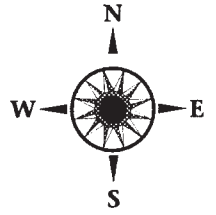


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NSTLRA HAS A WEB SITE!!! CHECK US OUT!!! (We've changed our web name) www.nstlra.org
OUR GOAL IS TO NO LONGER MAIL NEWSLETTERS BY SNAIL MAIL. WE REALIZE THAT not everyone has a computer, so we would make allowances for those folks who would need to have a paper copy. We would need to be notified of this need. By this time 2009, we expect to go electronic.



President's Message...

It was a grand and glorious summer on our lakes and fall came too soon. The colors came and went way too quickly; there was even some early snow. Yep you guessed it, 3 inches fell before Halloween was here. Many of our friends have departed to their winter retreats, leaving a few of us to enjoy the wintry northwoods blasts.

Well, the voting is over as this is being written. Can't say I miss all the campaigning, my finger and mute button were getting worn out. I am sure everyone has an opinion about the outcome. I really don't get involved in discussing politics, but I am happy to report that Dan Meyer was reelected. He has been a great help in getting more funds allocated from the WI budget for the DNR, thus enabling lakes, like ours in obtaining grants to fight the AIS problems. We here at the Twin Lakes need all the help in the form of grants that we can get from the DNR in order to fight that nasty old EWM.

As noted further in this newsletter, while we treated the lakes this spring, there still is more work to be done. EWM will not go away by itself. In fact it may never be completely eradicated, only controlled. In order to treat next year we are going to need more monies to treat the infected areas. Indications are that, while not as thick, it is creeping in a wider spread around South Twin and further up into North Twin. As a result it seems we need more funds and volunteers to control this bothersome species. Please join us in any way you can by: Helping in the creation of a District, Donations, Clean Boats/Clean Water volunteers, Fish Boil workers, Tee Shirt/Hat Sales helpers and the list goes on. Don't be a piker--GET INVOLVED.

Many of our lake property owners do not want to, or refuse to, do anything about the continued EWM growth. This group needs to wake up and support the efforts of NSTLRA to protect our lakes.

A SPECIAL THANKS to those fine dining establishments on the Twins, like the SUNDOWN with their Great Ribs and Twin Haven with their excellent Wings, for their NSTLRA membership and support.

The NSTLRA membership is as strong as ever. We still encourage anyone who is not a member to sign up. We need all the extra support we can get to help protect our lakes.

Joe

NSTLRA's 15th Annual Meeting & Picnic:



Date has changed to Saturday, July 11, 2009. Will be held at Conover Community Center because of Hwy 17 road construction in Phelps April through November 2009

Kay Ottoson has agreed to chair the social aspect of this event and will be looking to membership for help.

More Details to follow in the next issue

Fish Boil

Joe Wallace reported on the Fish Boil. Proceeds were down some, but the event was deemed a success once again. \$1722.00 was deposited in the AMEN fund.

Steve Hash and daughter Laura Babe have agreed to run it next year and Sundown has agreed to host it at their place. Put it on your calendar now. Wednesday, August 5, 2008.



In Memoriam

NSTLRA Board Member, JAMES B. SCOTT
December 2, 1956 - October 1, 2008

Jim was a board member for the past six years and his contributions to the Lake Association will be sorely missed. We extend our condolences to his widow, Debbie, and their three children, Jackie, Nick and Michelle. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Grant News

NSTLRA consultants Tim Hoyman and Eddie Heath of Onterra, have been monitoring the milfoil colonies on both North and South Twin this past summer. They met with Tom Hickson and a group of eight North and South Twin Lakes volunteers in early August and taught them how to monitor the colonies. After learning about the workings of the gps units and an overview of what is expected and needed to fulfill our part of the grant, everyone including Tim Hoyman and Eddie Heath went out on the lakes to physically observe the known milfoil colonies. Tim and Eddie were very pleased with the results on North Twin, but South Twin did not show as good a success leading to a mixed review.

Kevin Gauthier of the DNR was able to get together a group of DNR staff who spent three days on South Twin lake checking and identifying all aquatic vegetation in a grid manner. We now have even more information of the types and frequency of aquatic plants with the assurance that not all vegetation is Eurasian water milfoil.

With all the information we have and the continuing monitoring of infected lakes by the DNR, with various applications, we are hoping to be more informed to do the best we can to try to control EWM on our lakes.

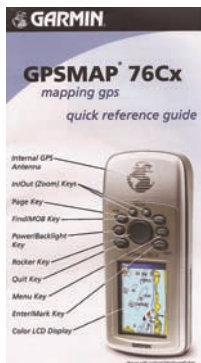
Right now, Onterra, Kevin Gauthier, DNR, and the NSTLRA Board are all looking at the situation and modifying our management plan to address the problem.

AIS VOLUNTEERS

NSTLRA had a wonderful response to its request of membership to help with different aspects of lake management especially for the Grant. We would like to acknowledge the following members :



Sam Ames, Steve and Deb Bahrke, Jeanette DeBano, Valerian Glodowski, Tom Hickson, James Last, Dave and Diane Klingemeyer, John Mallett, Ron and Kay Ottoson, Ginny and Jerry Parker, Judi and Rueben Peppler, Katie Praedel, Laura Schnoor, Francis Schuster, Mike Schuster, Ron and Penny Schurrer, Frank Switalski, Wendell Turcsany, Ruth Ann and Henry VanDixhorn, Gary VandelList, Ben Vanden Heuvel, Dave and Jackie Weiland, Bill Zabriskie, and Don Zirbel



AIS monitoring volunteers met with Onterra's Tim Hoyman at Chairman Tom Hickson's house and were shown the treated areas both by map and on the lake. They were given a primer on using a GPS. All treated areas and new areas will be identified by GPS coordinates with the ability to download the data.

NSTLRA is purchasing a GPS and a number of the volunteers are doing so as well. The ultimate objective is to enable volunteers to do the monitoring functions.

CB/CW volunteers spent a total of 243 hours at the three boat landings this season and had contact with 1075 people. The vast majority of boaters are well aware of AIS and many thanked our volunteers for their efforts. Overall, the traffic seemed to be down this season. In addition, volunteers spent additional time at meetings and workshops.

Thank you for your time and commitment to improve the quality of life on our lakes. We hope we will be able to count on you next year.

Ginny Parker (CB/CW) Tom Hickson (AIS monitor)

AMEN DONORS... 2008

This list acknowledges with gratitude all contributions to the AMEN Fund to date in 2008

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THANK YOU ONE AND ALL — NSTLRA BOARD

Adopt-A-Highway



The glorious colors of autumn are past, and now we see the bare bones of our forest, crisp and stark, waiting for that mantle of snow to soften the landscape.

Our adopted highways remained clean and green this past summer, thanks to the on-going vigilance of volunteers and lake shore owners. Walkers and joggers again helped out by carrying plastic bags and picking up litter when they found it. Maintaining roadsides and highways is one job that is never finished, so we encourage our year-round residents to continue to monitor and groom the roads as often as possible.

Following the July 4th fireworks, we had much debris to clean up on Hwy E. Perhaps in the future, the town will assist in this project.

In August, purple loosestrife reared its unwelcome blooms along the shoulder of Hwy K. Frank Swital-ski helped pull and dispose of this exotic, invasive species.

In all, it was a good season, and we can be proud of our efforts to maintain and beautify the roadsides of our precious northwoods. We appreciate so much the continued help and support of NSTLRA members and volunteers in this endeavor.

Priscilla and Ben VandenHuevel

SAFETY AND RECREATION SAFETY AND RECREATION RECREATION & SAFETY

Another great summer winding down. I fished yesterday (Oct. 22nd) and the water temperature was hovering around 50 degrees. I came in from fishing and put the tubes and water skis away. The only time I get back in the water this year is to pull the piers and do a little cisco fishing. But in both instances, you can bet I will be wearing waders.....!

Frank Swital-ski, Kay and I pulled the buoys on the 15th. Sadly, only after two years, the buoys are showing some problems. One of the ROCK buoys on the "rock pile" has a hole in it, and was full of water. Well, at least it was full up to where it was resting on the bottom. I think it was a defect in construction, as the leak did not appear to be 'man made'.



Not the case with the Green buoy in the thoroughfare! There is a serious wound in that one that will require some fiberglass work next spring. Hit by a boat — HOW DO YOU HIT A LIGHTED BUOY? ARE YOU PAYING ATTENTION? Hello — Sometimes there are PEOPLE in that thoroughfare!!!

No, this was not an isolated incident. The Green buoy and the Red buoy have NUMEROUS scars from boats. Come on people, BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!

Tom Hickson

Fishing Report

As we start to gear up for winter and what looks to be a promising ice fishing season I reflect on what was a pretty good open water season. Walleye started really good in May and June. People were catching a fifty percent ratio of nice size keeper fish. As summer progressed the fish went deep and stayed there. It made fishing for this species difficult for all but the most dedicated fisher-people. What looked like a very promising start to Musky season was hindered by a late spring cold front. Right when people thought they would be finding this species in the shallows it got cold and pushed them into open water. For most of the summer, most fish were caught out over deep water.

There were plenty of fish caught and some very nice sized ones. I know of at least two 50 inch fish and I myself very recently caught a nice 45 inch fish. The diehard people here in November will be chasing after the monster catch.

Perch fishing had its moments this year and they were awesome moments. In the summer the fish were scattered, but when they schooled, people would haul in their limit of 10 to 12 inch fish. And in the fall it was more of the same.

I know many people who are going to use these upcoming weeks of open water hunting for a monster musky, but I am waiting for some hard water to get out there and chase some flags. Always remember to use caution as the ice season begins and throughout the season.

Marti and Jen Primich

Jobs available:

NSTLRA is looking for a water monitor, checking the clarity and the chemical make-up of the lake. Training available. This valuable service gives us a good idea of the health of our water. We are also looking for a Membership Chair. If interested please call Ginny at 715-545-2496

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LoonWatch

It was a terrific summer for Loon observations! Numerous pairs could be found and heard on our lake from May until now. There was even a sitting of a chick with Mom on South Twin near Jefferson's Landing. The recent snow didn't scare them away. As of early November the loons were still present. Anticipate their departure as the lake turns colder and ice begins to form.

Elisabeth Sutton <esutton@wi.rr.com>

fyi *(For Your Information on Lake Planning)*

It is with great regret that we accept the resignation of Don Zirbel as Lake Plan Committee Chair.

Don was assigned this position in 1996 and has done a commendable job up to the present. He and Tiff Lyden, the Lakes Coordinator at the time, took pictures of the lake front properties all around North and South Twin in 1997. (These are available on a DVD.)

He was tireless in working with the school kids in the Adopt-A-Lake project. He built and installed the original Exotic Species signs at each of the three boat landings. He covered them in the winter, uncovered them in the summer and did this until just a year or so ago when his health prevented him from continuing. He procured new pictures for the signs.

He held numerous meetings at his home, inviting Vilas County personnel from time to time to help us get up and running to become better lake stewards. He kept an eye on other lake activities going on around Vilas and would check them out, bringing back any pertinent information to share with other board members. Don attended numerous meetings at the county and state level.

He headed up our well water testing program for many years, coordinating the procurement of sample bottles and instructions. Then he would make arrangements for them to be dropped off at a central point, pick them all up and drive them to Stevens Point where they would be tested by the lab. We benefitted by having the results mailed to our homes.

He was faithful in getting articles to Ginny for each newsletter. He will be missed very much, and we all wish him and his wife, LaVerne, all the best.

Thankfully, Don has agreed to stay on the Board, and has been active monitoring at the Lakota Boat Landing this summer.

Best Wishes to you, Don

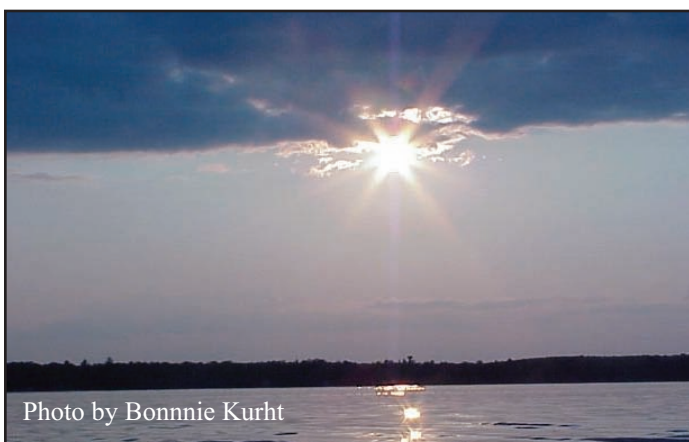


Photo by Bonnie Kurht

TWIN TALES

Pictorial views of the boat landings on opening day, May 5, 2008
Ginny Parker

Mother Nature did not cooperate much with the Opener this May. Below are some pictures of Phelps and Lakota Boat Landings after a hectic winter season on the lakes. (Photos by Jerry Parker)



Lakota sign shed roof is ripped off and lying behind the sign. You can see the shelf of ice.



This ice shelf is easily five feet high. No way could any boat launch at Lakota landing opening day!



This damaged sign was removed by the Town of Phelps for safety reasons. Mike Hoffman rebuilt the one there now.



Phelps Landing pier, bench and sign were demolished by the ice. Its force can be fearsome. Needless to say, Clean Boats/Clean Water did not monitor — smart fishermen stayed off the lake, too. Did not compete with the ice still on the lake in spots.

TERRESTRIAL INVASIVE PLANTS of concern to forest and wetland areas in and around VILAS COUNTY

The following invasive plants pose serious threats to our forest and wetland habitats:

GARLIC MUSTARD, JAPANESE KNOTWEED, ASIATIC HONEYSUCKLES, BUCKTHORN, SPOTTED KNAPWEED, REED CANARY GRASS

All have become established in Vilas County. Do you know where? Are any of them on your property? Do you know how to manage these species or the potential consequences of ignoring them? Several public informational meetings were held in Vilas County in August. Several NSTLRA members attended the meeting in Phelps, August 11.

AIS and TIS Awareness Videos

The US Department of Agriculture has created five short videos emphasizing the roles of anglers and hunters in preventing the spread of both aquatic and terrestrial invasive species. Some of the vectors highlighted may be new to you. The videos are available by clicking on the following Internet links. You are encouraged to use them for awareness at any level from preparation for family outings to public education initiatives.

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mms://ocbmtcwmp.usda.gov/content/bmtc/vnr/places_part2.wmv

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mms://ocbmtcwmp.usda.gov/content/bmtc/vnr/places_part4.wmv

mms://ocbmtcwmp.usda.gov/content/bmtc/vnr/places_part5.wmv

(This information came through Ted Ritter, Vilas County Invasive Species Coordinator.)

ARE YOU LOOKING for Christmas gift ideas this year? Support your lake association and be "styling" all in one.

Merchandise for sale:

- t-shirts- \$15 ea. or 3 for \$40
- hoodies- \$35 ea. or 3 for \$100
- hats- \$15 ea. or 3 for \$40
- stickers- \$2 ea. or 3 for \$5

Tan shirts:

- S- 2
- M-
- L- 2
- XL-
- 2XL-
- 3XL- 1

Dark Blue shirts:

- S- 2
- M-
- L- 2
- XL- 1
- 2XL- 3
- 3XL-

Yellow shirts:

- S-
- M- 1
- L- 2
- XL- 38
- 2XL- 4
- 3XL-

Tan Sweatshirts:

- S-
- M-
- L- 2
- XL-
- 2XL-
- 3XL-

Tan Hats:

- All tan- 21
- Green Lid- 18
- Blue Lid- 0

White Hats:

- All white- 12
- Blue Lid- 17
- Green Lid- 19

Green Hats:

- All Green- 4

Women's Salmon shirts:

- S-
- M- 1
- L-
- XL-
- 2XL-
- 3XL-

Women's Light Blue shirts:

- S- 1
- M- 1
- L-
- XL-
- 2XL-
- 3XL-

Blue sweatshirts:

- S-
- M- 2
- L- 2
- XL-
- 2XL-
- 3XL-

Stickers: 52

This is the merchandise is stored at Mike and Mary Hoffman. Contact them at 545-2326 or Ginny at 545-2496.

Merchandise is also available at the Sundown Tavern 479-6224 and the Twin Haven 545-2527

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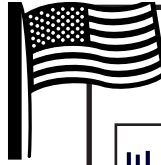
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Calendar of Events 2008-09

Board of Directors meetings -- every third Thursday
Jan. 22, 2009(an exception)
May 21, June 11, July 16,
August 20, and September 17, 2009

March 18 - 19 2009 WAL Convention: KI Convention
Center and Regency Suites, Green Bay, WI
1-800-236-3330. More info: info@wisconsinlakes.org

May 2, 2009 Opening Weekend.
CB/CW crew to Monitor boat landings

Annual Meeting SATURDAY
July 11, 2009
Conover Community Center
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us decide to keep it in Conover again this year.

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August 5, 2008
Sundown Tavern

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