



Dedicated to the Preservation, Safety, and Enjoyment of Archibald Lake Spring 2017

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Calendar of Meetings & Events

Nicolet Plastics Walk/Run

Maiden Lake
Date: June 17, 2017
Time: 9:00 am

Annual Meeting:

Townsend Town Hall
Date: June 24, 2017
Time: Social 9:00AM
Meeting Start 9:30AM

Volunteer Thank You

Picnic:
Date: July 22, 2017
Place: Nock's cottage,
Appleton Lane

Annual Picnic

Date: August 12, 2017
Hosts: TBD

Farewell to Summer Dinner

Date: September 16, 2017
Place: McCauslin Brook Golf and
Country Club, Lakewood

Brat Fry Dates (10:00 – 2:00)

at Lakewood SUPERVALU
Thursday August 17, 2017
Saturday, September 2, 2017

Welcome to the Spring Issue of the Archi Times by Kevin Springob

Summer is just around the corner and the board is already busy planning for projects to improve the lake and organizing our social events. This past February the existing rock reef was extended. On behalf of the board, I want to extend a big thank you to Tim McGuire and his team for all of the time and efforts they put in to making this project happen. The development of our Lake Management Plan is going well. Our consulting firm Onterra has been hard at work over the winter to collect and analyze data, which includes the surveys that were sent out to the Association last fall. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey and provide feedback. The results of the survey will help Onterra to customize a plan that takes into account the perceptions and needs of our Association. The Lake Management Plan will be completed later this fall.

Gary Miller is retiring from the board this summer so there will be an opening for a new board member. If you are interested in being on the board, please contact me prior to the annual meeting. Nominations may also be taken from the floor at the annual meeting. Gary was kind enough to step in as our treasurer when the previous treasurer had to resign due to moving out of state. We are so fortunate that Gary had previous experience as the treasurer and was willing to help us out. Thank you Gary for stepping up and helping out the board. Board member Brian Michels will be taking over the position of treasurer when Gary retires.

Many of our members have already renewed their membership and we appreciate your continued support. Several members have donated additional funds to support our lake ecology efforts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and goes a long ways towards protecting and improving Archibald Lake, thank you. I hope to see many of you at our annual meeting on Saturday June 24, 2017.

Lake Ecology Improvement Team Update by Tim McGuire

Well, if you were on the lake on Monday February 20th you would have experienced a mini version of "Ice Road Truckers".

Four crazy men, armed with two skid steers and two small dump trucks, moved 330 ton of stone across a 2,000 foot long ice road to their final resting place on the South shore of the East lobe of the lake. All to create a 600 foot fish breeding habitat. This work took place on one of the nicest days of spring with warm weather predicted to stick around for a few days. This beautiful weather threatened to deteriorate

our ice road, and delay our placement of fish spawning habitat for yet another year.

The four crazy men, along with two knowledgeable gentlemen from the WDNR Fisheries Biologists group huddled together in the early morning to discuss the feasibility of getting the 14 large piles of rock out to the reef site. The fisheries Biologists said, "We do this all the time". Bob and Bob from Hoffman Landscape, who were hired to help, said "we'll do it if you do it", and the third guy, my little brother, said, "hell, it's your truck and skid steer, if I'm going down I'm jumping out of the truck". So, with those thoughts of encouragement we loaded up a truck full of rocks and followed one of the skid steers to the reef site. That load went so well we decided to continue on. 40 plus loads, and 9 hours later, we were high fiving each other on a job well done with no incidents of falling through the ice.

I will tell you that with the experience from this event, if you put 300 ton of rock on 20" of solid black ice, that ice will slowly sink into the lake from the weight of that rock and you will be finishing your rock placement under approximately 12" to 18" of water. If you want a great experience try driving a skid steer or dump truck into 12" of water without knowing if the ice is still there to keep you from going to the bottom of the lake.

So, the first of three fish spawning habitat areas is now completed. We still have two – 300 foot sections to complete in the west lobe of the lake, and hopefully we can accomplish that task next year. This, of course, will be dependent on us getting a good, solid, 20 inches plus of ice road from our dump site to the reef sites.

This effort was possible from the many donations from our Lake Association Members, the use of Glen Hoppe's lake access, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The WDNR donated \$2,200.00 toward the purchase of stone and also agreed to pick up the entire tab for, two men, a dump truck, and a skid steer, from Hoffman Landscape Company.



Fishing Archibald Lake by Max Faulstich

When you are at the lake and look out your window you see the same lake that you have been looking at for years and in many cases even decades. For me it has been just over 36 years. I can still remember as a kid taking our little fishing boat out with that old green 10 horse Mercury. I would work the shoreline with cast baits and catch bass after bass. But even though the lake looks the same, it definitely has changed over the years. Northern are numerous as are small mouth bass. Unfortunately, there are an abundance of smaller ones that are always looking to grab that bait. Yes, the lake is changing and with all of your lake association efforts and working with the DNR, it is changing for the better. For bass fisherman you can target the shallow weed lines and reeds north of the launch with

wacky rigs, Texas rigged plastics, or spinners. There is always an abundance of large mouth in the first southern bay from the launch with an approximate depth of 15 feet in the middle.

Thanks to the stocking efforts of the DNR walleyes are on the rise and can be targeted trolling flicker shads of slow trolling crawler harnesses along the west end shorelines in the evenings and into the night targeting 15 to 20 feet of water. In east lake, target the rock points and humps around the islands. Remember Walleyes have a "light bite" so use light tackle and some patience before setting the hook. Nice size perch can be found both trolling flicker shads and drifting fatheads targeting 10 feet of water. For Crappies look for thin tall weeds on the far west end and the trees sunk around the shorelines with slip bobbers and minnows. Have you noticed I mention trolling a number of times? Some of the most relaxing times on the lake are after 5pm when the lake quiets down and the pontoon boat comes out loaded with folks who have a pole in one hand and a beverage in the other cruising and trolling.

Bluegills historically have been stunted on the lake, however reports from fisherman this past summer have shown better results with many going home with enough for a good old Wisconsin Fish Fry! Chunks of crawlers with a slit shot or slip bobber will work anywhere around weeds and lily pads all summer long for Gills.

Northern Pike are always stunted due to their numbers although you may land one up to 26 inches which is a real thrill. Trolling flicker shads or casting spinners or cranks just about anywhere on the lake will get you one or two or more. Please take them home and pickle them. They are just as good as Ma Benches herring and a lot cheaper.

As with any lake, working the shorelines with structure and casting a rapala will produce bass, northern, and your fill of rock bass which I have not found a good use for yet.

And last but certainly not least are the elusive MUSKIES! When it comes to upper body and arm strength, musky fisherman don't go to the gym, they just go Musky Fishing! Now I am not a musky fisherman so I will share what I have heard from those who do. But drifting and casting the Huge baits in the flats from the launch to the channel on both sides targeting 10-15 foot depth is where I see a lot. My Dad, Norm, who works the landing for Clean Boats/Clean Waters tells me that musky fisherman have had luck with follow-ups to the right of the first island off from the launch, and then just to the right when going through the channel. And then there is the biggest musky story of all.

We are all snorkelers and scuba divers, as is my Dad. Living half the year in Florida and diving in the Gulf of Mexico always makes you mindful of sharks. So when he was snorkeling on the south shoreline of east lake just to the right of Holt Island what came out of the weeds? You guessed it! A Huge Musky with a large bass sideways in his mouth. All my Dad could think of was HAMMER HEAD SHARK. Not to worry, there are no sharks in Archibald Lake, but there sure are a lot of good old Wisconsin Game Fish to make your day on the lake an enjoyable one. And remember not every trip results in a catch. That's why they call it FISHING instead of Catching!

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD FISHING! HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE LAKE THIS SUMMER!

When Can I Burn? By Rich Lietz, Wisconsin DNR Forester-Ranger

There have recently been a lot of changes with the burning permits and burning restrictions. In past articles we have discussed the requirements of *having* a burning permit if you wish to burn but there seems to be a lot of confusion about *when* people can legally burn. In the past, burning was only allowed from 6pm till midnight. This is no longer the requirement. The DNR can now adjust when it is legal to burn based on the local fire weather forecast for the day. For example, if it has been raining

all day, burning may be allowed from 11 a.m. to midnight for a covered barrel, debris pile less than 6x6x6 feet in size, and grass or wooded area less than 1 acre.

Burning restrictions will change on a daily basis based on the weather and overall wildfire potential for the day. The main point is that every person who wishes to burn must obtain a burning permit and check the burning restrictions after 11 am. on the day they wish to burn.

When used appropriately, burning permits are an important tool in wildfire prevention. They allow you to burn legal materials in the outdoors and are proven to be effective in protecting lives, property and natural resources from the damages of unwanted wildfires.

The simple steps to being a responsible debris burner:

1. Obtain the annual burning permit online (dnr.wi.gov, keyword “fire”) or by calling 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) to have a permit mailed or instantly emailed. Permits are also available at a local Ranger Station or from an Emergency Fire Warden.
2. On the day of the burn, check the website or call the hotline (after 11 a.m.) for the daily fire restrictions in the county where you wish to burn: dnr.wi.gov, keyword “fire” OR 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) - (enter the county code).
3. Follow the rules for the day. Have tools and water available and make certain your fire is completely out before leaving.

I hope that this will help clear up any confusion. If you have any questions or would like to obtain a permit, please feel free to call your local DNR Forester-Ranger.

What is a Qualified Lake Association? By Kathy Wiggins

At the last several Annual Meetings, there has been a discussion and questions about what exactly a Qualified Lake Association is, and how that affects the wording of our Constitution and Bylaws. We changed our Bylaws at a special meeting in 2003 in order to comply with the terms of a Qualified Lake Association so that we would be able to receive grants from the WDNR. The following is the description of a Qualified Lake Association as found in the publication “People of the Lakes”, which is used as a guideline for types of lake organizations in Wisconsin. This excerpt is found in Chapter 1: Lake Organizations, pages 8-9. This part of the publication can be found on our website under the Links and Resources tab.

Qualified Lake Associations (the bold type is put in by this article’s author)

Until the late 1980s only units of government and lake districts were eligible for state lake grants. Since 1989, certain voluntary lake associations have been eligible to receive funds through various state grant programs. Because tax funds are used to support these programs, private lake associations are required to meet specific standards in order to be eligible. **Generally, these standards aim to ensure that associations are organized and operated for public benefit and do not unreasonably exclude participation.** Associations that meet these standards are considered qualified lake associations. If the requirements for becoming a qualified lake association are not acceptable by the organization, it may still be worthwhile to incorporate under Chapter 181.

Qualifications:

In order to be recognized as a state qualified lake association in Wisconsin, an organization must:

- Be incorporated under Chapter 181 Wisconsin Statutes for a least one year. (This is a good idea for other reasons, including the liability of the association and its officers)
- Declare in its Articles of Incorporation or bylaws that the main purpose of the organization is to support the protection or improvement of one or more inland lakes for the benefit of the general

public. (see Appendix A for model bylaws)

- Demonstrate that a substantial purpose of its past actions was to support the protection or improvement of one or more inland lakes for the benefit of the general public.
- **Allow any individual to be a member if they reside within one mile of the lake for at least one month each year.**
- **Allow any individual to be a member if they own real estate within one mile of the lake.**
- **Not have articles of incorporation or bylaws which limit or deny the right of any member or class of members to vote.**
- Have at least 25 members.
- Require annual membership fees of not less than \$5 nor more than \$50.

Exactly how becoming a Qualified Lake Association affected the wording of our Constitution/Bylaws:

1993 Constitution:

ARTICLE II MEMBERS

All property owners of Big Archibald Lake, or owners of property contiguous thereto and who avail themselves of the facilities of the lake, shall be eligible for membership upon payment of the annual dues.

ARTICLE VII VOTING

Section 1. Voting at any meeting shall be on the basis of one vote per unit of property.

2003 Constitution:

ARTICLE II – MEMBERS

Section 1. Those who own real estate within one mile of Archibald Lake are allowed to be members contingent upon payment of annual dues.

Section 2. Those residing within one mile of Archibald Lake at least one month a year are allowed to be members contingent upon payment of annual dues.

ARTICLE VII – VOTING

Section 1. Each member is entitled to one vote on each matter voted upon by the members.

Social Events 2017 by Betsy Nock

Mark your calendars for the following Social Events sponsored by the Archibald Lake Association during the summer of 2017.

Nicolet Plastics Walk/Run June 17, 2017: 9 AM Start Time

For the past 5 years, members of the Archibald Lake Association have participated in the Nicolet Plastics Walk/Run. This event is a 4.37 mile walk/run around Maiden Lake. It started in 2003 and has been able to contribute \$72,000 to our local volunteer emergency services.

Teams of 4 or more can sign up for \$20 each. The registration deadline for this rate is May 30th. After May 30th, the rate increases to \$30. If you wish to walk or run, please sign up as Members of Team Archibald. On-line registration forms are available to www.nicoletplastics.com.

This is a fun event for walkers and runners alike. Sign up now to help the emergency volunteer services in our area (Townsend, Lakewood, Riverview and Mountain).

Our Annual Meeting will be held in the Townsend Town Hall on Saturday, June 24. More information about the meeting and the agenda items will be forthcoming before the meeting. For new members, the meeting is in the morning, held after a brief social hour. Our goal is to have it last no more than 90 minutes.

Our Annual Picnic lasts MUCH longer than 90 minutes! The picnic is traditionally held the second Saturday of August. This year it will be on **Saturday, August 12th**. Traditionally, the picnic starts about 4:00. Last year's picnic was held on the combined yards of the Peters and Vosters families on Walleye Lane. There are between 130 and 150 people who come. If you have the room and are interested in having it at your house (or combined yards) please let Kathy Wiggins know (klwiggins4@gmail.com). More information will be sent closer to the picnic.

The **Annual Picnic for all Volunteers** will be held on **Saturday, July 22nd**. This picnic is for all of the people who volunteer for Association activities and helps to celebrate their "good works". More information will be sent out in June to our volunteers.

At the end of the season, we would like to celebrate with a "Farewell to Summer" event that ends the Social Season. This year, we will be doing something a little different. There will be a dinner and a fundraising raffle at McCauslin Brook Country Club and golfing will be offered for those who wish to do that on their own. Our raffle will be a little different this year too. More information will follow. This event is scheduled for **Saturday, September 16th**.

These events provide a great opportunity to meet new people from around the lake. Please consider joining us for these fun times.

Fundraising Activities

ARCHIBALD LAKE CALENDARS by Betsy Nock

We will be once again offering Archibald Lake Calendars for sale for the year 2018. It's time to check your photography skills and those of your family. We had many, many wonderful pictures submitted for the 2016 calendar.

Cranberry Ice Photo Studio has kindly offered their services again in selecting photos for the cover and months. They had made a couple suggestions for you to consider when sending me your pictures.

Because the calendar photos are horizontal, please send photos that are horizontal only. Be sure that your photos do not have identifiable faces in them. Send your favorite 6 photos to Betsy Nock, beginning June 1, 2017.

We will have signup sheets for the calendars at both the Annual Meeting and at the Annual Picnic. Calendars are tentatively scheduled for delivery around the middle of November. Early orders will help in determining the order numbers.

The price should remain about the same (\$15). I am hoping to have Drop Off places for calendars in Appleton and Green Bay to facilitate deliveries.

ARCHIBALD LAKE APPAREL SALE by Cathy Lindeman and Karen Gonnering

There will be new designs coming for summer 2017, including Tri-blend T-shirts for men, women and kids along with long sleeve t-shirts and 1/4 zip pullovers in many colors. Apparel designs will be on display along with colors at our annual meeting and picnic. Order forms will be available at the annual meeting and an electronic order form will be available at www.archibaldlake.com by early June. With

success, we hope to have additional winter items available just in time for Christmas gifts.

Any questions please feel free to text or call Karen Gonnering at [920-833-7761](tel:920-833-7761) or mgonnering3@new.rr.com or Cathy Lindeman at [920-680-5145](tel:920-680-5145) or cathylindeman@gmail.com. Ann Lindeman, Cathy Lindeman's daughter-in-law is helping us with this project. A big thank you to her.

BOAT LANDING by Tim Counihan

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

Thank you, Clean Boats, Clean Waters volunteers, for reminding everyone who launches their boats that the box is there.

SUPERVALU Brat Fries by Tim Counihan

Archibald Lake Association volunteers will be staffing the Burger & Brat stand at the Lakewood SUPERVALU on the dates listed in the calendar of events.

Remember we need customers too, so please support us and 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 Dave, at the SUPERVALU, for your help.



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

Membership/Signs by Betsy Nock

As of March 31, 2017, we have 142 renewed and new members in the Archibald Lake Association. Thanks for all of you who responded in such a timely manner. I sent out a final reminder email/letter near the end of March reminding those who have not paid, of our May 5 deadline this year for signs. In addition to the membership dues, we have received donations of \$2,050.00 for the Lake Ecology Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

As most of you know, signboards are re-arranged during the month of May by Kathy Wiggins and Matt Marty. Some name plates will be taken down to be refurbished and new name plates will be painted for our new members. Just before Memorial Day, the signs boards (Bells Point and Archibald Lake Road, Archibald Lake Road and Archibald Parkway and Bullfrog Bend and Presbyterian Road) will be re-alphabetized. For your convenience, we also post the dates for the Annual Meeting and the Annual Picnic on the signs.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS:

Bill and Patti Dean

Arlen and Dawn Pierce

Susan and Evan Summers

Scott and Mary Jo Tracey

Scott and Katrina Mashlan

Vic and Brenda Houfek

Jim and Vickie Longley

The Ellestad Family

Odds and Ends

GET THE LEAD OUT: Consider using lead-free jigs and sinkers when fishing. Lead fishing tackle kills loons, eagles, and other aquatic wildlife. They are a little harder to find, but companies such as Cabela's carries them online. Also, dispose of old lead tackle at a hazardous waste collection site. See more information at the LoonWatch website: www.northland.edu/sustain/soei/loonwatch/protect-loons/. And please dispose of monofilament line so wildlife will not become entangled.

COTTAGE MEMORIES: A fun family summer rainy day activity might be writing up a record of your family cottage memories. A form is available on our website. Please send us a completed copy! Send to Gary Miller at archylake@sbcglobal.net, or Kathy Wiggins, klwiggins4@gmail.com.

Money Talks by Gary Miller

The finances of the Archibald Lake Association continue to be strong.

The cash balance of the Association as of March 16, 2017 is \$19,445. This cash balance is comprised of several separate accounts to separate and identify the designated funds our membership has contributed to. These include \$2,785 in the Raffle Fund, \$3,384 in the Lake Ecology Fund, \$900 in the Marty/Wiggins Shoreline Improvement Fund and the balance of \$12,376 in the Lake Association General Fund. The cash balance is less than the balance we had in the Fall of 2016 and is mainly in the General Fund. The reduction in the General Fund balance is due to the cost of treatments for invasive species in the lake as well as the costs of the Lake Management Plan development. We are awaiting reimbursement from the State of Wisconsin for the costs we have incurred through the grants the state has provided us for the treatments and LMP development.

To date in 2017 we have received \$4,110 in membership dues and \$1,540 in contributions to the Lake Ecology Fund. Expenses during the year have included \$2,450 for the Lake Ecology Project, \$250 for the Lake Management Plan and \$550 of miscellaneous administrative expenses. We are well within the budgeted costs that were approved at the Association annual meeting.

The financial statements of the Association are always available to our membership. Please contact our Treasurer, Gary Miller, with any questions you may have.

Sympathy by Kathy Wiggins

Lorraine Ciske: Lorraine passed away on October 1, 2016. She continued to enjoy her cottage time until her brief illness. She attended the 2016 Lake Association Picnic the last time she was at the lake.

Lorraine and her husband, Roy, moved from camping in the Northwoods to becoming cottage owners in 1969. Their hard work turned a hunting shack into a weekend retreat. She loved the lake, pontoon boat rides and the eagles and loons. As time passed, the Ciske family grew with grandchildren and great-grandchildren sharing in Lorraine's love of nature.

The Ciske family is grateful for the support shown from our Archibald Lake community.

Jim Gruenke: My husband, Jim, died October 29, 2016 from congestive heart failure. He realized his dream to retire on a great lake on October 1, 2005. We built our retirement home near Archibald Lake

and he was planning on going after those walleye that he heard were in this lake. Well God had other plans for Jim. December 5th, 2005 he suffered his second heart attack. He was able to finish building the home but fishing just never came to be. We had a few rides with the boat with the grandkids and a few fishing excursions but never was able to seriously search for those walleye. Jim loved the lake and he appreciated the efforts of so many to keep the lake so pristine and beautiful. I am sure he would suggest you all keep up the good work for the enjoyment of many in the future.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness,
Sincerely,
Bernice Gruenke

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.

Meet a Board Member by *Brian Michels*

Brian Michels: Greetings, we are the Michels family: Brian, Jodi, Olivia (15), Ethan (13) and Alex (10). Our primary residence is in Suamico. I work as a plant manager in Green Bay and Jodi works as an IT specialist in De Pere. Our home away from home is located at 16717 Archibald Parkway. We are off-water members of the ALA, and enjoy life in the northwoods all four seasons of the year. We love the lake and use it to float our pontoon, enjoy fishing all seasons and snowmobiling and atving as the ice permits. I joined the board in order to become involved in the Archibald Lake community and to provide assistance for the various actions that are required to keep the lake healthy and beautiful. Being members of the Lake Association has provided great opportunities for our family to meet our neighbors and others around the lake.

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