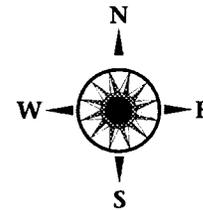


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RIPARIAN ASSOCIATION



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President's Message • • •

A hearty welcome back to all you snowbirds and a hello to all our local residents, who braved the past winter. There wasn't a lot of snowmobiling

as the weather was not all that cooperative. Other winter sports fared somewhat better.

The forest is once again alive and back to its beautiful full greenery. The young fawns and cubs can be seen from time to time. Be careful of the Mother Bear and her cubs. Loons are in abundance and their voices can be heard in the early evening. Eagles can be seen around the lake from time to time. There are just too many beautiful young creatures to name them all, so get out and enjoy them and their beauty.

This was my fifth year as President of the NSTLRA, and it is time to step down and let a younger and more energetic President take over. During the past 5 years there have been some good and some bad things that happened:

The Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) appears to be under control and that's good; however, we cannot let our guard down. The Clean Boats, Clean Water volunteers need all the help they can get to ensure that boaters are aware of the lake regulations for entering and leaving. Join the crew when you have a few minutes and spend some relaxing time at any of the landings.

We were not able to get a Lake District formed and that's bad; however, I hope that some day in the future it will be established. Grant money is becoming short and will soon be unavailable, and fund raising will fall far short of the needs to keep AIS under control. Then what about other unknown problem, such as, zebra muscles, spiny fleas, etc.?

Waters are up, and we should have a great year of boating on the lake. Again, WATCH OUT when going through the channel as there are children and some careless people playing and/or wading across the channel. They cannot get out of the way of a boater while wading through that waterway.

Once again have a Safe and Happy Summer, whether traveling by flying, driving, boating, biking, hiking, or what ever.

Hope to see you all at this year's new annual picnic/meeting in July. Meeting to last no longer than 15 minutes before the picnic fun begins. Bring questions. If we cannot answer them, then we will research and respond as best we can in the next newsletter.

A SPECIAL THANKS to the Board members, Committee Chairpersons and all Volunteers for all your help during my tenure in office. All of us, Working Together, brings success.....

Joe

17TH ANNUAL PICNIC AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE ON SATURDAY, JULY 9th 2011 AT NOON AT WAVERING PARK, PHELPS

Agenda:

Annual Meeting Business

Election of officers

Lunch

Games

Music provided by:

Tom Hickson and his accordion

We will have a special raffle for a signed, leather-bound (with sleeve) original limited-edition of Loon Magic by Tom Kline.

There will also be a 50-50 raffle.

Pot Luck Assignments:

A-I Veggies or Salad

J-R Desserts

S-Z Meat or Casserole

Carrie Mijal has agreed to chair the Picnic and asks for lots of help.

Please email or phone her to offer your help: email <cammie383@aol.com> phone 708-383-1172 (home) or Up-north phone 715-545-2399. We hope to see loads of folks once again.

AND THEN, SINCE WE WILL BE IN A PARTY MODE, A POKER RUN CONTEST BETWEEN NORTH TWIN AND SOUTH TWIN WILL TAKE PLACE THE NEXT DAY -- SUNDAY JULY 10TH FROM 1 TO 6 P.M. TWO RAFFLES: 50/50 RAFFLE PLUS \$5.00 ENTRANCE FEE.

All proceeds from these events are applied to our AMEN Fund to control invasive species in our lakes.



LOON NOTES

Elisabeth Sutton Chair

Those of you who were up here in April remember when the days were freezing one day and very warm the next, the ice disappeared around the shores and then we had another cold snap. A home owner was out ice fishing at this point and watched the loons fly over. Fortunately, there must have been open water somewhere for them in the area. As soon as the ice was off the lake, April 28 on South Twin and May 1 on North Twin, the loons came flying in. It's a beautiful sound to hear them calling early in the morning and in the evening. Keep track of when and where you hear/see them for the annual loon count each year. Report findings to Elisabeth Sutton, Loon Coordinator <esutton@wi.rr.com> Thanks.

Lake Plan Report

The EWM treatment was applied by Bonestroo on Monday, June 6th on North Twin Lake. Two men applied the pesticide starting at 1:15 pm and ending at 5:45 pm. They treated 15.4 acres with 6,944 pounds of granular Renovate Max G to the Eurasian Milfoil areas in six treatment sites. Water temperature at the time of application was 62°. After a pre-treatment inspection, this final treatment area was smaller than the initial proposed sites. The cost for the 2011 treatment, and the related DNR permit fee, will be less than originally contracted for.

There were no problems associated with the application, and no riparian owners had any issue with the 2011 treatment. The treatment chemical company, Seapro, is making daily tests to verify the clarity of the lake water. Their report will be made available to us in the next couple of weeks.

Cap Pedersen, Chair



Fishing Report

Hey everyone, it is great to be looking forward to another beautiful summer here in the north woods. The water is up and the weather seems to be stabilizing for now.

This winter had a couple of points that are worth talking about. One is that even though I would rate the walleye fishing as average there was some pretty spectacular perch fishing going on out there. I was hearing of fish being caught up to that 15 inch mark. There is definitely nothing wrong with that. The second important fact about this winter is that it did not want to end. In 2010 the ice was off of the lake on April 2 (this is very early), but in 2011 the ice was off of the lake on May 2 (this is very late). I know what you are thinking, big deal, **but** that affects many things around the lake. The two biggest things are water temp. (around 60 now) and weed growth (the reeds are just starting to immerge from the water). It also affects when and how the fish spawn. For the sake of this great body of water we always want that to go well.

So now it is the middle of June and Muskie fishing has really started to turn on. Even though I still have heard of fish in spawning mode, the warmer the water gets, for now, the better that fishing will get.

We have had very short runs at all species of pan fish, meaning that because of the vastly fluctuating weather and temperatures this spring, these fish have been very up and down as far as finding them in normal patterns.

Walleye too have been a bit sporadic but are starting to come along nicely into more typical summer patterns as the water warms up. I have heard and seen some very nice fish being caught this spring, up to 30 inches long.

All in all right now most fish are relating to any new weed growth. Find green weeds and you will find fish.

I hope that everyone has a great and safe summer season.

Respectfully,
Marti Primich
North Twin Lodge

A NOTE FROM ROGER GANSER

NSTLRA has been most fortunate to have had dedicated and wise leadership over the years. At this time we thank Joseph Wallace for his leadership and communication skills while serving as NSTLRA president for the past five years. Joe encourages dialog, discussion, consensus building, all qualities we want to continue within NSTLRA. We've also been fortunate to have long standing officers like Mike Schindler as Treasurer and Ginny Parker as Executive Secretary. Along with Tom Hickson, this team has successfully pursued, secured, and executed our Lake Management Plan, focusing on the treatment and control of Eurasian milfoil. We've seen success in South Twin and are optimistic that we have the right treatment plan.

All organizations need new blood and talent, and we're most fortunate in 2010 to experience that at NSTLRA. Denise Pedersen brought a level of professional detail to our minutes as Recording Secretary. Mary Schindler assumed responsibility for Clean Boats - Clean Water, including the orientation and training for our two student interns for the summer of 2011 (funded by DNR and NSTLRA). Cap Pedersen has done an outstanding job managing our Lake Management Plan, including the responsibilities associated with the DNR grant, contracts with vendors, scheduling and reporting. A very big assignment executed and communicated in detail. Jim and Jackie Fruth will be bringing more fun events to NSTLRA this summer with an expanded poker run and a sailing event. Keep tuned! See notice on website and p. 6.

Our many volunteers take care of activities that we often fail to recognize. Laura Babe is our merchandising expert. Ben & Priscilla Vandenhuevel lead our Adopt-A-Highway efforts, resulting in litter-free roads around the lakes. Tom Hickson insures that we have reliable lake navigation and safety aids on our lakes by installing/removing and maintaining all the buoys and chains. Marti Primich keeps us up to date on fishing activity. NSTLRA communications (newsletter and website) is overseen by Ginny Parker, our editor, publisher, and Go-To-Person!

A very sincere "thank you" from your friends and neighbors on North and South Twin Lakes.

Having had the good fortune of being mentored by Joe Wallace and our outstanding directors for the past five years I look forward to the continued success and support of our members. It is remarkable that less than a third of the lake property owners are members of NSTLRA. We need your help in recruiting members and volunteers. We are a community blessed by nature with North and South Twin Lakes at our doorsteps. Let's enjoy, respect, and maintain these lakes together.

Roger H. Ganser

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

We had our spring pickup on May 11-- grateful for the lovely weather in the am. Collected 15 bags of debris: roadsides were very messy. Anyway, we've got great volunteers and it should be a wonderful season. Many thanks to the following who help cleanup: Rose Passer, Mary Ann Holcomb, Marty Schmidt, Frank and Ann Switalski, Marg Best, Annette Diebold, Ben and Priscilla. This Spring the roadsides were the most littered we've found in years! Right now lupine are in bloom. Everyone can help by cleaning up highway clutter when you see it. The results of a bit of TLC are remarkable—pristine roadsides in this lovely Northwoods.



Priscilla and Ben Vanden Huevel

Clean Boats Clean Water

This program is already up and running thanks to the organizational skills of Mary. Lake Owner Volunteers are getting calls from Kay Ottoson, South Twin, Jackie Fruth, Lakota, and Mary Schindler, Phelps to spend a couple of hours checking boaters in and out, making sure our lakes remain clean. Our interns are also scheduled and on the job at the boat landings from time to time. As many of you know, the lake association paid a nominal fee for 100 hours of volunteer work by these UWoshkosh students to help out our own wonderful member volunteers.

We are always looking for more people to help, so give it some thought and call Kay 545-9245, Jackie 479-6869 or Mary 545-3922 to offer two hours of your time a weekend or anytime during the week.

Mary Schindler co-ordinator CB/CW

Lake Merchandise

Looking for something to wear on those cool summer nights? Check out our newly designed lake sweatshirt in 4 different colors. They are vintage style, 1/4 zipped with front pouch pocket and hooded. They will be available 4th of July weekend, at the Lake Association picnic, July 9th, and also at the fish boil, August 3rd. If you aren't around any of those times, please feel free to give me a call to purchase them. We ordered a limited number so be sure to get yours before they're gone. They'll go fast.

And for all you golfers, we have something for you too — golf towels with our lake logo on them. Show your North/South Twin Lake pride on the course, or buy one for a gift. We hope you agree they will be a great fund raiser for the Lake Association.

A big THANK YOU to Laura Babe, our super product manager!!!!!!!

Phone: 262-786-1076 email: <lebabe@wi.rr.com>

2010 AMEN DONATIONS**Corrections and Additions from
Nov to Dec 31,2010**

Gronza should be Fronza; New members, Don and Deb Tommet; Judy Caelwarts, Tom and Kim Schuster

\$100 - \$199 Gifts

Don and Phyllis Lauer, Randy and Jean Riemer

\$200 - \$299 Gifts

Jerome Marra and Barb Schuster; Roger Ganser

\$1,000 Gifts

Ginny Parker in Memory of Jerry Parker

\$1,500 Gifts

Jeff and Jen Schmidt

Thanks to the many people who donated to the Jerry Parker Bench Memorial. Take a look at it at the waterfront park in Phelps, a perfect place.

**NSTLRA THANKS YOU, ONE AND ALL,
FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS**

RECREATION & SAFETY

The annual spring ritual of placing the buoys in the lake is completed. They went into the lake on May 6th just prior to the statewide fishing opener. Thanks to Jim Fruth for his assistance !

We have 6 brand new buoys on the North Twin " rock pile." The other 6 rock buoys on the lake are not new, but are all 'good floaters' and hopefully will last a few more years. We have had to replace buoys the last two years because the lake level has been low and the buoys (made of PVC plastic) have been bumping on the rocks causing holes in the plastic. Under this scenario, the buoy's bottom is destroyed allowing water to enter and ultimately sinking the buoy into the rocks. We have more water in the lake this year, and I don't think we will have that problem (at least for this season).

We suffered some very strong winds already this spring. The buoys have all held their places pretty well, with the exception of the Green thoroughfare buoy. Bob Van Slate called one evening and reported the green buoy had slipped its anchorage and drifted into a dangerous position. I had the buoy back in place the following morning thanks to Bob's call. It was the first time one of those buoys had been "blown" out of its anchor position, so it must have been a STRONG wind ! Those anchors are placed differently than the rock buoys. We actually put on our waders, get our shovels, and get into the water where we want to place the RED and GREEN buoys. We then dig a hole in the sand and attempt to bury the anchors. If you go by slowly on a calm day, you will see only the top of the cement anchors. The bulk of the anchor lies buried under the sand.

Please give me a call if you notice any of the buoys 'missing' or 'out of place'. I'm on the lake a lot, but not every day, and I really appreciate your input.

Keep it SAFE out there !

Tom Hickson

**Slate of incumbent Board Members
for 2011-2013**

Mike Schindler
Dick Martin

Tom Hickson
Mark Wisnefski

Anyone interested in being on the board, please contact: Roger Ganser, 715-545-3650 or Ginny Parker 715 545 2496

ELEVENTH ANNUAL FISH BOIL AUGUST 3, 2011

It's that time of year when Bob Clem, Bob Van Slate and Nick Amschlinger mix business with pleasure to supply us with all that wonderful lake trout from Lake



Bob and Nick preparing the fish

Superior that is used for the NSTLRA Fish Boil Fund Raiser. Their job doesn't stop with the catch; they then prepare a colorful "Door County Fish Boil," complete with cherry pie. If you've never seen the "boil over," plan your dinner around that time; it's quite a sight. The event couldn't run smoothly without Barbara and many other hands working in the kitchen and dining room. We are looking forward to another successful Fish Boil and hope to see you at the Sundown on August 3rd.

Steve Hash, Jeanne Merlo and Laura Babe

Updated Directory coming

It has been awhile (2004) since we published a Directory for the Lake Association.

We try to include all property owners on both North and South Twin Lakes, and asterisk (*) members. We plan to include first and last names, fire numbers (indicates physical location of property), email addresses, and phone numbers in the new update. Members of record by July 31st will be asterisked (*). It will be published as a paper copy and mailed around mid-August.

SO, If you **do not wish to have your information listed** you need to let us know by indicating it on the membership letter found in this issue. If we do not hear from you to the contrary, your name, fire number, phone number(s) and email address(es) will be listed. If you **want to be listed as a member, be sure to let us know by July 31, 2011 with your membership dues.**

Please note:

This directory will not be available on the web.

FUN SAIL DAY

We are trying to organize a FUN SAIL DAY on our lakes.

There are a lot of sailboats on the lake, but they don't seem to get a lot of hard use. Probably because most all of us sailors are 'recreational sailors' and not too serious about 'racing' and such. I sometimes see another boat out when I am sailing and try to get over to introduce myself and say HI, but it's usually a two minute deal, and then it's over.....I'd like to get to know you other sailors better!

So, let's have a day of FUN with our sailboats !

I'm thinking sometime the last week of August, just before Labor Day.....We can get out some pontoon boats, anchor and lash them together somewhere by the Island, use them as a base for cocktails, hors d' oeuvres, etc..... and as a jumping off point for some sailing fun. I'm thinking of an INFORMAL race around some simple course, and back to the pontoon raft for more cocktails and socializing.

I don't visualize a true racing regatta! That would attract boats from other lakes and "too serious skippers." And, I don't believe the recreational sailors on this lake would want to participate. I would rather see all the sailors on our lakes come and have fun. Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced sailors - IT WOULD NOT MATTER. Sure, we could have prizes, like: BEST DRESSED FIRST MATE, or BEST SKIPPER'S HAT, or BEST DISPLAY OF THE AMERICAN FLAG ON YOUR SAILBOAT, or NORTH TWIN vs. SOUTH TWIN (number of sailboats from your lake)

Anyway, I've been here sailing for 20 years and don't really know other sailors on the lake. I'd like to change that.

If you would like to help me get this 'event' off the ground, give me a call and volunteer to help.

Tom Hickson 545-3736





NSTLRA

Sunday July 10, 2011

1:00 till 6:00 ??

North Twin against South Twin Poker Run

50/50 Raffle

Proceeds going to the Amen Fund

Which lake will make the most money?? Depends on how many participants each lake identity has.

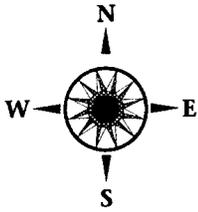
Ending at the "Sundown Tavern and Restaurant" at 6:00 to find out the winner and how much money was made. Stay to eat or just stop in for a drink.

Entry fee \$5.00 per person on each boat. The more people the more money we make and the more merrier!!!!

Keep this date open and join in on the fun, help our Lake Association.

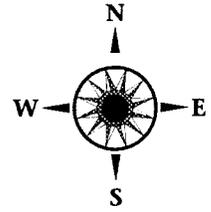
Call Jim and Jackie Fruth for details and participation 715-479-6869 North Twin

Call Cap and Denise Pedersen for details and participation 715-545-3911 South Twin



NORTH & SOUTH TWIN LAKES

RIPARIAN ASSOCIATION



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Since 2001, your Lake Association has managed the efforts to address Eurasian Water-Milfoil (EWM) in our lakes. Whole lake treatment of South Twin for the past two years has shown significant results with no treatment scheduled for this year. However, approximately eighteen acres will be treated in North Twin this year in late May/early June. This is truly a community effort, with everyone recognizing the serious threat of Eurasian milfoil. We are once again asking for your help in three ways:

- 1) Join or renew your membership in NSTLRA (only 30% of owners are members!)
- 2) Contribute to our Amen Fund – these funds are dedicated to the Eurasian milfoil treatment program
- 3) Volunteer at one of the boat ramps for the Clean Boats Clean Waters monitoring program. It is part of our grant contract so we need your help! Call Mary Schindler at 545-3922 to volunteer. It's easy and fun!

Your annual membership dues pays for the “normal” things you expect from NSTLRA, like education and information programs, printing and mailing the newsletters and notices, and hosting and expanding the information on our website. In addition, this year we purchased and installed six new navigational aids on the lake.

A donation of \$70 or more to the AMEN fund by each property owner will help to manage EWM control. Remember, your dues and donations are tax deductible.

We hope you participate in protecting and sustaining the beauty and health of our Twin Lakes. Join your neighbors at the Annual Picnic/Meeting on Saturday, July 9, 2010, 12:00, Wavering Park, Phelps.

Thank you.

NSTLRA Board of Directors.

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NSTLRA Membership Form

Regular membership \$20 – Includes spouse and all family members under 18 (Renewal New)

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Lake Address: _____

Fire #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ email address: _____

I agree to the above information being listed in the NSTLRA Lake Owner's Directory to be published by NSTLRA. YES NO Note any information you do not want in the Directory.

AMEN FUND DONATION: \$70 \$100 \$150 Other

Please return with check or money order to: NSTLRA * PO Box 163 * Phelps, WI 54554

Annual Picnic/Meeting: Saturday, July 9, 2011 12:00 at Phelps Wavering Park

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