



Welcome to the 2020 Archibald Lake Association Spring News Letter. 2020 has started out as a challenging year for all of us with many disruptions to our “normal” way of doing things. Please know that the Board of Directors is taking this very seriously and hoping that you and your families are staying safe and healthy. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the lake as soon as soon as we can!

High Water Levels

We have received several inquiries about what we can do about wake levels during these times of extremely high lake levels. We have looked into it and it turns out the ordinance for a slow no wake is in control of the Town of Townsend. We would need to go to a town board meeting with a presentation on why we would want to turn the lake to slow no wake and have a vast majority of the membership signed off that they are in favor of it. Then if it is approved we would have to go back through the whole process again to get it removed. And it is not a guarantee it would be removed. So this would not be an easy on/off situation.

That being said, per Wisconsin Legislature 30.66:

No person may operate a motorboat within 100 feet of any dock, raft, pier, or buoyed restricted area on any lake at a speed in excess of slow-**no-wake**

No person may operate a motorboat, other than a personal watercraft, at a speed in excess of slow-**no-wake** within 100 feet of the shoreline of any lake.

If there are folks violating this we can call our Oconto County Recreational Deputy for our area to come out and issue tickets.

COVID 19 Impact to ALA Events

Per CDC Social Distancing recommendations:

- Cancel community-wide mass gathers
- Cancel gatherings of more than 10 people for organizations that serve high risk population

Unfortunately this effects both the Annual Meeting and the Annual Picnic. We have decided to cancel both for this year. This took a lot of thought and consideration but there is just too much uncertainty at this time.

In place of the in person annual meeting an email blast will be sent out later May to give 30 days to respond with a vote on any matters that need one. For those that opt out of email they will be sent the information via mail.

As for the picnic, due to all the Safer at Home closings we were not able to solicit prizes for the big raffle and planning would need to start very soon to get everything together. Not knowing if or who would be able to attend there is too much risk to plan for this year. We will have to have double the fun in 2021!

Volunteer Incentive

Also due to COVID 19 and for the same reasons we will not be doing the volunteer incentive like I talked about in the Winter email blast. This does not mean we still don't encourage volunteers at the boat landing and Adopt a Shoreline. We just didn't think it would be fair to those that prefer to keep away from public areas, like the boat landing, to not have a chance to participate.

Brat Fry

Our brat fry is currently scheduled for Thursday, July 2nd 10am – 2pm. If there is any changes we will let everyone know. As always, thanks to Tim Counihan for leading this!

Board of Directors Opening

It is with heavy heart we are sharing the fact that we will have 1 opening on the board that needs to be filled this year. Our president Kevin Springob will be stepping down after 10+ years on the board. There aren't enough words to say how much he has done for the lake. He has spent countless hours on anything from aquatic lake management to building a great relationship with the DNR to website/IT type duties. The list goes on and on. Not to mention just plain keeping everyone on track... Thank you!!!

If anyone is interested in becoming a board member please reach out to Karla Doyle at karladoyle4@gmail.com by May 16th. We will need to add this to the list of things that need to be voted on for the annual meeting email.

With all of the social distancing going on consider sharing comments and photos on Facebook!!



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Welcome Joe Harrison to the board of directors!

Joe was very kind to abide my request for a bio about his relationship to the lake and how he came to be a resident of Archibald Lake. He has also include some fun historical facts and memories of the Lakewood/Townsend area. Great read! Thanks Joe!!

The love of Archibald Lake environs and all of it around Lakewood and Townsend is I think in my DNA. We first moved to Lakewood in 1946. My mother's brother, uncle Manley Albright, was the State Game Warden in Lakewood at that time and he enticed my dad with the idea that a lot of cottages were being built here after the War. They all needed ice for their ice boxes. Dad sold his Village Blacksmith Shop (now a preserved historical site) in the City of Berlin, Wisconsin, where I was born in 1943 (as well as my father and mother and all of my grandparents too, lived their entire lives in Poy Sippi to be more exact). We lived at first in Lakewood in what later became known as the "Swanson House" located immediately to the east of the Pour Haus Bar and across 32 from today's Laona State Bank. Of course, in those days all the land along the north side of Highway 32 through Lakewood was used for the train depot, lumber yard, Flynn's fuel storage and the all-important railroad where big black "Tootin Annie" would come chugging through every day like clockwork!

Dad bought the 8-acre peninsula between Little Chain and Big Chain Lake which had been a Town of Lakewood gravel pit from the cut in constructing Highway 32 which used to run along the shore of Chain Lake. He built an ice barn pretty close to where the boat landing to Chain Lake is today; conveyed it full of ice chunks sawed from the lake during the winter and got to know a myriad of the people with cottages and ice boxes on the lakes and in the towns during the summers. He also rented a cedar swamp north of Townsend and proceeded to cut wood, skid out logs with horses, have them sawed into lumber and send out a regular supply of cedar fence posts to a friend in Berlin who made a buck selling them to farmers.

Anyway, by 1948 with the lumber he had cut and skidded to a saw mill dad built the cape cod house, garage, and outhouse (the Pinkowski place) that still stand today along the Little Chain shore on the land between Big Chain and Little Chain Lake (the garage and outhouse still even look the same – maybe work the same too?). He also built 4 cottages back in the woods along the lake shore and some of them with their concrete-filled nail keg foundations also still look the same. I took my dad on a walk on the lane going back through the peninsula around 1994 and asked if he thought it looked different or the same? He said the only thing is "the trees are so much bigger." Funny I said, I was only four feet tall back then, "to me the trees look smaller."

We lived on Chain Lake for only 6 years. By 1953 people were buying refrigerators. My mom even had us travel to Shawano to buy a Frigidaire. Dad took a factory job and we moved to Rock County, Wisconsin that fall. But that Lakewood/Chain Lake time were during my formative years and Oh The Wonderful Memories I Have! To this day I love even the smell of being on the lake water or in the lake shore woods.

In 1983 with my wife Jane and three children (Jason, Ryan, and Megan), we bought a cottage on Chain Lake. I was working in Chicago. We lived in Glenview, Illinois. Many of our most valued and cherished memories with our kids growing up developed around that cottage, the lake and the

Townsend/Lakewood area. Multiple times, for example, we would all pack a lunch on a nice summer day, load up the ski boat and head to Archibald Lake to water ski, swim, and find a nice shore spot to picnic. We would be with the family mostly on the East Lobe for much of the whole day. Then one day in 2003 we saw a sign that Don and Oralea Bartels' place on the end of Oralea Lane was for sale. It was consternation for a while about leaving Chain Lake, but we did make the move, and everyone now agrees it was another of the best decisions we ever made for our family. Jason, Ryan, and Megan all have families of their own now, and a combined 8 grandchildren for Jane and me. When Megan announced in 2011 as she was approaching the graduation from her Fellowship program that she was going to try to find a job in Wisconsin so she could raise her family going to the cottage and earning the same type of experiences and memories that she garnered growing up, Jane and I both said we're going too. In 2012 Megan accepted a job as a neonatologist at St. Vincent's Hospital in Green Bay. Jane had retired from elementary school teaching in 2008. I retired from the Water Quality Association in Lisle, Illinois. We moved to Suamico on Harbor Lights Lake; one year later Megan, Mike and their family moved in on the same Lake seven houses apart. Again, one of our best moves. Archibald Lake is now 80 minutes away and our memories are continuing to grow there just like always.

Through the years I have observed so many wonderful, talented, and dedicated people working extremely hard for the betterment of Archibald Lake. They and our Lake have given so much for me and for my family to enjoy. Someday it will be my children and my grandchildren. I want Archibald Lake to continue to always be as good for them as it is for us today. I voiced to the Association Board awhile back that if there is a small way I can help, I would like to do it. I am going to try to do my best!

Thank You To All!

Here too is a short bio of my work experiences:

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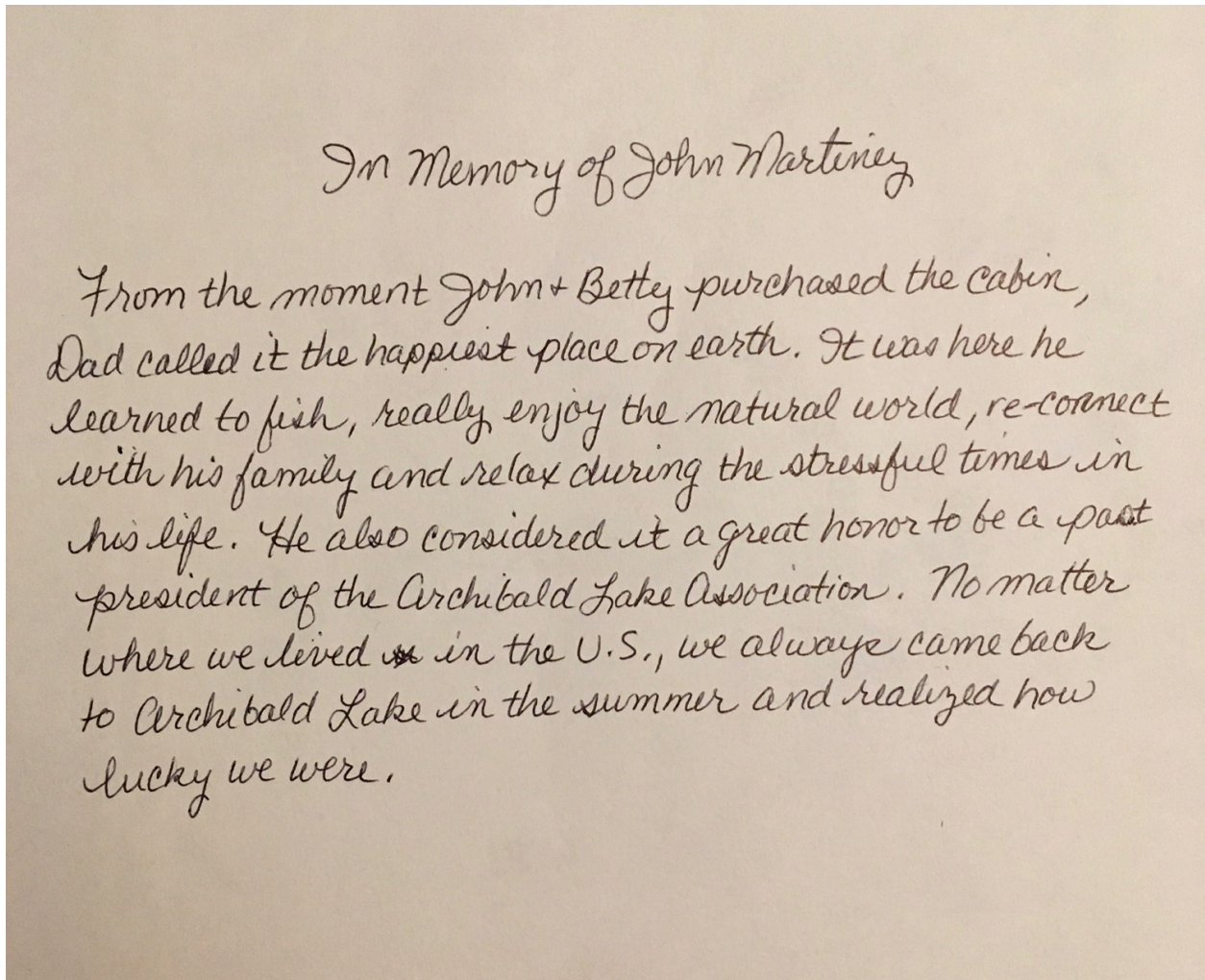
Prior to his position with WQA, Mr. Harrison was Chief of the Safe Drinking Water Branch for Region V of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Harrison is a registered professional engineer and holds the title of Certified Water Specialist VI with the Water Quality Association's certification program. He has a Master of Science Degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Condolences

I am sad to say there were some of our ALA family that passed away this year.

John Martinez

Passed away on February 14th. His daughter Julie sent me her view on what our lake meant to him.



Laurene DeWitt Davidson

May 25, 1939 – December 25, 2019

Laurie was a member of the Holt family and resident of the Island Lodge on the bigger Holt Island. She and her husband Bruce have been long time members of the Association and very supportive of Lake initiatives. Laurie was also a former member of the Board of Directors. She had a great passion for the lake and was known to be seen taking her swims around the island as long as she could. She will be dearly missed by the Holt/DeWitt family.

Bob Weyers

My father Bob passed away on March 12 unrelated to the COVID19 pandemic but his funeral plans and ceremony were definitely affected. The family intends to have a memorial service and gathering to celebrate his life once we get through these trying times. Bob and Alice lived at the cottage for several years and spent most weekends there since 1980-2007; his last trip to the cottage was October 2019. His lovely bride Alice of 67 years resides in their home located in Wrightstown WI.

As we gathered up the family photos and reminisced of those special moments the fondest memories were at the cottage. His arrangement of items gathered and the altar for his funeral mass included his tackle box, fishing poles, and his famous fishing hat. He was often quoted saying "if heaven isn't like this, Archibald Lake, I don't want to go there!"

God got a keeper!

Dave Weyers

A very big thank you to all volunteers both financially and physically to the Archibald Lake Association!! We are lucky to have the beautiful lake we have and the best group of members to go along with it!

Stay safe and healthy,

Your ALA Board of Directors

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