



Dedicated to the Preservation, Safety, and Enjoyment of Archibald Lake Spring 2012

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Calendar of Meetings & Events

Annual Meeting:

Townsend Town Hall
Date: June 23th 2012
Time: Social 9:00AM
Meeting Start 9:30AM

Annual Picnic

Date: August 11th, 2012
Host:
Boyer/Nock/Bevington/Miller/
Hall cottages: Appleton Lane

Golf Outing

Date: September 8th, 2012
Place: Nicolet Country Club,
Laona

Brat Fry Dates (10:00 – 2:00) at

Lakewood SUPERVALU

Friday May 11, 2012
Tuesday July 3, 2012
Saturday July 7, 2012
Friday July 27, 2012

Welcome to the Spring Issue of the Archi Times by Dick Rankin

In early April the Forest Service alert sign in Lakewood said – MODERATE – for the fire warning. That said it all regarding the unusual winter our lake has experienced. Yes, it was good for driving but lousy for those who love roaming the woods either on skis or snowmobiles. It's been a darn tough winter on the Lakewood economy. Fortunately, for whatever reasons, the lake level appears to be UP between 6" – 8" depending on who you chat with. This is a fantastic increase considering the significant decreased snowfall. The loons are back, the lake looks/feels good – it will certainly be ready for you and lots of summer fun.

The Annual Meeting on June 23rd in the Townsend Town Hall will start at 9:00 with a social of 30 minutes-followed by a 90 minute [or less] meeting. The two focused topics will be the CB/CW & Adopt-a-Shoreline programs. Plus, there will be further information related to the treatment endeavors for both EWM and Flowering Rush per our two DNR Grants. We will have a discussion and then vote on the placement of no wake buoys between the second Holt Island and the mainland. A display of some raffle items will be available for your review. Also, a new Lake Information packet will be given out. Please plan to attend – your participation is important. Feel free to bring other family members also.

-- Raffle Items – Should you have new items for a specialty basket, an item you have made [wood work item], a gift certificate from your business, a print w/without a frame, pottery, etc. please notify Dick Rankin. Some fantastic items have been donated; we still need a few more for a successful raffle. Thanks to ALL who donate and ALL for purchase raffle tickets!!!

-- Wabeno Christian Thrift Store: Don't forget about the needs of our friends in the Northwood's when clearing/cleaning your cottage or home for spring. The Thrift Store does a fantastic job providing much needed household/clothing items because of so many generous folks. Your donations are most appreciated.

-- Private property – Please respect the property of others – several folks have expressed concern that some people feel they can use others' nice beach as 'their' playground. Yes, forest service property is available for use by everyone, but private property marked with No Trespassing signs is not available. You can use the water, just not the beach and the land. Thanks for respecting the rights of others.

Sympathy by Kathy Wiggins

The Archibald Lake Association would like to express its sympathy to the families and friends of Russ Dercks who passed away March 20th. Russ and his family have enjoyed the lake for 46 years. 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.

Money Talks by Steve Fleming

The Archibald Lake Association continues to be healthy financially. We ended 2011 with \$17,154 in our checking account which was an increase of over \$5,000 from year end 2010. The increase came from the fact that we have a very healthy membership (~\$4,500), very good fund raising (~\$3,300), and our major expenses (EWM and Flowering Rush treatment) are currently offset by WDNR grants. Even though it does not show up as income the two grants require 25% expense matching by the association. We can pay our 25% either with direct funds or “donated labor.” **Our members donated more than 250 hours of time for these two grants which saved the association \$3,000.** Our fund raising and volunteer hours continue to build our reserves for the day when the WDNR is no longer willing to fund our invasive species control efforts. Our goal is to have a five year buffer saved so we do not have to raise dues in order to continue our invasive control efforts. The WDNR grant for EWM runs out in 2013 and the Flowering Rush grant runs out in 2015. The following paragraphs provide more detail.

2011 brought a significant change in how we handle Association finances. At the Annual Meeting our membership approved a new constitution which included a change in our membership year. In previous years our fiscal year ran from May 1 through April 30. The new constitution changes the fiscal year to match the calendar year, January 1 through December 31.

The following is a brief summary of the major expenses and major sources of association income.

- ***Income*** - Our income came from Membership dues (\$4,500), the Raffle (\$1,310), the Brat Fry (\$1,143), the Golf Outing (\$577), and the Boat Landing (\$284)
- ***Expenses*** - Our biggest expenses were for EWM (\$4,479) and Flowering Rush (\$4,503). However, both of these expenses were almost totally offset by WDNR grant payments. Beyond these two our expenses were the Picnic (\$718), Memberships and Insurance (\$872), Lakes Convention (\$568), and Printing/Mailing (\$446).

At our first 2012 board meeting we developed a budget for 2012. We expect to take in over \$18,000 with expenses of approximately \$14,000 which should leave us with over \$21,000 in the checking account at year end. These numbers include EWM and Flowering rush expenses and income. This budget is very similar to 2011.

Thanks again to all those that helped to raise funds at our many fund raisers and thanks to all our members who continue to support our efforts to preserve this wonderful resource!

If you have questions or would like to get involved please contact Steve Fleming at stevefleming77@earthlink.net or 262.993.4228.

Email Communications: A Reminder by Steve Fleming

As a board, we believe that Association communications is one of our most important responsibilities. We are constantly trying to improve communications while holding down costs. Several years ago we asked our members if they would be comfortable receiving some of their communications through email. 131 of our 151 members now receive the Archi Times and other general communications through email. Using email to send the Archi Times saves the Association approximately \$135 per mailing. We also have a dedicated Archibald Lake Website built by a member's company, EM4B. Because of the generous support of our business sponsors our website is a no cost method that we use to make more information readily available to our members.

At the annual meeting this past summer it was suggested that we use email more. A number of people expressed interest during and after the meeting in receiving reminders of events and more short communications through email. After some discussion at our last board meeting we believe this is worth trying. We don't want to overuse it but if we are careful we think it may be valuable. We realize that this means that there are 20 people who will not receive some of these reminders and our commitment to the membership when we started using email was that we would make sure that our members get the necessary communications. What this means for the future is that everyone **WILL** get all the information. **However, email members may see some additional reminders on topics that have been communicated once before.**

In the 2012 membership renewal form that was mailed in late January we again asked for member's email addresses. For those that don't have email we also asked if there was a close relative or close friend that had email that we could send short reminders to. We will continue to send the Archi Times and other essential communication by paper mail for those who don't have a direct email connection just as we do now. Please consider this possibility for the future.

If you have questions or other suggestions on how we can improve communications please contact Steve Fleming at stevefleming77@earthlink.net or 262.993.4228 or any one of the board members listed at the end of this newsletter.

Aquatic Invasive Species Are on the Move by Kevin Springob

We currently have two aquatic invasive species in Archibald Lake, Eurasian water milfoil and Flowering rush, and more may be on the way. Zebra mussels and Curly leaf pondweed are potential invaders that could significantly impact our lake. Zebra mussels are small, fingernail-sized animals that attach to solid surfaces in water. Mussels may attach to motors and possibly clog cooling water areas. Shells can cause cuts and scrapes if they grow large enough on rocks, swim rafts and ladders. If Zebra mussel populations are large they can have a significant impact on the food supply for larval fish. Zebra mussels have been identified in four water bodies in Oconto County. Zebra mussels attach to boats, nets, docks, boat lifts and aquatic plants. Microscopic Zebra mussel larvae may be carried in water contained in bait buckets and bilges. Curly leaf pondweed is a submerged aquatic plant that has the potential to significantly affect the water quality and use of our lake. Curly leaf pondweed has a unique life cycle that gives it an ecological advantage. The plant begins growing under the ice and dies off by late June. The timing of the die-off is key because the decaying plant releases a lot of nutrients at a time when algae are growing rapidly. As Curly leaf populations increase, so does the potential for a decrease in water clarity. Curly leaf pondweed has been identified in two water bodies in Oconto County and five water bodies in Langlade County. The Department of Natural Resources has rapid response protocols for both invaders. Additional information can be found at the Department of Natural Resources website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/invasives/>.

Eurasian Water Milfoil Control by Steve Fleming

The Archibald Lake Association is entering its fourth year of Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) control. EWM infests many Wisconsin waters. To date, with the financial support of the Wisconsin DNR (\$20,000 grant) and the personal support of many of our members (Adopt-a-Shoreline/hand pulling and CB/CW) we have been able to control this invasive plant. Each year we find new EWM colonies but we also eliminate colonies that were found in the past. In 2011 we spent \$4,573 on surveys and chemical treatment which was paid for using the WDNR grant. To satisfy the donated labor portion of the grant we used 127 hours of valuable membership time. This time was spent surveying the shoreline for EWM, inspecting boats at the landing and hand pulling single plants and small colonies. **This volunteer time saved the association over \$1,500.**

The plan for 2012 is the same as it has been for the past two years. Cason and Associates will be doing a detailed EWM survey as soon as the plants start growing. Based on the survey findings Cason will follow-up almost immediately with a chemical treatment of the larger colonies. Smaller colonies will be hand pulled by a team of trained individuals. During the summer our Adopt-a-Shoreline team will again be surveying the lake looking for any new EWM colonies. Individual plants will be hand pulled and larger colonies will be marked for fall treatment. The Adopt-a-Shoreline surveys are critical in our fight to control this invasive plant. If you are interested in seeing the Cason report from 2011 which includes a map of the EWM locations you can find it on our website at www.archibaldlake.com. Just click on the words "2011 EWM report" about half way down the home page. If you don't have internet access please let me know and I will gladly send you a copy of the report. If you are interested in seeing some excellent pictures of EWM in the water (not Archibald thank goodness) you can go to our website and scroll down until you see the link Skawinski EWM pictures.

We are entering the final year of our four year, \$20,000 rapid response grant. We have been cautious with how we have spent these funds and as a result we still have \$11,673 remaining unspent. According to preliminary information from the WDNR they will allow us to carry over unspent funds into future years. Assuming this is true these funds should last us another 2-3 years at our current spending rate. Keep your fingers crossed since the person who said we could carry over the funds just recently changed jobs. We will keep you posted.

One piece of additional information is as part of another WDNR grant, Oconto County has hired an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator, Amanda Strick, for all County lakes. Amanda's role is to provide an organized focus for all the county-wide AIS activities. The goal is to be able to better leverage the work being done by all the county lakes.

If you have questions or would like to get involved please contact Steve Fleming at stevefleming77@earthlink.net or 262.993.4228.

Flowering Rush by Steve Fleming

The Archibald Lake Association is entering year two of a four year, \$42,000 flowering rush research and control grant with the Wisconsin DNR. Last year we spent \$4,442 doing trials on two chemicals, Aquathol K and Renovate Max G. We also paid for technical advice from Dr. Peter Rice at the University of Montana. As with all WDNR grants we are required to pay 25% and the WDNR will pay 75% of all expenses up to the amount of the grant. Our 25% can come in either direct funds or in "donated labor" for which we can apply at a rate of \$12/hour. **We utilized 123 hours of donated labor to satisfy the 2011 grant which saved the association \$1,476!** The donated labor came mostly from people doing plant surveys, collecting chemical concentration data, and cutting and

digging flowering rush.

The spring of 2012 will be the true measure of how we did in our 2011 chemical treatment. As soon as the plants start growing we will retake the plant density data in the areas treated and compare it against last year's data to see the impact. Once we have this data we will be able to develop a plan for this year. We recently received the chemical concentration data from the two trial areas taken in 2011. Water samples were collected on an hourly basis after the treatment in order to evaluate the rate of chemical dissipation. Unfortunately the chemical concentrations did not stay high for as long as we would have liked. Again, the final impact can only be determined by measuring the plants in the spring. We will keep you posted.

It is very important that everyone who is cutting, pulling, and digging flowering rush continue to record their hours. Please record the date, the hours spent (in 15 minute increments), the person who spent the time, and what you did on a sheet of paper. Send me an email or give me a call to let me know you are doing it and I will gather your information throughout the year so we can use the hours to satisfy the requirements of the grant.

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Clean Boats / Clean Waters by Betsy Nock and Steve Wagner

This summer on Memorial Day weekend we will begin our 7th year of Clean Boats, Clean Waters work at the Boat Landing. We have been involved in this important project in conjunction with the DNR since its inception. Last year, our Clean Boats teams inspected 229 boats, talked with 422 people and spent 174 hours at the landing.

We couldn't have done it without the support of all of our volunteers. Special thanks go to Paula and Jiri Gabera, Dick and Joanne Boyer, Karen and Jeff Rugotska and Rhonda Cundy who together contributed almost 100 hours of time.

The need for boat landing monitoring continues as lakes in Wisconsin and Michigan are reporting more instances of other invasive species (like Curley Leaf Pond Weed, Zebra Mussels and Hydrilla) being discovered in their lakes. We would like to maintain and even increase the number of hours that we are at the boat landing this year.

Steve Wagner has agreed to work with us as we look to finding ways to increase our volunteer base and to retain the volunteers that we already have. Thanks Steve, for taking this on!

If you can volunteer to help us, we can arrange times for you to be trained at the Boat Landing as well as find times that will fit your schedule. We are aware that many of you have a limited amount of time at the lake and want to be sure that you can "fit us in" when it is convenient for you.

We would like volunteers to commit to three 90 minute sessions during the summer. However, we will certainly be happy with whatever time you can give us. Included in that three sessions would be the time that I (or another seasoned volunteer) would spend with you to train you right at the Boat Landing.

There is a training session for Clean Boats, Clean Water (as well as Adopt a Shoreline) at the Riverview Town Hall, June 4th from 9 to noon. If you are interested in attending, please let me know at eanock@granitewave.com.

The process of keeping Archibald Lake healthy is one that concerns present lake owners as well as future owners. Please talk with all of the people who enjoy your cottage and encourage any of them to assist us with this important project.

Adopt-a-Shoreline by Joe Warnacut

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) has become an issue for our lakes and waterways throughout Wisconsin. These species are most commonly transported by boats and fisherman. Unchecked, these foreign species can displace our native plants and animals.

Adopt A Shoreline (AAS) is a monitoring program established by our association to educate the membership with identifying, locating and eradicating specific plants found in Archibald Lake. To date we have focused our efforts on Eurasian water milfoil (EWM), with the intent to expand these efforts to include other invasive plant and animal species in the future. This monitoring program is being conducted by volunteers from around the lake, who inspect assigned lake areas for invasive species. As awareness grows our volunteer base continues to expand, with triple the number of volunteers from a year ago.

It is not realistic to believe we can ever clean the lake entirely of EWM, but we can keep it in check through the programs that have been established. We received a grant from the WI DNR in 2009 to help cover the costs for surveying and treating EWM. The treatments have helped manage the larger concentrations of EWM and it is up to the volunteers to locate and remove single and smaller concentrations.

This spring, we will focus on educating our volunteers in how to identify EWM and proper removal methods. Anyone who would like to learn more about identification or removal of invasive species should contact:

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Fishing Update by Steve Fleming

With opening day of the fishing season almost here we wanted to share some information

- Walleye – There will be a new regulation sign posted in the sign board for Archibald Lake. The minimum length limit is 15 inches and the daily bag limit is 3. Per the WDNR, there is a slight chance the daily bag limit for walleye could change before the season opens so please check the landing sign for final numbers.
- Muskellunge – On page 38 of the WDNR Fishing Regulations it states that the minimum length limit is 50 inches for Archibald Lake.
- The WDNR has finished collecting data for the comprehensive fish survey. The final report with recommendations is due in late summer.

Good luck fishing!

Lake Use Information by Tim McGuire with extra comments by Kathy Wiggins

Every Association member will be receiving a newly revised Lake Use Information “poster”. It is the board’s hope that you will post it in a visible spot in your cottage.

The following is a short review of some of the items in the poster with a few additional comments from the editor in [].

CLEAN BOATS / CLEAN LAKES - IT’S UP TO YOU

State Law (SL) - Prohibits launching or transporting a boat, boat trailer, or boating equipment if there are any aquatic plants or animals attached 30.07(2)(A)

SL- Dispose of your extra minnows (and worms – Association request) in a trash container, not in the lake or on the shore. **[Buy your bait at a local licensed bait dealer to insure you are not getting new aquatic invasive species with your live bait.]**

BOATING REGULATIONS - PLAY SAFELY

Town Ordinance - Observe slow no wake from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Slow / No wake is that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steering control

SL - Stay at least 100’ from all lake users and objects

SL - Boats - observe slow no wake within 100’ of shore [Please pace this distance out on land to get an idea of how far this is in the water.]

SL - Jet Skis - observe slow no wake within 200’ of shore

NOISE - IT CARRIES OVER WATER

SL - A permit is required to shoot off fireworks

LIGHTS - THEY FLOOD OUT THE STARS FOR OTHER RESIDENTS

AR – If possible shield lights which can be seen from the lake [yard and porch lights]

SPACE - WILDLIFE NEED ELBOW ROOM

SL - Observe loons, eagles and other wildlife from a distance; harassing wildlife is against the law

[When going for a walk along the roads, remember to walk on the side of the road facing oncoming traffic.]

2012 Citizen Lake Monitoring by Tim Counihan

Water quality testing will be done on both the East and West lobes for 2012.

*Please be considerate when the volunteers are on the lake taking samples.

Fund Raising 2012

SUPERVALU BRAT FRIES, by Tim Counihan

Archibald Lake Association volunteers will be staffing the Burger & Brat stand at the Lakewood SUPERVALU. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to cook and serve for the following dates:

Friday May 11, 2012

Saturday July 7, 2012

Hours are from 10:00am -2:00pm.

Tuesday July 3, 2012

Friday July 27, 2012

If you can help out contact Tim Counihan at tcounihan@att.net or 920-337-0549.

Remember we need customers too so please let your friends and family know if they're looking for a reasonable & delicious lunch to stop in. And best of all the proceeds go to Archibald Lake!

Thanks to Terry & Dave at the SUPERVALU for their help.

APPAREL SALES, by Betsy Nock

Our apparel sales in the last 3 years have been a modest success. However, it has not been the fund raiser that we had hoped it would be. In an effort to increase our sales, and, therefore, our fund raising, the Association is going to go in a different direction this year.

We will offer some apparel – both embroidered and screen prints. Additionally, there will be other customized items for sale with the Archibald Lake signature.

Hopefully, near the beginning of May, we will be sending out, via email, a short note and an order form with the items that we will be selling. The cut-off date for first orders will be the Memorial Day weekend, so that we can have items available to hand out at the Annual Meeting. There will be another sale of items with a cutoff date in July which will allow for delivery at the Annual Picnic in August.

Sample items will be on display at the Annual Meeting. Pictures of the items and the order form will always be available on the web site www.archibaldlake.com. The notice about the items along with the attached order forms will be sent out via email. Feel free to forward this to members of your family who may also wish to purchase items. Who knows! They may even want to purchase something for you.

3rd ANNUAL RAFFLE, by Dick Rankin

With the fundraising goal continuing to be combatting invasive species, the Association will embark on its 3rd raffle. The first two raffles netted about \$2,200. Again, the raffle will take place at the Picnic on August 11th. Raffle tickets will be distributed in June/July to the Lake membership and for sale at the Annual Meeting, the Picnic & possibly at the Board Landing. Since you do not need to be present to win, please consider selling tickets to family/friends.

Some of the key items will be available for inspection at the Annual Meeting. To date, key prizes include: Packer Autographed football, custom print of your choosing framed with barn wood, handmade quilt, day of fishing on Lake Michigan for salmon/trout, Brewer Jacket, several baskets, and other items. A colored flyer with these and other items will be included with the tickets. Should you wish to donate an item [s] for a basket, or 'stand-alone' item, please contact Dick Rankin. Thanks for your continued support of the raffle.

ADOPT A BASKET by Betsy Nock

Each year for our Fund Raising Raffles, both at the Picnic and the Golf Outing, baskets are included to be raffled out. The "Adopt a Basket" idea began last year. Family groups can take a basket theme and purchase the items to be included in that basket. Some of the basket ideas that we had last year included: Christmas, Wine Tasting, Breakfast, Scrapbooking, Children's Fishing, and Adult Fishing baskets.

If you have an item that we can raffle individually (last year we had hand crafted cribbage boards) or

be included in a basket, they are always welcome.

This is a great way to participate in the Association efforts to raise funds to fight invasive species in our lake. If you are unable to donate hours to our projects, you may find this a nice way to help us raise these needed funds. Please contact Betsy Nock at eanock@granitewave.com if you can help us or if you have questions.

BOAT LANDING, by Tim Counihan

The donation box will be at the landing again this year.
Nice job by the CB/CW volunteers for reminding everyone as they launched that the box is there.

Social Events by Kathy Wiggins and Betsy Nock

As the weather gets nicer and the snow melts, it's time to begin to mark your summer calendars for Archibald Lake events.

Our **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Saturday, June 23rd. It will be at the Townsend Town Hall and we are again promising a 90 minute meeting. Membership folders with new information for each member family will be distributed at the same time. The social time will begin at 9:00 AM with the meeting beginning promptly at 9:30. We will once again show off some of the items for our raffle at the Summer Picnic as well as new Archibald Lake items that can be purchased.

The **Summer Picnic** will return to the second Saturday of August. It will be held August 11th at the end of Appleton Lane in the combined backyards of the Boyers, Nocks, Bevingtons, Millers and Halls. More information about the picnic will be available in a flyer in your Membership Folders.

We are holding our second **Thank You Volunteers Social** on Saturday, August 25th. This event will be at the Matt Marty/Kathy Wiggins cottage and is for all people who have volunteered during the 2012 summer months. Invitations will be sent in July. If you are planning on or have signed up to volunteer for Archibald Lake activities (Flowering Rush, Adopt a Shoreline, Clean Boats etc) please mark this date on your calendar.

Finally, the **Golf Outing** will be held on Saturday, September 8th. There will be golfing in the afternoon and a dinner with a raffle in the evening. This is a wonderful event. You do not need to golf to participate in the dinner. Remember, you do not need to be an expert golfer to participate and if you wish you can pick the people that you want to golf with. We encourage you to sign up to attend. The flyer for the Golf Outing will be available in your Membership folder as well.

Please let us know if you would be willing to assist us in any of these events.

Membership/Signs by Betsy Nock and Kathy Wiggins

Our Membership Drive for 2012 began this year in February as our Association Year changed to a calendar year in 2012. As of April 15, we have 137 members. Thank you to everyone who responded in such a timely fashion. If you have not already done so, please get your membership form and check returned to me as soon as possible.

This year **we are using a May 1 deadline for name placement on our sign boards**. Sign Boards will be re-done during the month of May. Families who have renewed their membership by May 1 will have their names listed alphabetically on the boards. Members who pay after May 1 will have

their names placed on the boards at the end. This will allow us time to get the Sign Boards current before Memorial Day.

There will be sign boards at the corner of Bells Point and Archibald Lake Road, Archibald Parkway and Archibald Lake Road and a new larger sign at Bullfrog Bend and Presbyterian Lane. Members on the south side of Archibald Lake from Stonegate Lane to the Boat Landing will be on either the smaller Archibald Lake Members Sign at Bells Point or the larger sign at Archibald Parkway. Those members who live north of the Boat Landing will have their names on the new sign at Presbyterian and Bullfrog Bend.

All memberships are due by the Annual Meeting on June 23rd. Your membership helps to fund our many lake improvement activities, will allow you to vote during our Annual Meeting, allows you to participate in the picnic and golf outing, and you will continue receiving the Archi Times and other related information.

Again, thank you for your continued support of the Archibald Lake Association.

Web Site by Steve Fleming

The Archibald Lake Association web site continues to provide us with all the functionality that we currently need. Again, many thanks go to Randy Orth and EM4B for all their ongoing support! We are updating the website with new information as it comes available. Please visit the website often. The website can be accessed by going to www.archibaldlake.com.

We currently have 14 sponsors. They include Pintsch's Hardware, WPS, S Birkholz Construction, Lakewood Ski and Sport, Power's Service Center, Lakewood SUPERVALU, GEM Heating and Sheet Metal, Trackside Deli and Shell, Lakewood Zoo, Philip Mattek Financial Advisor, Geiter Septic, Schmidt Boat Lifts and Docks, Radish Realty and EM4B. **Please utilize our sponsors as much as possible.** We break even with eight. These sponsors help us keep the website as a no cost communications tool.

If you have questions, ideas, or would like more information please contact Steve Fleming at stevefleming77@earthlink.net or 262.993.4228.

ALA History Tidbits: 1972 by Kathy Wiggins

Did you know that the association/lake had firefighting equipment? It was kept at the Nicolet Resort (which is now Walleye Ln.). This was when the closest fire department was in Wabeno.

According to a June, 1972 Association letter to members, new equipment consisted of a two wheel trailer, pump, fire siren, shovels, brooms, axe, pails, first aid kit, fire extinguishers, for any type of fire, wood, rubbish, grass, oil or electrical, and oxygen supply. The new equipment cost approximately \$650.00. Fire drills were to be held in early June.

There was a lake patrol consisting of six volunteers. Violators of Wis. Boating regulations received a warning. If violations continued they were reported to the Town Constable, Game Warden or Sheriff Department.

Skiing hours were from 10:00am to 4:00 pm.

Fishermen were encouraged to return small walleye to the lake to help increase the larger size walleye population. They were also encouraged not to pollute the lake with beer cans, bottles, rubbish, gas or oil.

Members at the 1971 annual meeting endorsed taking action to avoid pollution of the lake by direct discharge of sewage or sink waste or seepage from septic tanks or drain fields. Everyone was to check their sewage by July 1, 1972. After that the DNR was going to check the lake at the location of each cottage.

Association dues in 1972 were \$3.00. Prior years were \$2.00.

Loon Information from Project LoonWatch by Kathy Wiggins

The following information comes from the Fall, 2011 Project LoonWatch magazine, Tremolo, which can be found by going to the website: www.northland.edu/loonwatch

In the Midwest, loons were once breeding as far south as northern Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana. Since the late 1800's the breeding range has been shrinking to the north away from populated areas. Now common loons only breed in the northern two-thirds of states such as Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan. The Loon Watch program, using scientific information provided by the Wis. DNR and U.S. Geological Survey is dedicated to helping restore loons to their historical breeding range, and to increase loon nesting opportunities.

Another article reports that the 2010 survey shows a decrease in hatched chicks per territorial pair. It was 0.69 compared to the 33 year average of 0.82. 306 hatched, and 241 were observed after 8 weeks. If they survive to 8 weeks, chances are good that they will successfully migrate south. One of the possible reasons for the decrease might be due to increased territorial aggression due to the increase in the loon population.

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