



Dedicated to the Preservation, Safety, and Enjoyment of Archibald Lake Spring 2015

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Calendar of Meetings & Events

Nicolet Walk/Run

Maiden Lake
June 20th, 2015
Contact: Betsy Nock

Annual Meeting:

Townsend Town Hall
Date: June 27, 2015
Time: Social 9:00AM
Meeting Start 9:30AM

Annual Picnic

Date: August 8, 2015
Hosts: Percy & Gerry
Blount's, 16555 Archibald
Parkway

Volunteer Thank You Picnic:

Date: July 18, 2015
Place: Nock's and Boyer's,
Appleton Lane

Golf Outing and Dinner

Date: September 12, 2015
Place: McCauslin Brook Golf and
Country Club, Lakewood

Brat Fry Dates (10:00 –

2:00) at Lakewood
SUPERVALU
Saturday, May 30, 2015
Thursday, July 2, 2015
Friday August 7, 2015
Saturday, September 19, 2015

Welcome to the Spring Issue of the Archi Times by *Tim McGuire*

The Board of Directors hopes you had a good winter and we know you are all anxious for the warm spring weather to melt the ice on the lake and to open up your cottages.

Many great things have happened over the winter, as you will read below, and we have been busy working on projects to initiate over the summer.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in June, at other Association events and hope you will consider volunteering at the boat landing or on other Association projects. It is a great way to meet other members as well as helping to maintain our beautiful lake.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the board members if you have any concerns or suggestions related to Archibald Lake and its Association.

Sincerely,

Tim McGuire, President

Archibald Lake Association Wins an Award! by *Kathy Wiggins and Betsy Nock*

The Wisconsin Lakes Partnership has just informed us that the Archibald Lake Association has been selected for their Lake Stewardship Award for single lake groups. This award is an acknowledgement of the combined efforts of the Board of Directions and the active group of volunteers who have been involved in so many of our activities. The award recognizes the work of our long-time efforts in Water Quality testing, our work with the Forest Service in improving our fishing environment, our work in controlling EWM and Flowering rush, our decade long work at the boat landing with Clean Boats, Clean Waters and our work with county and state personnel in finding new ways to keep Archibald

Lake a special lake for us all.

We could not have won this award without the help of the various members of our Board of Directors, past and present, an active group of volunteers who have been involved in so many of our lake projects and activities and from the positive endorsements from WDNR professionals and the support of the Association membership. Thank you to all of you for the support you have shown us in these efforts.

Wisconsin Lakes is a statewide non-profit organization working to protect and enhance the quality of Wisconsin's lakes. They partner with the DNR and UW-Stevens Point Extension to hold a three day statewide convention which covers many lake related issues. Members of our Association have attended these conventions for the past 15 years. Their website has some interesting information regarding lakes and lake organizations. <http://www.wisconsinlakes.org>.

[Another great website for state lake-related topics is UW-Extension Lakes, Stevens Point: <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/default.aspx>]

Community Involvement and Volunteer Opportunities by Kevin Springob

As evidenced by our recent winning of the Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Award, we are fortunate to have such an active membership that cares so much about protecting Archibald Lake. Back in 2009 we discovered Eurasian watermilfoil on Archibald Lake and the members banded together and stepped up to the challenge of doing what was necessary to protect our lake. Over the years, I've worked with many lake associations in Minnesota and Wisconsin and I can honestly state that I've never seen a more dedicated group of individuals that care for the lake they love than the members of this Association. We've certainly dealt with the challenges of aquatic invasive species and gone the extra mile to protect the water quality of Archibald Lake.

There are so many opportunities to contribute and volunteer for the benefit of Archibald Lake.

Whether you're able to volunteer for a couple of hours or several hours, every little bit helps us to maintain the quality of life we all have grown to appreciate on Archibald Lake. Volunteering strengthens the sense of community and can be a great way to engage in social activities and make new friends on the lake. From brat fries to Clean Boats, Clean Waters, the volunteer opportunities are very diverse and no doubt there is an activity that is the right fit for you. Please consider giving some time to the Association and becoming a part of a larger community. Below you will find a list of volunteer activities and the contact information, if you are interested in becoming involved.

Board Member

We are in need of a new Board Member and Treasurer. Board Member terms are three years. Contact Tim McGuire at 715-850-0501 or timandlynn@granitewave.com for more information.

Adopt a Shoreline

This activity involves a couple hours per summer looking for aquatic invasive species. Volunteers can choose the area they would like to monitor and training and resources are provided. Contact Kevin Springob at 763-954-1905 or kspringob@gmail.com for more information.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters

Volunteers monitor the boat landing for invasive species that may be entering the lake. For more information contact Betsy Nock at 414-477-1965 or eanock@granitewave.com.

Brat Fry Fund Raisers

Association volunteers staff the Burger and Brat stand at the Lakewood SuperValu. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to cook and serve. The hours are from 10:00 to 2:00. Contact Tim Counihan at 920-337-0549 or tcounihan@att.net.

What the Heck is the Archibald Lake Ecology Improvement Committee?

by Tim McGuire

We are an off shoot of the Archibald Lake Fishing Committee. So why the name change?

Many of the projects that have been done in the past including the walleye reef in the east lobe and the tree drops around the lake were planned and assisted by the members of the Archibald Lake Fishing Committee and other outstanding volunteers. But the projects that we do around the lake help the general ecology of the lake, not just the fish. With that in mind we made the decision to change the committee name to one more appropriate for the things we do for the lake.

With that said, what are we up to now?

The Archibald Lake Ecology Improvement Committee is planning to improve walleye spawning habitat over the next several years. Currently we are working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) fisheries staff to install walleye spawning reefs in three areas; two, 300-foot sections and one, 600-foot section. By placing glacial/field stone in these areas (we'll do this on the ice in February 2016 and future years) we will be able to improve spawning habitat for our fish. The Archibald Lake Association partnered with WDNR in 2008 to construct a walleye spawning reef. Further investigation by WDNR revealed significant walleye natural reproduction as a result of this effort. We are working with WDNR to expand this existing reef and have identified other areas that would benefit from the same habitat improvement projects. The Association has been granted permission from the 3 shoreline owners affected by this project. The Board of Directors for the Archibald Lake Association has also granted the Archibald Lake Ecology Improvement Committee approval to proceed. We will be making a presentation to the general membership at the Archibald Lake Association annual meeting in June.

Not only does this initiative provide substantial habitat for our fishery, but it also improves the general health of our lake. We feel that by investing in fish habitat, we are receiving a greater return on our investment (fish will come and go but this particular project will be here for decades to come). Additionally, WDNR has revised its walleye stocking strategy for Archibald Lake. Previously, WDNR was stocking small fingerling walleye (2 inches) with limited success. In 2014, WDNR began stocking large fingerling walleye (7 to 9 inches). We received 5,882 fish that year and should receive the same amount every other year! As these fish mature, we hope our spawning areas will promote natural reproduction and supplement WDNR's stocking efforts.

Now some really great news. I was recently contacted by Mary Schneider, daughter of Butch and Viola Hackbarth. Many of you knew the Hackbarths as long time members of our lake Association.

Mary told me that Viola had passed away recently and that the family was looking at making donations in memory of her Mother and Father. She told me how Mom and Dad loved having the

cabin on Lake Archibald. She asked if there were any projects such as Walleye Stocking or other projects that were coming up on the lake. I told Mary about the Lake Ecology Improvement Effort and the monies that will be needed to carry out that project. Mary took that information back to her family and they have decided to make a substantial monetary donation toward our project. In the future you will see some type of recognition to the Hackbarth Family for their contribution to the walleye spawning reefs.

Please take a moment to thank the Hackbarth family for their generous donation to our project on Archibald Lake. Their generosity will affect our Lake Ecology for many years to come.

DNR Grant Funding and Lake Management Plans by Kevin Springob

The Association has greatly benefited from DNR grant funding over the past five years. The grant funds we've received have allowed us to successfully manage our Eurasian watermilfoil population and to address possible control methods for Flowering rush. In July of 2014 Phragmites, another aquatic invasive species, was discovered on the west lobe of Archibald Lake. Phragmites is an emergent plant that grows in shallow water or in moist soil. Phragmites can displace native vegetation and lead to a loss of diverse habitat. The Phragmites patch is relatively small and at this point should be fairly easy to control or eliminate. The DNR offers grant money for the control of Phragmites and the Association is already taking steps to secure money for a 2015 treatment.

The DNR guidance indicates that lakes conducting active management must update their management plan every 3-5 years to be eligible for DNR grant funds and permits. The Archibald Lake Aquatic Plant Management Team completed a Lake Management Plan in 2010 and the plan will no longer be valid after 2015. Thanks to the efforts of the APM Team we have enjoyed the benefits of DNR grant money and permits to control our invasive species. The time has come to write a new plan. I've had discussions with the DNR and Onterra (our lake consultant) about the process and what specific elements the DNR looks for in a plan and what components are relevant for scoring highly in the grant ranking process. The water quality data collected by our volunteers will be incorporated in the the new plan but Onterra staff will be able to collect required data that is beyond the abilities and resources of our volunteers. Some of the data from our first plan is now approximately 14 years out of date and Onterra has the equipment and technical staff to collect new data that has been specifically requested by DNR staff to be updated.

The DNR offers grants for the development of Lake Management Plans and our consultant will be applying for a grant on our behalf later this year. The grant will cover approximately 75% of the cost of developing the plan. The Association's contribution after grant reimbursement will be approximately \$4,000 - \$8,000 for a project that is expected to span two years. Once the plan has been completed by Onterra, minor updates will be required every 3-5 years. The cost of the plan to the Association is minor when compared to the benefits of qualifying for thousands of dollars from the DNR and meeting the necessary permit requirement for future control efforts. Archibald Lake currently has three aquatic invasive species and it is safe to assume more species are going to make it into our lake. Spending the money on a Lake Management Plan will ensure our continued qualification for grants and permits and protect the investment of time and money we have already put into combatting aquatic invasive species.

Eurasian Watermilfoil Control by Kathy Wiggins

As mentioned in the Fall Archi Times, there was only one patch of EWM found in the west lobe of the lake. As a result of such good news, Onterra will not conduct an early spring survey. They will conduct the usual late spring-early summer and late-summer surveys.

As Onterra stated in their survey results report, it is likely that EWM may exist in low densities in areas that may have escaped detection in the last survey. Continued monitoring is important, and hopefully our hand-harvesting methods will keep EWM under control. If you see any plants that might be EWM, contact Kevin Springob: kspringob@gmail.com.

Healthy Lake Checklist by Kathy Wiggins and Betsy Nock

The theme for this year's Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention is "Healthy Watersheds-Lakes-People." Here are some things that you can do this spring to help keep Archibald Lake healthy:

- If your boat is being launched by a boat service, try to be present at the boat landing so that you can inspect your boat and their trailer before it goes in the water. It's important that no weeds be present on the boat or trailer before it is launched into Archibald Lake. If you can't be present, check with the service when you set up the date about their Clean Boats policy.
- When you are installing your pier this spring, check the water around the pier for EWM or Flowering rush. If you find any suspicious plants, please contact Kevin Springob.
- If you have purchased any new water toys (jet skis, boats, etc), piers or rafts, inspect them for possible zebra mussels or weeds before you put them in the water.
- Have your septic system checked and pumped, if necessary.
- Keep leaves out of the lake. Remove leaves, as much as possible, from the lake and shore. Leaves contribute to the amount of phosphorous in the lake which increase lake plant growth.
- Control the runoff into the lake. Clear your rain gutters and downspouts. Consider installing a rain garden. Do not mow your grass down to the edge of the lake. Create a low buffer of native plants at the edge of your lawn instead.
- Reduce the amounts of fertilizer applied to your lawn. Many people tend to over-fertilize. Have your soil tested to find out what is needed.
- Restore your shoreline to its native state. You can still leave a section of access to your shore, but creating buffer zone in the rest of the area will help prevent runoff, and can restore a habitat for shore land birds and animals.

Get the Lead out! by Kathy Wiggins

Loons are close! Many have been spotted on Lake Monona in Madison waiting to head up north as soon as the ice is out up there.

Loons are such a special part of our lake, that I thought I would share some information from the Loon Watch organization newsletter, "Tremolo".

- Ingested lead tackle is deadly for loons. Stop using lead tackle. Dispose of lead tackle properly; do not toss it in the lake or a trash can. Take it to your local household hazardous waste collection site.
- Never offer minnows to loons. It has been reported (not on our lake, I hope) that people do, so the loons are more likely to approach fishing boats and get tangled up in lines or hooks..
- Do not fish near loons that appear to be focusing on your boat. Remove your lines and move to another spot.
- The chick population was down in 2014. This was probably due to the late ice-out and a black fly outbreak which caused many loons to abandon their nests. Loon Rangers monitored 363 territorial pairs on 302 lakes. The chick hatch was twenty-one percent lower than a thirty-six year average.
- LoonWatch is recruiting volunteers to participate in their one-day Wisconsin Loon Population Survey. This survey is taken once every five years. It will take place on July 18, from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. 258 lakes in north and central Wisconsin have been selected for the survey. Call or email LoonWatch to sign up: (715) 682.1220 or loonwatch@northland.edu. They have a list of lakes that need volunteers at: northland.edu/loonpopsurvey.
- Read more about the above information, how to rescue loons tangled in fish line and hooked by artificial bait, and other articles such as territorial disputes at the website mentioned above.
- (The Loon Rangers on our lake are Betsy Vosters and Sharon Ruck.)

We have been fortunate over the last several years to have nesting pairs on both lobes of the lake. To help our little chicks to hatch, remember to stay at least 100 feet from a loon's nest so as not to scare the parent off the nest and to go slow-no-wake so waves don't flood the nest. Please remind your guests and renters to do the same.

Social Events 2015 by Kathy Wiggins and Betsy Nock

We begin our Summer Social Calendar with the **Nicolet Plastics Walk/Run on Saturday, June 20th**. Join Team Archibald in their third year as we walk/run around Maiden Lake (4+miles) to benefit the Emergency Squads of the area. More information will be available later in the spring. We will be getting information out to you when it becomes available.

The **Archibald Lake Association Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 27th** at the Townsend Town Hall. Mark your calendars for this meeting that will let you know what your association has been doing and what activities are scheduled for the near future.

Our **Annual Volunteer Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 18th**. Again this year, it is being hosted by Betsy Nock and Joanne and Dick Boyer. Volunteers for the 2015 Summer Season are invited to this event.

The Archibald Lake Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 8th. Our hosts this year are Percy and Gerry Blount. More information will be forthcoming in your Raffle Ticket envelopes.

We finish the Social Events with the **Annual Golf Outing and End of Season Dinner held on Saturday, September 12th**. This is a dual event where people can attend either the golf outing or the dinner or both. If you don't golf, we encourage you to attend the Dinner. It's a great way to say good bye to the summer season. This is not only a fun event, but the raffle we have at this event also contributes to our fund raising by \$600-\$800 a year.

Fund Raising 2015

ARCHIBALD LAKE CALENDAR: *by Betsy Nock*

As mentioned in the Fall newsletter, the Association is going to sell a 2016 Archibald Lake Calendar. We hope you have gone through your lake pictures and selected your best ones to send to us. They can be of any lake-related topics such as animals, recreational activities, scenery, seasonal. There will be a panel to select the winners.

Please send your jpeg pictures to Betsy Nock at eanock@granitewave.com by JULY 1st.

Calendars will be on sale at the Annual Picnic, the Golf Outing and from order forms when they are available for sale.

RAFFLES: *by Brandon Harter*

6th Annual Summer Picnic Raffle:

The annual picnic on August 8th will mark our sixth consecutive raffle. The 2014 Raffle netted approximately \$2,500.00, and the raffle has generated roughly \$7,000.00 in the last five years. A big thanks to everyone who donated items, sold/bought tickets, and helped with the raffle in other ways. The success of the raffle is not possible without our collective efforts. We need your help again this year. Please consider donating items such as wildlife prints, sporting goods, handcrafted items, or gift baskets. Raffle tickets will be mailed to all lake association members and will be sold the day of the picnic. Last year, roughly 65% of members sold the tickets mailed to them. Thank you! A special thanks to those who requested extra tickets to sell. Please contact Brandon Harter at (920)-450-7178 or bharter@access-inc.com with raffle questions or if you wish to donate items. Thank you for your continued support of the raffle.

Golf Outing and Dinner Raffle:

A bucket raffle will be part of the September 12th Golf Outing which will again be held at McCauslin Brook Golf Course in Lakewood. The raffle last fall netted approximately \$900.00. Tim McGuire and Brandon Harter coordinate this event. You can contact Tim at (715)850-0501 or timandlynn@granitewave.com or Brandon (see above) to donate raffle items. Much more information regarding the Golf Outing will be forthcoming early in the summer.

BOAT LANDING *by Tim Counihan*

The donation box will be at the landing again this year.

Thank you, CB, CW volunteers, for reminding everyone who launches their boats that the box is there.

ALL funds generated through the fund raisers are held in the Association budget until needed for lake improvement endeavors. Thanks again to everyone for being so generous.

Membership/Signs by Betsy Nock and Kathy Wiggins, Matt Marty and Tim McGuire

We are pleased to tell you that as of March 31 we have 123 families renew their memberships. You will need to renew your membership by April; 30th in order to have your names on one of our 3 signboards. The signs will be taken down and re-ordered during the month of May. If you have not already done so, please get your membership renewal forms in as soon as possible. New forms can be found on the Archibald Lake Association website (www.archibaldlake.com). Completed forms along with your \$30 check can be sent to Betsy Nock, 16570 Appleton Lane, Townsend WI 54175.

All memberships are due by the Annual Meeting on June 27th.

History of Archibald Lake by Gary Miller

We purchased our lake home back in 1993 and for several years we were lucky to have Pete and Willie Breese as our neighbors. Pete and Willie had “developed” our point with several other Appleton school teachers back in the early 1950’s. Pete and I spent numerous, delightful hours together while he shared many stories of the years he had spent on Archibald Lake. I enjoyed every minute of that time and the many stories and history of his property that he shared. I had always wanted to tape those conversations but never did, unfortunately. Eventually Pete and Willie passed away followed all too soon by their daughter Sue. When they were gone, much of the history of their property and their time on the lake was lost.

Much of the same has occurred with our lake property. We know a little about its history but we would like to know much more. Unfortunately, digging up that history becomes more difficult and more unlikely as each year passes.

To the best of my knowledge, the history of Archibald Lake, as a whole, is following the same direction. As the senior members of our Association decline in numbers they often take with them the history of our lake.

Before more time slips past us, wouldn’t it be great to record the history and memories our senior members could share of their years on Archibald Lake? Several members of the Association have shown interest in developing a history of the lake. To do that, however, we need the help of each owner of property on the lake. We aren’t looking for a long, detailed, time-consuming history of each property but would be interested in developing a short history of each property, at least to begin with. Any additional personal memories and stories would also be appreciated.

We aren’t sure what form a recorded history of the lake might take but that can evolve as we accumulate historical information. At the end of this issue of the Archie Times is a form that we would like each property owner to complete and return to us to begin this process. It is a suggested format but we also encourage you to adapt it to your circumstances and information. Any history you can provide would be greatly appreciated. You may email your completed questionnaire to either Kathy or Gary, or mail them to Kathy at: 2518 E. Mifflin Street, Madison WI 53704.

If you have any questions or suggestions or would like to become involved in gathering this information, please feel free to contact either Kathy Wiggins at marwigs@chorus.net or Gary Miller at archylake@sbcglobal.net or 920-740-5746. Thank you!

Sympathy by Kathy Wiggins

Viola Hackbarth: This is an excerpt of a letter from Viola and Butch's daughter, Mary Schneider.

Our parents, Butch and Viola Hackbarth spent many years of their lives "up north". Our father purchased his modest piece of property along the shores of Archibald Lake in 1956. Mom was always right there next to Dad. Together they were fishing, raking leaves, building bonfires, building the cottage and the stone tiered walls.

Mom loved the lake and especially enjoyed the family time the most. Both of our parents loved and respected Archibald Lake their entire adult lives.

You may remember that Viola Hackbarth has donated many handmade quilts to our Annual Picnic raffles. This year her Church Quilting Group has given the family a quilt to donate to the raffle in her memory.

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

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MEMORIES OF YOUR COTTAGE AT ARCHIBALD LAKE

YOUR NAME/FAMILY: _____

WHEN DID YOUR FAMILY BUY YOUR LAKE HOME?

WHEN WAS YOUR LAKE HOME BUILT?

Who built it?

What improvements have you done since you bought it?

WHO WERE THE PREVIOUS OWNERS?

WHO HAVE BEEN YOUR NEIGHBORS?

WHAT CHANGES HAVE YOU NOTICED ON THE LAKE SINCE YOU ARRIVED?

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES OF YOUR TIME AT THE LAKE?

DO YOU REMEMBER ANY SPECIAL EVENTS WHICH DO NOT OCCUR ANYMORE?

IF YOU COULD BRING BACK ONE THING ON THE LAKE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

(Please use the back of this sheet to add more information to the above questions or for any additional lake memories that you would like to share. Thank you!)