



Dedicated to the Preservation, Safety, and Enjoyment of Archibald Lake Spring 2018

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Calendar of Meetings & Events

Annual Meeting:

Townsend Town Hall
Date: June 23, 2018
Time: Social 9:00AM
Meeting Start 9:30AM

Volunteer Thank You Picnic:

Date: July 21, 2018
Place: TBD

Annual Picnic

Date: August 11, 2018
Hosts: Roger and Marsha
Spaude, 16671 Archibald
Parkway

Fall Celebration Dinner

Date: TBD; September, 2018
Place: McCauslin Brook Golf
and Country Club, Lakewood

Brat Fry Dates

Lakewood SUPERVALU
Saturday, May 26, 10:00-2:00
Thursday, August 9, 8:00-1:00

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

Summer is once again just around the corner and I hope that everyone had an enjoyable winter. This past February the last two of the walleye rock reefs were completed. 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 effort they put into completing this important lake ecology project. We were fortunate to receive many donations, including a nearly \$4,000 donation by the Hackbarth family in memory of Butch and Viola. Thank you to all who supported this important lake ecology improvement project.

Tim McGuire is retiring from the board this summer. Tim has done a lot for the board and the Association investing so much time and energy into projects such as the walleye rock reefs. It has truly been a pleasure to work with Tim over the past several years and I will miss having him on the board. Thank you Tim for all that you have done to help protect and improve Archibald Lake. With the retirement of Tim McGuire, we have a board vacancy to fill. 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.

Our Lake Management Plan is nearly complete. A brief summary of the highlights will be presented at our annual meeting on June 23rd. The DNR requires that we have an approved Lake Management Plan in order to be eligible for grant funding. The plan will guide the management of our lake for the next five years and will then need to have minor updates for us to continue to qualify for grants. A draft of the plan can be found on the main page of our website (www.archibaldlake.com) and I expect to have a final copy of the plan on the site within the next month or so. I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual meeting.

Messages from New Association Committee Coordinators

Eurasian Water Milfoil Manual Removal: Steve Fleming

In 2009 we found the first infestations of invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) in Archibald Lake. Since discovering EWM we have been able to successfully control it with yearly surveys followed by either chemical treatment or manual removal. **Our goal is to find new infestations while they are small so the plants can be effectively removed manually rather than using chemicals.** Since

2014, we have been able to successfully remove new plants using only manual methods. This year we will be hiring a manual removal company to remove the larger/deeper infestations. The manual removal will most likely occur the week of July 9th. They will be using a method called DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) which essentially uses a pontoon mounted gas-powered vacuum cleaner to remove the plants from the water. A scuba diver sucks the entire plant up with the vacuum after dislodging the roots from the sediment using their hands. A mesh collection bag is attached to the vacuum allowing the water to flow through and keep the stem, roots, and any fragments in the bag. The reason for using this method is it reduces the fragments that escape and remain in the water. Plant fragments that remain in the water can settle to the bottom and start new plants.

The current EWM map can be found on our website at <http://archibaldlakehomeowners.com/2017%20june%20plant%20survey%20map.pdf>. Please try to avoid any EWM locations with boats and jet skis until the removal process has taken place. In particular, the area on the southwest portion of the map is a bit large and near the surface. If you need to go through it to get to your dock please try to be careful not run propellers through the plants if at all possible.

As has been the case in past years, please continue to inspect your shorelines this summer for new EWM plants. We will continue to remove plants as they are found if the areas can be done from a swim raft.

Thanks to all of you who have participated in this effort in the past and with any luck we will be able to avoid dumping chemicals into the lake in the future.

Contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Steve Fleming 262.993.4228 or stevefleming77@earthlink.net

Adopt a Shoreline: Laura Harvancik and Carol Vesely

Welcome all! It's great to be back at the lake! This year it's in new roles as Coordinators of the Adopt a Shoreline Program.

Grandpa Bud, Grama Parky, Mom (Barbara Harvancik) and Aunt Rosemarie discovered this gem in 1949. We have been blessed to continue to partake in its magnificence ever since.

Now, if you think you could never be an Adopt a Shoreline volunteer-think again. We did!

Do you respect the environment and appreciate fish and wildlife? How much do you want your children and grandchildren to enjoy swimming and playing in the crystal clear water of Archibald Lake? Well we bet it's enough to help us all make a difference.

Please contact us as soon as possible with your questions and sign up to be a volunteer. Disturbingly, we still have some parts of the shoreline that are unprotected.

You will be asked for 3 things:

1. Plan to be present June 23rd at the Annual Meeting for training in Basic Identification of Invasive Species performed by Kevin Springbob.
2. Sport an official Adopt a Shoreline t-shirt to help homeowners recognize your efforts and identify you if they have any questions.
3. The worst part of all- Give the lake a few "horrible work hours" paddling around in beautiful weather watching for and marking any bad acting weeds.

Thank you so much for entrusting us with this honor of coordinating this program already made

amazing by people like Kevin, Karen, Steve, Matt and many others before us.

We have been assured that they have not gone far.

Paddles up - Weeds away....

Carol Vesely and Laura Harvancik (414.322.0505) K.sera@wi.rr.com

Clean Boats. Clean Waters: Norm Falstich and Tom Wilke

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Hello to all Archibald Lake Association Members. Spring is here and the late season snow is melting while lake ice still has a strong hold on our beautiful lake. Soon the ice will be gone and we will start to see boaters doing their sometimes left to right back downs at the boat landing. And along with boat traffic at our landing, comes Clean Boats, Clean Waters boat inspections to help keep Archibald Lake pristine.

But boat inspections don't just happen. They require training, scheduling and yes, most importantly, VOLUNTEERING. That's true. Without YOU our CLEAN BOATS, CLEAN WATERS program does not work! And why should YOU get involved? To answer that question I would like to introduce myself to you and tell you how I got involved.

My name is Norm Faulstich and my wife Alice and I have been on Archibald Lake since 1983. I remember in our earlier years we would hear people tell us that they had been on the lake for 30, 40, or even 50 years! Now Alice and I are becoming one of them, having been on lake for 35 years. Of course in our early years we were busy working, building our cottage and OH, almost forgot, raising a family! While I was swinging a hammer, our son Max was out on the lake casting for bass. And we have proof of that with a beautiful small mouth hanging on our wall. We finally realized that if we wanted to continue to enjoy great fishing we'd better get involved in helping EDUCATE boaters in the prevention of spreading INVASIVE SPECIES into our lake, such as Eurasian Water Milfoil and Zebra Mussels, just to name a few. So I reluctantly agreed to spend time at the boat landing, initially praying that no one would show up during my ONE HOUR shift. That was THEN. Now after becoming co-coordinator of the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program with Tom Wilke, and having spent many hours at the landing, I pray someone shows up so I can give them my "Archibald Lake Clean Boats, Clean Waters Sales Pitch".

Yes, believe it or not, once you become comfortable with doing it, you will actually LIKE DOING IT! And that's where Volunteering First, then Training Second comes into play. Yes, at the annual meeting I will be asking you to volunteer for the Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program. But next I will invite you to a social gathering that afternoon at our cottage right next to the boat landing for cocktails, snacks and an orientation and training session. It is a super fun time, getting together with other volunteers, and you even get to learn something! HOW GREAT IS THAT!?! I'm looking forward to seeing you at the annual meeting and having you become involved in supporting Archibald Lake. Have a Great Day!

The Tale of Two Lakes by Tom Wilke: tcwrph@aol.com

I had a very fortunate childhood in that I grew up enjoying Big Green Lake. My family enjoyed everything the lake could offer. We fished, swam, boated, and even bathed due to the fact we had no running water in those days. The sandy bottom invited hours of playing at the beach and the lake rarely disappointed even us novice fishermen.

Lake Archibald is similar to the lake I grew up on but times have changed dramatically for Big Green

Lake. Somebody introduced Zebra Mussels to what was formerly a pristine excellent fishing and swimming lake. While the Zebra Mussels flourished the lake became very different. Now the formerly soft sandy bottom has become infested with very sharp objects that often cut unsuspecting feet. Fishing has been decimated. Boats and motors become covered by colonies of tiny shells. A typical weed is now the home of tens of thousands of mussels.

Lake Archibald is one boat or jet ski away from the same fate. This is why I was interested in volunteering for the “Clean Boats” position.

Volunteering at the boat launch is fun. I have met hundreds of people launching their “water toys”. I spend the time reading, restringing my fishing rods or spending time with my grandchildren who are learning what questions to ask people using the boat launch. We are earning grant work credit from the DNR which goes to the Lake Archibald Association but most importantly, we might have pulled a weed from a trailer that harbored an organism that could have changed our lake forever. One never knows until it is too late.

Please consider spending a couple hours at the boat launch with your grandchildren, your fishing poles, a good book, a person to play cards with or just for some solitude. Don't forget to bring a cooler with your favorite beverage!

Archibald Lake Ecology Improvement Effort by Tim McGuire

Well, the 2017 – 2018 winter has proven to be interesting to say the least. First off I will say that the beginning of winter proved to be a great year for making ice. I measured 23” of good ice going into our Rock Reef project in February. The snow was moderate so the plowing of the lake road was fairly easy this year. We did have to plow a long road from the boat landing all the way to the point but we were only required to plow about 4 times to keep the road open. I can say that the ice fishermen were happy to use the road all winter. It looked like a freeway out there at times.

February 19 was the day that we could all come together and haul 227 tons of stone out to the two 300’ locations on the west side of Old Camp Point. Ken Schwebke, Tim McGuire, and Roger Spaude, along with the boys from Hoffman Landscape were able to get all the rock hauled and placed for the two final walleye reefs. These two reefs were part of a 5 year initiative to build 1200’ of walleye spawning habitat in beautiful Archibald Lake.

This project was funded by donations from the Archibald Lake Association members, The Butch and Viola Hackbarth Family, and the Wisconsin DNR.

Look for pictures of the construction day on our website. Those photos, and the ones below, were professionally taken by Mr. Roger Spaude.



Loon Watch by Betsy Vosters

Archibald Lake is part of the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute Loon Watch program located on the campus of Northland College.

Since 1978 volunteers monitor their lake from ice out to ice on.

Sharon Ruck and I are the official Loon Rangers who record information such as when the loons arrive on our lake, if they nest or just visit, if they have chicks, how many chicks and how many weeks they survive. We try to locate their nesting site and post “Loon Nesting” signs on the islands in the West Basin of the lake, as that is their usual nesting site.

It is our responsibility to report any harassment, injured loons, loss of eggs or chicks due to predators and damage to nests.

In the fall we send in a six-page monitoring form with the information that it is entered into their database and shared with the Wisconsin DNR.

Last summer, 2017, was the first time we had to report there were no chicks hatched on our Lake.

Please help us protect the loons by keeping a safe distance from them, staying off of islands while they are nesting, being aware of them when casting and reporting any issues to Sharon, myself or the DNR.

Firewise by Betsy Nock

Spring is the most critical fire season in Wisconsin. Shortly after the snow disappears, a dry spring or even a few days between rains can leave grasses, pine needles and leaf litter very dry, making them easy to ignite. Warmer temperatures, low humidity and windy days combined with many people conducting spring clean-up around their property by burning yard debris result in many wildfires.

Fires can be prevented. Know the daily fire danger and burning restrictions before lighting a debris pile. Check the website dnr.wi.gov, keyword “fire” or call 1-888-WIS-BURN after 11 am for the day’s fire danger information. Always have proper tools and water handy and never leave any fire unattended.

You can help emergency responders get to your home quickly:

- Is your fire number sign easy to see from the road?
- Does your driveway have adequate height and width clearance to allow access for emergency vehicles? (Recommendations 14 feet wide, 14 feet tall)
- Is the vegetation around your home properly maintained?
- Is there room near your home for emergency vehicles to turn around?

Learn more at dnr.wi.gov, keyword “Firewise”

Social Events:

FALL CELEBRATION DINNER: The Fall dinner and raffle was a great success last year and we would like to repeat the fun event this year. It is a great way to celebrate the end of the summer and a fun way to raise money for Association activities.

The Board of Directors is looking for someone to “host/plan” this event. It would consist of making arrangements with McCauslin Brook Country Club to set up a date and menu, send out flyers to the members and accept reservations. Golfing is no longer part of the organized activity. People make their own reservations if they wish to golf before the dinner.

If anyone is interested in “hosting” the event, please contact volunteer coordinator Karla Doyle to volunteer.

Fundraising Activities

ANNUAL PICNIC RAFFLE by Paula Schwebke

BASKETS: It’s Archi Picnic prep time and we would appreciate all your help with a few items to complete the baskets: Bottles of wine or alcohol ~ Gift certificates ~ Packer or Badgers tickets ~ Baskets ~ Unopened gift items. Also, cash donations are appreciated. It’s lots of fun making the baskets but I need all donations in **before July 10** because time is needed to organize and complete the baskets. All donations can be dropped off at my house, 16694 Archibald Pkwy, and my phone number is [920.450.0187](tel:920.450.0187) if you have any questions. Thank you all for your help!

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 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*

Our membership drive, beginning in January, is moving along nicely. As of April 9, we have 146 members, with 9 new memberships. We welcome David Weyers, Denise Weyers, Laura Weyers, Sarah Judkins, Carol and Monica Campuzano, Tim and Jean King, Sam and Kayla Smith, Josh and Elisa Smith, Jay and Jill Vanden Heuvel

Please remember that the Archibald Lake sign boards are updated during the month of May and **you will need to have your membership paid by May 1 to be included alphabetically on your sign board.** During the month of May signs are taken down, refurbished when needed and then placed back on the board before Memorial Day. As always, we thank Matt Marty and Kathy Wiggins for their work in keeping our boards looking so good. When you pass the sign board at Bullfrog Bend and Presbyterian Road, remember to thank Tim McGuire for building that board.

Second reminders were sent out the last week of March to those who have not yet paid. Payments made after April 5th should be mailed to Betsy Nock, 16570 Appleton Lane, Townsend WI. If you have lost your membership renewal form, you can print out a new form from our website at www.archibaldlake.com

The deadline for dues payment is during the Annual Meeting on June 23rd

Money Talks by *Brian Michels*

As of April 9, the ALA checking balance is \$34,192.35

Total profit on the calendar sale = \$785.56

Total profit on the apparel sale = \$1,824.32

Total profit made on raffles = \$3,617.36

Contributions to the Lake Ecology fund sent with memberships = \$2,140.00

Total cost of the Rock Reef project, Phase 2 = \$7,953.17. The Hackbarth Family donated \$3,816.22 towards the Rock Reef project.

If you have any questions about our budget, please feel free to contact me: bmichels@toscaltd.com

The 2018 Association annual budget is available to view on our website, www.archibaldlake.com under the links and resources tab.

Sympathy

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

Meet a New Board Member

BILL CISKE: Hello, my name is Bill Ciske. Late last year I accepted an invitation to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors. My educational background is in geology and environmental science, having spent most of my career working with water treatment issues. I can still remember how excited I was when my parents purchased the cottage in 1969. That excitement of being at the cottage still continues to this day, enhanced by the good fortune of being able to share it with my wife Pam, children and their spouses, and grandchildren.

I look forward to meeting more lake association members and working together to achieve our common goals.

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