



Dedicated to the Preservation, Safety, and Enjoyment of Archibald Lake Spring 2010

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Calendar of Meetings & Events

Annual Meeting:

Townsend Town Hall
Date: June 26th 2010
Time: Social 9AM & Meeting
Start 9:30AM

Brat Fry Dates (9:30 – 2:00)

Saturday July 10
Thursday July 22
Saturday August 7
Friday August 27

Golf Outing

Date: September 11th, 2010
Place: Nicolet Country Club,
Laona

APM Plan Review Meetings

to be announced

Annual Picnic

Date: August 14th, 2010
Place: Schwebke's

Welcome to Your Spring 2010 Edition of the Archi Times by Steve Fleming

Some of us have had the opportunity to spend time at the lake enjoying the sights and sounds of winter! Others are anxiously anticipating opening up our cottages, and hoping there are no "surprises." Whatever your case, we hope you have a fantastic summer of 2010.

As you will tell by reading this Archi Times, there has been a lot going on over the winter. We have a Web Site that is up and running; we are planning the spring plant survey and treatment for Eurasian water milfoil; we have been working on the lake Aquatic Plant Management plan; we are preparing to have Archi apparel for sale again; and we are working hard to set up the fund raisers necessary to raise the funds to keep all of this going. These fund raisers provide us with greater financial flexibility as we work to implement the Association plans and manage the invasive species in Archibald Lake. If ever there is a time that we need membership support that time is now. Please make sure you send in your membership dues and volunteer to help whenever possible.

Beyond all the things the association is doing here are some reminders of things that you can and should think about every year.

- First and foremost, **always keep safety in the forefront of everything you do.** As we know, the lake gets busier every year. Please go counter-clockwise around the lake when participating in speed related activities. Please watch out for others as you spin that tube or PWC around in tight circles. It is easy to miss another boat or PWC when you are trying to watch too many things. We want to have another safe summer on the lake!
- If it has been more than 2 years, please **have your septic tank pumped and checked.** Septic maintenance is critical to maintaining water quality. A couple of places to call from the yellow pages are Zeitler Pumping in Mountain, 715.276.2616 or Geiter Septic in Wabeno, 715.473.3901.
- **Please check your property for run-off into the lake.** If melting snow or rain is running-off into the lake you may want to consider rerouting the run-off or putting in a rain garden. The lake association has information on rain gardens or a good source of information is <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/runoff/rg/>
- Now is a great time to **plan a Shoreline Restoration.** A number of property owners have done it and it can really help improve the water quality of the lake. The Association has money available to help as a result of the generosity of Matt Marty and Kathy Wiggins. Here is a link with some information in our zone. <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/shoreland/zone2.htm>. Another good source of information for our area on shoreline restoration can be found at the Langlade County web page on shoreline restoration. <http://lrrd.co.langlade.wi.us/shoreland/index.asp>
- Always **be conscious of things that could get into the lake.** Dispose of chemicals properly at the

recycling center. If you do use fertilizer on your lawn please remember that it is no longer legal to use phosphorous based fertilizer. Also, anything that goes in the lake has an effect no matter how small. When in doubt, keep it out!

- And finally, please **be conscious of your lake neighbors**. Sound really carries across the water. The music and fireworks you enjoy may not be so enjoyable for other people around the lake.

We hope you enjoy and get value from this issue of the Archi Times and please share your feedback with us.

Thoughts from Dick Rankin

What a difference a year makes! During Feb. of '09 a group of energetic Lake Volunteers assisted folks from the Forest Service and the DNR in enhancing the fish habitat via tree drops and a re-built rock reef. These projects were undertaken during absolutely miserable weather conditions. This winter a team of Lake folks have been working on the development of an Aquatic Plant Management plan, doing the research/investigation/thinking/planning during meetings and phone calls in the comfort of their homes. These folks have also been working thru the EWM planning challenges as they operationally implement the \$20,000. DNR grant received to help control the EWM plants. Two completely different opportunities to positively impact our lake in both the short and long term. Thankfully, both were/are helped along by Lake Members dedicated to continuing to make a difference for the good of our Lake.

One of the results of this years efforts was the recent lake membership survey, returned by over 55 members. Within the data was a list of 37 members who volunteered to assist with upcoming summer projects which will include boat landing monitoring on weekends, the adapt a shoreline program, and to continue addressing the flowering rush infestation. The willingness of Lake Members to assist continues to be fantastic. Your willingness to invest time and talent in our beautiful Lake does pay dividends. The fact that over 100 members have already returned their membership dues is another indication of your commitment to be involved. The Board greatly appreciates your participation whether that be working, providing feedback, and/or attending meetings/social events. Together we will continue to improve the overall quality of Archibald Lake for the short and long terms.

Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting on June 26th

Sympathy – by Kathy Wiggins

The Archibald Lake Association would like to express its sympathy to the families and friends of Cindy Fisher, 16621 Bells Point Road, Edward Havlovitz, 16523 Archibald Parkway, and Glenn Kirchner, 16526 Appleton Lane who passed away recently. Cindy, Edward and Glenn were long time residents of the lake. 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.

As We Remembered Glenn Kirchner by Matt Marty

(A conversation among lake friends)

Oh yes, I remember Glenn. He came to the lake as a young man, helped his dad build the cottage and then visited as often as he could with the family.

Do you remember Glenn? Why sure! He was always there to lend a hand, set up and take down for the annual picnic, and always with his old blue truck.

Did you hear about Glenn? Yes, and it's so sad. He was such a wonderful person. I just loved him.

When I think of Glenn I remember his work on the Archi Board. He served for 15 years as treasurer and membership chair. Membership really bumped up during that time. I think so many people joined because he was so nice to them that they just couldn't say no.

The thing was that Glenn was never afraid to do his share and often more. He was the first one to volunteer as a boat landing inspector. He really made things work.

What I remember about Glenn was his winning smile, easy laugh, positive attitude, always a compliment and never a strident word.

And then there was the Glenn everyone knew as the loving husband, a gentle father and an adoring grandfather.

I am so saddened by his passing. He was one of the good ones; an old timer; someone to tell us how things used to be. It sure will be different without him.

So, our hearts are heavy with this loss, but Glenn will always be remembered when we hear the call of the loons or gaze at the soaring eagles.

Archi has lost, and heaven has gained, a very gentle soul.

Archibald Lake Association Members by Joe Paul, Conservation Warden

The sun is getting higher and the days are getting longer each day. You know what that means. Soon many of you will venture out onto the beautiful waters of Archibald Lake to kick off the summer boating season. I would like to bring your attention to a few important boating laws that will keep you safe and out of trouble this summer.

The first law I want to bring your attention to is new in 2010. This law pertains to slow-no-wake speeds for motorboats. It is now illegal to operate any motorboat faster than slow-no-wake within 100 feet of shorelines on all lakes. Slow-no-wake is the slowest speed that moves your motorboat that allows you to still maintain steering and control of your motorboat. That is pretty slow. The fine for violating this new law is \$187.90. It is a good law that protects our shorelines and fish habitat.

The second boating law I want to bring to your attention is also new in 2010. This law pertains to a group of laws to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Specifically it is illegal to do the following:

- Failure to remove all aquatic plants and aquatic animals attached to any vehicle or drain all water from boat trailers, equipment or gear immediately after leaving the water and before leaving the boat launch area or parking area.
- Launching or placing a vehicle, boat, boat trailer, or equipment or gear into waters of the state if an aquatic plant or aquatic animal is attached. The fine for this is \$295.00.
- Transporting on public highways a vehicle, boat, boat trailer, or equipment or gear if an aquatic plant or aquatic animal is attached. The fine for this is \$232.00.
- Transporting over land from another state any vehicle, boat, boat trailer, or equipment or gear for use in Wisconsin's waters without removing all attached aquatic plants or aquatic animals and draining all water. The fine for this is \$295.00.

These are all good laws that protect Archibald Lake from undesirable invasive species.

The last thing I want to make you aware of is Personal Water Craft laws. By far PWC's operating faster than slow-no-wake where prohibited continue to be the #1 summer boating complaint on Archibald Lake. Archibald Lake is unique with several bays and islands. It is illegal for PWC's to

operate faster than slow no wake between most islands on Archibald Lake. Specifically a PWC may not be operated faster than slow-no-wake speed within:

- 100 feet of any other vessel (\$187.90)
- 100 feet of a dock, pier, raft, or restricted area on any lake (\$187.90)
- 200 feet of shore on any lake (including islands) (\$187.90)

Please refer to the 2010 Wisconsin Boating Regulations and Handbook for additional PWC and boating regulations.

Thank you to everyone who has called in the past to report violations. I can not be everywhere, so your help is much appreciated. Stay Safe and I'll see you on the lake.

Conservation Warden Joe Paul –Lakewood Station.

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Tip Hotline – 1-800-TIP-WDNR
DNR Information Line- 1-888-WDN- RINF
Oconto Sheriff Dept. 1-920-834-6900

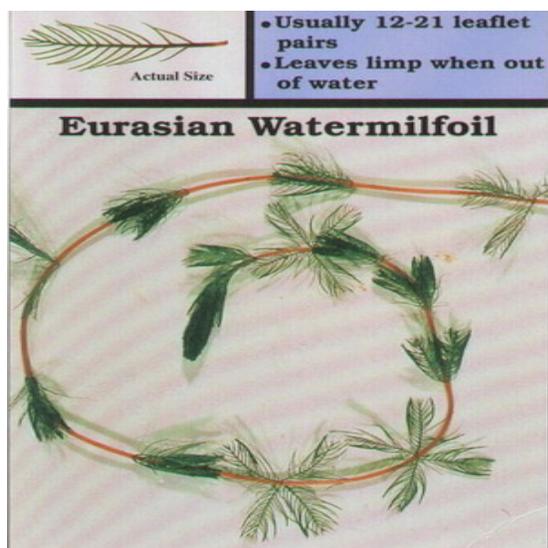
Eurasian Water Milfoil by Kevin Springob

The recent Aquatic Plant Management (APM) survey results indicate that many of us are concerned with Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) and what can be done to stop the spread of this invasive plant. As we continue to manage EWM, it is important to review where we've been and where we're heading. Since the discovery of EWM in June of 2009, the Aquatic Plant Management Team has been working at both short and long-term management options. At a special meeting held on August 15th 2009, the APM Team presented several options for treatment. The consensus of the Association members was to treat the EWM infestation with herbicide. The herbicide treatment was applied on September 29, 2009. Fall herbicide applications can be especially beneficial because unlike native vegetation that dies off early in the fall, EWM continues to actively take up nutrients. Properly timed fall treatments can minimize native plant damage and target EWM.

The assessment of the treatment effectiveness will be performed by Cason & Associates in May 2010. As part of the assessment process, staff will also survey areas adjacent to the infestation to determine if EWM has spread since last year. In July a Point Intercept Survey will be completed. A Point Intercept Survey is a methodical approach that utilizes a predetermined grid of sampling points to provide a thorough representation of aquatic plant species diversity, distribution, and relative abundance. The results of the survey will help guide the Association and the DNR in future management decisions. Based on the results of the spring EWM assessment and the summer Point Intercept Survey, we will determine the areas to treat in fall of 2010.

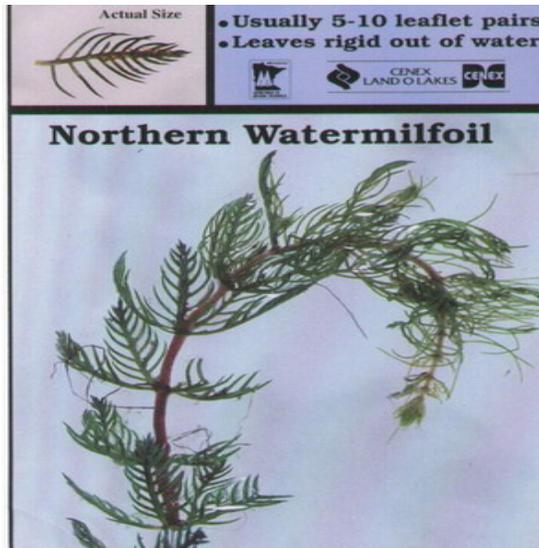
I'm sure we would all like to see EWM disappear from Archibald Lake. Unfortunately total eradication of EWM is not a reasonable expectation. Once EWM is in a lake it typically is there to stay. All is not lost. EWM doesn't grow to nuisance levels in all lakes. The exact cause for the variation in the aggressiveness of the plant is not yet fully known. One area of research suggests that the composition of lake sediments, in particular nitrogen, may have a significant role in determining if EWM will thrive. According to research by the Wisconsin DNR, lakes in southern Wisconsin have higher levels of EWM than northern lakes. That may be good news for Archibald Lake. Archibald Lake also has a very healthy native plant population (including Northern water milfoil) that may help

to keep EWM in check. Northern water milfoil looks similar to EWM, but is generally considered to be a good plant for lakes. Tips for identification of the two milfoil species can be found at the bottom of this article. Currently the EWM infestation is localized to a relatively small area near the boat launch. By catching the infestation in the early stage, we have a better chance of stopping or at least slowing the spread to other parts of the lake. As we continue to manage EWM we will modify our approach as needed in response to the specific characteristics of our lake. We will continue to explore new management techniques and adapt our management strategy accordingly.



Eurasian Watermilfoil (Invasive)

- Usually 12-21 leaflet pairs
- Leaves limp when out of water



Northern Watermilfoil (Native, not invasive)

- Usually 5-10 leaflet pairs
- Leaves rigid out of water

We can all help to stop the spread of EWM by doing a few simple things.

- ✓ Check our boats and motors for aquatic plants whenever we launch them.
- ✓ If you anchor your boat near the EWM infestations adjacent to the boat launch, consider removing vegetation from your anchor and dispose of it in the trash.
- ✓ Keep a look out for potential infestations of EWM and let an APM member know the suspected location. If you see loose fragments of suspicious plants floating on the surface, consider removing the fragments and disposing of them in the trash.
- ✓ Volunteer for the Clean Boats, Clean Water Program. We need as much coverage as possible to prevent the spread of EWM and the potential introduction of other aquatic invaders. 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 or 715.276.6633.

Aquatic Plant Management Plan by Steve Fleming

In the Fall 2009 Archi Times we told you that we were restarting the Aquatic Plant Management (APM) Planning process that began in early 2009. The team gathering information and putting together the first draft is Steve Fleming, Matt Marty, Tim McGuire, Betsy Nock, and Kevin Springob. We are following the UW Stevens Point / WDNR guide and utilizing a number of best practices from other lakes and states. Here is a high level outline of the plan we are following.

1. Setting Goals....Why are we doing this?
2. Inventory....Gathering Information (*This is where the recent opinion survey factors in*)
3. Analysis Synthesis of the Information
4. Alternatives ... Providing Choices
5. Recommendations.... Completing the plan for formal decision
6. Implementation Taking action
7. Monitor and Modify So how are we doing?

Our goal is to have steps 1 – 4 and some potential recommendations ready to review with the members at the annual meeting in June. Please plan to attend this meeting. One piece that will be missing in the June plan due to timing is an aquatic plant Point Intercept (PI) survey of the entire lake. The PI survey, planned for July, 2010, selects sampling points in the lake bottom to survey based on a DNR provided GPS grid. Plants are gathered and identified from each GPS location. There will be over 500 points sampled. We will include the Point Intercept survey data in the plan as soon as it is available. Our expectation is that we will need to go through a number of reviews with our members so the plan will most likely not be ready for full implementation until late in 2010.

A key component of the APM plan is property owner input. The membership survey was the first step. We have chosen to write the first draft of the plan with a small team. We will be reviewing this draft with volunteers from the Association based on volunteers from the membership survey. After this review we will present it at the Annual meeting for another review.

Please let any one of the team members know if you have any questions or comments regarding this information.

Membership Aquatic Plant Survey by Steve Fleming

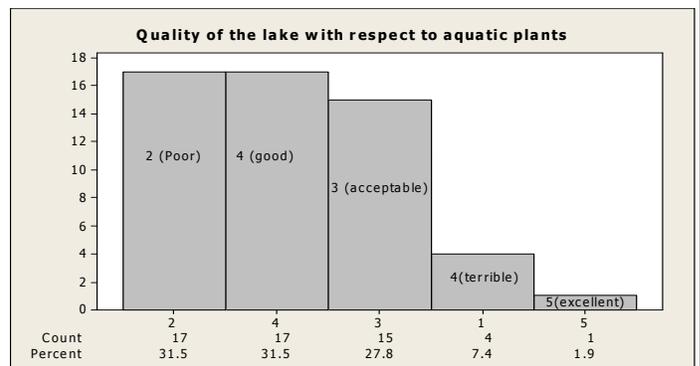
I would like to start this article out with a huge **THANK YOU** to the members of this Association. We received 57 completed responses back on the aquatic plant survey that we sent out in February. In a number of places in the survey we asked people to volunteer their time. 37 people volunteered for different activities. We also received some very good suggestions. This organization is fantastic!

The following is a very short summary of the most relevant information that we received from the survey. The detailed survey results can be found on our website at <http://www.archibaldlake.com/>. If you don't have web access and would like to see a copy of the survey just give me a call at 262.367.4559 and I would be happy to send you a hard copy.

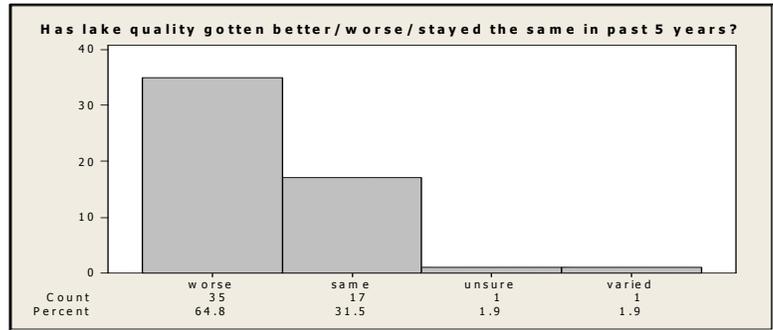
- We asked members how they used their property. 33 said for family, 21 for family / friends, and 3 said family / friends / rental.
- We asked members how many times they brought a boat that was used in another lake into Archi. 70% of the people never put a boat from another lake in Archi. Of the people who did use their boat in other lakes only one did not mention good cleaning / inspection practices.
- We asked members how they rated the overall quality of the lake with respect to aquatic plants

1 = terrible / needs significant improvement, 2 = poor / needs some improvement, 3 = acceptable, 4 = good, and 5 = excellent

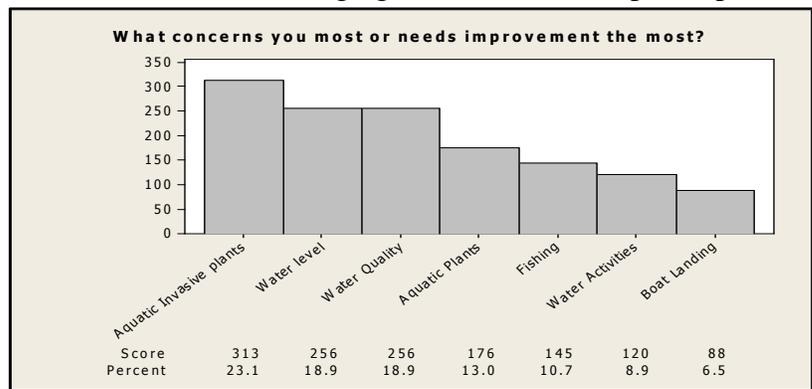
39% said poor or terrible. 61% said acceptable, good, or excellent



- We asked members if the overall quality of the lake has gotten better, worse, or stayed the same over the past 5 years with respect to aquatic plants. 65% of the people who responded said it has gotten worse. This is an obvious area that needs to be understood



- We asked members if aquatic plants have affected their use of the lake. 54% said no and 46% said yes.
- We asked members if they had aquatic plants in nuisance levels. 50% said no and 50% said yes. Most of the comments, concerns, and issues regarding the last two questions centered around invasives, EWM, or flowering rush
- We asked members if our communications regarding aquatic plants was adequate and sufficient and 93% said yes. 7% said no
- We asked members if our approach with EWM was appropriate and 93% said yes, 6% said no, and 1 person said they didn't know. The real answer will be in the results.
- There were several questions asking people if they would volunteer to help remove flowering rush or pay for removal / treatment. 26 said they would be willing to help remove it and 35 said they would be willing to help pay for removal / treatment. (Ranging from \$20 to \$300 per respondent)
- We asked members what concerned them the most or needed improving the most. The top three areas of concern in order were; aquatic invasive plants, water level, and water quality. Aquatic plants and fishing were the next two in order.



Most of the remaining questions were about member's willingness to volunteer for certain activities. In the near future we will be contacting those people who have volunteered.

The next step with the survey data is to factor this information into the Aquatic Plant Management (APM) plan and start to develop the detailed plans to address some of the issues.

Again, we really appreciate all the time members have taken to provide their inputs. We received excellent information!

Clean Boats / Clean Waters by Betsy Nock



Sponsored by the Archibald Lake Association, the Clean Boats, Clean Water program has been in operation since 2005.

Our inspection program is at the Boat Landing from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Last year 14 members staffed the boat landing for 60 ¾ hours.

This year we are excited to have 9 new volunteers who can help us reach our goal of at least 72 hours of donated labor. Each hour of work at the Boat Landing counts directly as Donated Labor (at \$12/hour) to offset our costs of the grant that we were awarded last year to fight Eurasian water milfoil.

In order to meet our goal, we are hoping to staff the Boat Landing at least 6 hours per week from Memorial Day to Labor Day. To better meet the needs of our volunteers, we will be more flexible in our time frames. Boat Landing volunteers will be able to choose the hours and days that are most convenient for them. We find that the Boat Landing is in use most frequently on the weekends during the following times: Friday 4-6 PM, Saturday/Sunday 5-10 AM and 4-6 PM. Monitors will be able to choose any 90 minute slot they find convenient during the week.

Obviously we would like coverage during the weekend if possible. We are hoping that these expanded hours will encourage more of our members to join us in this endeavor. We ask that monitors sign up for 2-3 time slots during the summer.

One of the most often asked questions about this project is “What Do You People Do at the Boat Landing?” During their time at the Boat Landing (90 minutes), monitors do visual inspections of boats and trailers as they enter and leave the lake. They ask boaters a short series of questions about their boating behavior. Now that boaters are so aware of the dangers of Eurasian water milfoil , we find that we are spending more time educating them about VHS (Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia) and about the dangers of transporting water from one lake to another.

As a Boat Landing monitor, you will be provided with opportunities to go to the Boat Landing with our trained monitors. Additionally, we will be having a 60-90 minute training in early June for all of our monitors. We hope that you will consider joining us in this very important project of the Archibald Lake Association. Contact Betsy Nock at eanock@granitewave.com or 715.276.6633 if you are interested in joining us or have more questions.

Money Talks by Gary Miller

The treasury of the Archibald Lake Association continues to be strong. We have a current cash balance of just under \$10,000. We were able to maintain this strong balance despite having fairly significant expenses related to the treatment of Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) found in Archibald Lake last summer. This cash balance will provide a solid basis for meeting the anticipated expenses of the Association as we continue our work on an Aquatic Plant Management Plan, treatment of aquatic plants and other projects that will enhance the quality of our lake.

A number of activities helped us maintain this strong cash position despite the unplanned EWM expenses. Among these was the raising of funds at the annual association golf outing last fall. Through a variety of raffles and silent auctions we were able to raise almost \$700 for the Association treasury. Thank you to all who were involved in securing raffle and auction items and in “encouraging” those in attendance to bid on the items. Association members also operated the food stand at Lakewood Super Valu twice during the summer and fall selling brats, hamburgers and beverages. We were able to raise over \$400 through these efforts.

The Association was also able to secure a grant from the Wisconsin DNR to help offset the costs of treating the EWM found in the lake. The \$5,000 from the early response grant enabled us to respond rapidly once the invasive plant was discovered in the lake.

The most important of the funds raised, however, are the funds raised among our Association in the

form of membership dues. This is the only constant and significant source of income to the lake association, and is the basis of everything that we do to improve and preserve beautiful Archibald Lake and to protect individual property values. Membership is vitally important to the success of the Association. Not only does the \$30 membership provide social opportunities among the members but it also, and most importantly, provides the nucleus of funds and people to support and keep Archibald Lake healthy.

By the time you receive this news letter you should have received your dues notice for the upcoming year. Please continue to support the efforts of the Board and the Association through your continued membership and support of activities on the lake. For the 100+ members who have already paid their dues, we really thank you for your rapid response! If you have not paid your dues, please send them to Cathy Lindeman as soon as possible.

If you have questions on the financial status of our association or how our funds are spent, feel free to contact me.

Fund Raising for 2010 by Tim Counihan

Our 2010 dates are set for staffing the Burger & Brat stand at the Lakewood Super Value. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to cook and 2-3 servers for the following dates: Saturday July 10, Thursday July 22, Saturday August 7, and Friday August 27. Hours are from 9:30am -2:00pm.

If you can help out contact Tim Counihan at tcounihan@att.net or 920.337.0549.

Remember that we need customers as well. Please let your friends and family know that if they are looking for a reasonable & delicious lunch to stop in. And best of all the proceeds go to Archibald Lake.

Archibald Lake Apparel Sale by Cathy Lindeman

April 20th is the date we are shooting for to unveil our new Archibald Lake apparel. I have been working with Shirley at "Always In Stitches" a company in Green Bay. Her website is www.alwaysstitches.com.

Currently we are designing a few logo choices to go with the clothing. We will have various types of clothing to choose from, as well as color choices. Kids t-shirts will also be available. All ordering will be done via her website and can be ordered at any time of the year. These can make great gifts for anytime of the year. For those who don't have the internet, we will mail out order forms for your convenience.

This will be considered a fundraiser for our Lake Association, as well as showing our pride in ownership of our lake, so please support us and check it out. Next year we are able to select other choices of clothing etc. so if you have any ideas, please let me know. Start checking the above website around April 20th to start ordering. If any of you would like me to pick up your items and bring them up to the lake when I come that is an option. Otherwise she will ship directly to you for a fee. Any questions, please either call Shirley or myself at:

Shirley – (920)884-2603 or at her website

Cathy Lindeman (920)434-7957 or cathyindeman@gmail.com

Archibald Lake Carving & Raffle by Dick Rankin

This wood carving was generously given to the Lake Association by Mark Charles, a taxidermist in the G.B. area. His specialty is fish, really big ones!!! He does a fantastic job. Mark stated that about



10 years ago a fish client of his started a company which intended to carve lake images with a laser cut and sell them. One of the first they did was Archibald Lake. They gave Mark the Lake carving asking him to help them market thru his fishing buddies. Unfortunately, the company folded shortly thereafter. Mark kept the carving on a shelf for years. In the fall he contacted the Lake Assoc. and gave it to us for our 'use'. This Lake carving will be on display at the Annual Meeting at which time we will

start selling tickets for a raffle to benefit all the important projects being undertaken now and in the future. Tickets for the raffle will be sold at both the Annual Meeting and the Picnic, with the drawing at the Picnic [need not be present to win]. At this point we are gathering raffle prizes and are asking lake members to consider contributing a prize via your business, via your handicraft skills/baking skills, etc. We understand the economic situation may make it challenging to attract really terrific prizes so we are asking lake members to help if they can by contributing a raffle prize. Should you be interested, please contact Dick Rankin by May 21st.

Thanking you in advance.

Volunteer Corner by Betsy Nock

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." Elizabeth Andrew

The Archibald Lake Association could not be the organization it is without the active support and involvement of our members. We are grateful that so many people have volunteered in a broad range of activities this past year and that so many more people have volunteered to assist us as we go forward with important work projects during the next few years.

Chris Bordeaux who spearheaded the work to refurbish and move the Lake Sign at the Boat Landing reminded me that I had forgotten to mention other people who had helped him with this project.

Special thanks go to Tom Galliotto, Tom Galliotto Jr, Dick Boyer, Ken Swebke and Chris Bordeaux for the combined 19 hours of labor needed to refurbish and install the sign. Chris and Tish Bordeaux generously donated the materials to complete this project. Please take a moment to drive down to the end of the Boat Landing and enjoy their work. Thanks to each of them for their efforts.

A special thank you to our two Loon Watch Observers who report annually about the loons on Archibald Lake. Betsy Vosters and Sharon Ruck are both in their third year of reporting the loon status to the DNR. We are grateful to both of them for providing this information and service.

During our recent survey we received an unprecedented 37 volunteers to help us in our many new and continuing projects. We will be contacting each of you as your area of interest becomes a reality.

Only with volunteers can we, as a lake organization, accomplish our goals.

Opportunities to help the Lake Association

There are many opportunities to assist the Association in its projects. Below are some of places where we can use volunteers this year. 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 on Saturday, August 14th this year. This can include picnic set-up, buying of supplies, helping to host, etc. Please contact Cathy at CathyLindeman@gmail.com or 920.434.7957.

Brat Frys: See Tim Counihan's Fund Raising article on page 10 of this issue.

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 Dick Rankin know at Richard.rankin@snc.edu.

Golf Outing Committee

If you would like to work with Larry Market and Mark Hesselink on the Golf Outing committee, please contact Cathy Lindeman at CathyLindeman@gmail.com or 920.434.7957. The Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2010 at the Nicolet Golf Course in Crandon.

Just a reminder that volunteer hours for the existing Clean Boats/Clean Water Program and the Adopt a Shoreline program that will be started this summer will count as Donated Hours for our EWM Grant. Hours will be eligible to count against our portion of the grant. We estimate that we will need to earn 350 hours during the 2010 year. Otherwise the Association will be responsible for paying back that money at the end of the grant.

The Archibald Lake Association is as strong as its members and their involvement. The Board of Directors are thrilled to thank the many volunteers past, present and future who help us in so many ways.

If you know of someone who has helped the lake in some way that we have not acknowledged, please let me Betsy Nock know at 715.276.6633 or eanock@granitewave.com

EXPOSED LAKE BED? Information from Waterfront Property Owners

This article is excerpted from the summer edition of The Lake Connection, the newsletter of the Wisconsin Association of Lakes

Lower water levels the past few years have left many lake front property owners with additional exposed beach area. In Wisconsin, the state owns the lakebed. Any exposed land below the ordinary high water mark (OHWM - the explanation of the ordinary high water mark is the last questions of the article) of a waterway is held in trust for the public. This means that these areas are protected and activities in these areas, even when temporarily high and dry, may require approval and/or permits.

Why do we want to protect these areas? Because vegetation along the shoreline plays an essential role in maintaining water quality by filtering water that runs off the land surfaces. The vegetation also provides important fish and wildlife habitat and protection from wind and wave actions.

There is no requirement for you to remove material that accumulates along your shoreline. In many cases, over time the material decomposes or is washed away. Please keep in mind that you cannot actively push the material back out into the water – once you touch it – you own it.

Removal of vegetation on exposed lakebed areas (below the OHWM) is limited to a single 30 foot wide path measured along the shoreline per property. All vegetation (except for any state or federally listed endangered species) may be removed in this 30 foot wide path. You can remove it by hand without any Department approvals. This means you can hand pull it, use a strong trimmer (weed wacker) or a push lawn mower. The cut material must be removed and disposed of in an upland location.

If you will be removing native vegetation in a larger area (greater than 30 feet) you will need to get a permit from the DNR. Chemical treatment of vegetation may require a permit from the Department.

The placement of any fill below the OHWM, including sand, pea gravel, and rock, requires permits from the Department.

Driving a motor vehicle, which includes golf carts, ATV's and riding lawn mowers, on the exposed bed of a public waterway is prohibited except for a few limited exceptions. One of the exceptions is for a person operating a motor vehicle to launch or load a boat.

What is the OHWM on my property?

The OHWM is defined as "the point on the bank or shore up to which the presence and action of the water is so continuous as to leave a distinct mark either by erosion, destruction or terrestrial vegetation or other easily recognized characteristic." Water marks are often at various elevations, but the most permanent and prevalent marks constitute the OHWM. The OHWM doesn't change with temporary fluctuations in water levels, nor is it always at or near open water.

Only DNR staff can make a formal determination of the location of the OHWM, but here are some clues that you can use:

Existing seawalls and rock riprap banks are likely at or just above the OHWM.

There is a transition from established mature trees to no woody plants or very young trees.

There are prominent water stains on permanent structures that indicate the OHWM.

***Fish Utilization of the Tree Drops* by Dick Rankin**

Over the winter months several articles have appeared in the local paper talking about what other lakes are doing related to tree drop programs similar to the program we did over the winter of 2008/2009. Several writers have written about the value of trees in terms of the improvement impact for fish, water quality and lakeside habitat. Evidently, the tree drops also enhance the growth of native plants so these plants can impede the growth of invasive plant species. Thankfully, we enjoyed fantastic help from Association members, the Forest Service, and the DNR so the fish of our lake have already enjoyed the enhanced habitat for over a year.

During July of '09 a Forest Service intern examined 15 of the tree drops from around both lobes of the lake, sampling via visual estimation, an underwater camera, and snorkeling. Each tree was examined from the deepest section to 35' toward shore so there was consistency in the review. The intern, Andy DeWitt, was a student of the Natural Resources program at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. His observations revealed that each of the tree drops was being used by bluegills, largemouth bass, rock bass, crappies, perch, pike, walleye and musky. The drops that had multiple trees provided the greatest fish concentrations. Andy hypothesized that the trees provided a predator-prey relationship in the lake. The fact he found bluegills in greatest abundance supported his hypothesis because they are important as a prey species, as well as fun for kids and adults alike.

Conversations with other Forest Service and DNR personnel found that a report such as that provided by Andy should be re-done in several years to truly gauge the drop effectiveness. These professionals

hypothesized, and felt that research supported their theory, that as years pass the tree drops will become increasingly more utilized by fish, insects, water fowl, small animals, etc. According to the articles and fish/game experts, the investment you made via the tree drops in Feb. '09 will indeed continue to enhance the quality of your lake for generations. Hopefully, the Association will be able to continue undertaking similar projects in the years ahead.

Web Site by Steve Fleming

The Archibald Lake web site is fully functional. There is still work to be done and details to be added but we think that will always be the case. You can access it by: <http://www.archibaldlake.com/>

When you enter the home page you will see links for Projects, News, Events, Volunteers, Business Sponsors, Board of Directors, Valuable Links, Pictures, and Contact Us. Each of these either has or will have the most recent information regarding that area. Here is a short summary of each

- Projects – This link will get you to any project updates we have for areas like APM or Clean Boats / Clean Waters.
- News – Provides you with links to the past issues of the Archi Times and Annual Meeting presentation
- Events – Gives you a list of our events within the Association
- Volunteers – Lists volunteer opportunities as well as thank you's
- Business Sponsors – This is a link to local businesses that have been nice enough to buy an advertising spot. Please frequent this page often to get information on restaurants or other businesses.
- Board of Directors – Provides a list of board members and their contact information
- Valuable Links – This is an area for you to quickly access web links within the local area. Links like local weather, fishing or boating regulations, or town information.
- Pictures – We will most likely post some pictures from around the lake
- Contact Us – Is a quick way for someone visiting our web site to contact us

If you know a business that would like to advertise on our web page please let us know. The cost is \$25.00 per year. If you have any questions, comments, or ideas for improvement please contact me at 262.993.4228 or stevefleming77@earthlink.net

Cooks Corner By Betsy Nock

VENISON ROULADES

Cut venison steaks into strips about 1 -2 inches wide and 4 - 5 inches long.

Place chopped onion, bacon, and sliced dill pickle on strips.

Roll each and secure with toothpick.

Brown in pot or skillet.

Add about 2 cups of water in which 1 beef bouillon cube has been dissolved.

For richer (better) flavor, add 1/2 cup good red wine.

Cover and simmer at least 40 minutes.

Recipe from Tom Pickthall

Giving credit to Judy Barbour "Gathering the Game"

Before hunting deer in Texas, Tom was guarding trees during the WI hunting season.

Final Thoughts *By Steve Fleming*

As you can tell, a lot has happened in the last six months and there is a lot planned for the summer. Based on the recent survey of members, we feel we have a reasonable handle on membership opinion. We also feel that a lot of people who are able to help have volunteered and we thank you very much for that. This organization is strong because of the effort and commitment of our members.

If at any time you have any ideas for ways we could improve what we are doing please share your thoughts. We are always open to constructive feedback! Have a great summer!

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