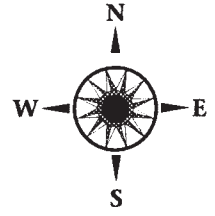


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The Newsletter will be posted on the web: <[www.nstlra.org](http://www.nstlra.org)> *OUR GOAL IS TO NO LONGER MAIL NEWSLETTERS BY SNAIL MAIL. WE REALIZE THAT not everyone has a computer. If we do not hear from you by July 2009, you will not receive a paper copy of the newsletter.*

### Grant News - AIS Control Project:

Tim Hoyman and his crew will be on the lake doing pre-treatment surveys on May 26 and/or 27. Cliff Schmidt will be treating both lakes on May 30, 31 and June 1. Notices will be posted at the boat landings and at specified docks. Precautions are in the notices. They are also posted on our website under News Flashes. <[www.nstlra.org](http://www.nstlra.org)>. Volunteers will be monitoring the residual 2-4D product in the water column for 7 to 8 weeks after treating. Information on our results will be posted on the website.

We will need to write an amendment to our existing grant and will try for another grant to help cover expenses in the future years.

We are counting on our membership to dig deep once again as you have in the past to help with this project. Together we can fight this problem and be successful.

We have the support of the DNR, the Army Corp of Engineers, Onterra, LLC, our Aquatic Specialists and our wonderful group of Lake Volunteers. Anyone who would like to assist, please contact Ginny Parker, <[gapar@newnorth.net](mailto:gapar@newnorth.net)>545-2496 or Tom Hickson, <[khickson@newnorth.net](mailto:khickson@newnorth.net)>545-3736.

### NSTLRA's 15th Annual Meeting & Picnic:

Saturday, July 11, 2009  
1 - 4 P.M. Will be held again at Conover Community Center because of Hwy 17 road construction in Phelps April through November 2009



Kay Ottoson will chair the social for this event. Anyone wishing to help call Kay at 479-9245.

#### POT LUCK ASSIGNMENTS:

- A - I Vegies or Salad
- J - R Desserts
- S - Z Meat or Casserole

For late breaking news check our website: <[www.nstlra.org](http://www.nstlra.org)> click on News Flashes

### Fish Boil



Steve Hash and his daughter Laura Babe will run it this year and Sundown has agreed again to host it at their place. Put it on your calendar now. Wednesday, August 5, 2009.

Check the website New Flashes section for updates. Call Laura Babe or Steve Hash, 479-2041 to help with this very important FUND

RAISER TO FIGHT AIS IN OUR LAKES.

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### GET THE LEAD OUT

A loon call was heard before all the ice was out on April 20, (South Twin) and April 25, (North Twin) As a rule, loons arrive as soon as they have a place to land and take off. Once the lakes were clear, loon calls were prevalent.

Please contact Elisabeth to volunteer to be a loon watcher. It's very gratifying.

Fishermen, please ditch the lead tackle. It's killing loons.

Elisabeth Sutton <[esutton@wi.rr.com](mailto:esutton@wi.rr.com)>

## Recreation & Safety

Every spring we hear the same question - "Does Tom have the buoys out yet?" Well, he does. Kay helped me get them out early this year - before the fishing opener even. Some years the ice cooperates and goes out soon enough so that we have plenty of time. Sometimes not.. Good conditions is another factor. A bright sunny morning with little or no chop on the water is ideal. GPS helps us get the boat in the neighborhood of the anchors (which stay in the lake all winter long) then we rely on our eyes to spot the orange juice jugs sunken and attached to the chain. OF course the most important thing needed in the process is some good friends to help and be the 'eyes' and 'boat drivers' to get the job done. Thanks to all who have served in the past!

You think that after the buoys are IN that the job is over for the summer, - but it usually isn't.. Roy Dittmann and I had to go rescue 2 buoys this spring already. These high winds that we have been having lately are not kind to buoys and rusty chains/connectors. If you notice a buoy is missing or one has floated up on your shore, please give me a call at 545-3736.

Probably the low water will be talked about by others in the newsletter. But here is my take too. Low water is not only an inconvenience to us getting our boats on our lifts, - it also produces an obvious boating hazard. Where the water has been traditionally low near the shoreline - it's going to be worse this year. I even checked some of the shallow mid lake bars to see if we needed to put a temporary buoy there, but the worse bar I could find still had 3 feet of water on it, so I hope we are OK.

Which brings me to one of my pet peeves..... if this is a State of Wisconsin body of water, and it is controlled by the DNR then WHY ARE WE AT THE MERCY of the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Corporation who control the dam and determines the water level? Are the paper companies that powerful? Shouldn't there be a TIME OUT period after 50 or so years in which they lose control of the water levels and it reverts back to the people who live here? We all knew we were in trouble when we first saw our shorelines after the spring thaw. Way too much water was sucked out this winter.

I'm rambling on too much.....

Safe boating out there this summer !

Tom Hickson

To check out current news, click on our website <[www.nstlra.org](http://www.nstlra.org)> Go to News Flashes and Lake Treatment for late breaking news. Send your email address to <[gapar@newnorth.net](mailto:gapar@newnorth.net)> be alerted of postings. After this membership letter and newsletter, we will no longer be snail mailing newsletters. It will be a great savings to NSTLRA.

**Website <[www.nstlra.org](http://www.nstlra.org)>**

## FISHING REPORT

The fishing over the winter was either feast or famine. When the walleyes were cooperating there were many to be had. But who cares about that now because open water is here and there is much rejoicing.

This spring did not produce a whole lot of perch like normal. There were a few people who fell into a couple nice schools of fish, but all in all they were too dispersed. The walleye opener more than made up for that. Most people were catching around a 50% keeper to non-keeper ratio and they were limiting out quickly.

One big story this spring was the crappie fishing. It was tremendous. Hopefully they were able to spawn before so many of them were harvested.

Musky season also opened with a bang for gorgeous Memorial Day weekend. As is usual the Wisconsin Musky Tour held its tournament out here on Memorial Day and 17 fish were caught and released. It is nice to see those kinds of numbers in a one day event.

I hope that everyone has a fun and safe summer.

Marti and Jennifer Primich  
North Twin Lodge

## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Our adopted highways were "spring cleaned" on Saturday, May 23. A volunteer crew consisting of Marg Best, Frank Switalski, Marty Schmidt, Pam Matter, John and Rosie Passer, and Ben and Priscilla Vanden Heuvel collected 7 bags of litter from the roadsides. This amount is in addition to earlier pickups by the Passers. Many thanks to the good folks who help out when asked.

We encourage all NSTLRA members to help with this project by maintaining the areas around driveways and picking up roadside trash when walking or biking: Even one less beer can is an improvement!

As we all settle in for a great season "Up North", let's work together to sustain this unique landscape.

Priscilla and Ben Vanden Huevel



**Fishermen On the Opener**