey showed us that we have a very strong and diverse native plant community. Unfortunately we have a couple of plants that we wish we could get rid of but overall the lake is healthy and we are working on the issues.

The one thing that is extremely encouraging is the amount of volunteer involvement we are getting from people in the organization. It is wonderful to see how people are willing to jump in and help! THANKS AGAIN!

One final thought. Many people close up their cottages in the fall and will not return until spring. For those of you who live here all year round, and those of you who still visit in winter, please keep an eye on your neighbor's property. If you see something suspicious or out of place please don't hesitate to call. Speaking from experience, we have a couple of wonderful neighbors who watch our place very well when we are not around. One even did a fine job of "interrogating" my brother one weekend before he realized my brother actually had permission. Honestly, I REALLY appreciate it! I would rather they question and find out they were harmless than assume it was ok and find out they were vandals. Please look out for your neighbors!

Have a safe and enjoyable fall and winter!