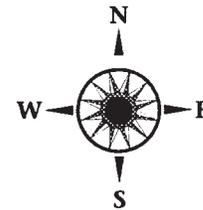


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President's Message...

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. Many of our friends have departed to their winter retreats, leaving a few of us to enjoy the wintry north- woods 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 AIS.

As noted further in this newsletter, while we treated the lakes this spring, there still is more work to be done. AIS 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 the spraying this year 2010 has been a large success in South Twin; however, it has been reported that it is creeping up farther in 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 AIS 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.

We encourage anyone who is not a member of the NSTLRA to sign up. We need all the extra support we can get to help protect our lakes.

Joe

17TH ANNUAL PICNIC AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE ON SATURDAY, JULY 9TH 2011 AT NOON AT WAVERING PARK, PHELPS...Plan to attend...Mark your calendars now. Fun Events being planned by Tom Hickson for the whole family to enjoy. There's always good chow.

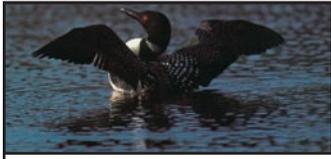
Jerry Parker In Memoriam

B. Lake Forest, IL June 13, 1932 - D. Phelps, WI August 12, 2010

Jerry was a founding member of NSTLRA in 1995, and its first President, continuing on the board until his death. He also served on the Vilas County Lakes Association board and began the Phelps Area Lakes Association, serving as its president for a couple of years. Jerry was a summer resident of Phelps on South Twin Lake since 1934, and moved to Phelps and the lake cottage permanently with his wife Ginny in 1993. Phelps and South Twin has always been Jerry's most favorite place to be. The lake's welfare has always been a concern of Jerry's. He worked hard to keep it as pristine for future generations as it was for him. He would love it if we carry on his vision.

NSTLRA will place this bench at the Phelps Lakefront Park in his memory next Spring, 2011.





LOON NOTES

Elisabeth Sutton Chair

As the weather gets cooler, the loons start thinking about heading south for the winter. The lake was active this summer with numerous pairs of loons. Loons are a terrific indication as to the health of a body of water. North and South Twin Lakes are fortunate to have an active and vibrant loon population.

FISHING REPORT

With only a couple weeks of open water musky fishing left in the season, we are sitting with some pretty nice weather. That is unfortunate because at this time of year you really want to see some colder temps. The good news is that the extended forecast shows colder temps and possible snow in the near future.

This year was a real up and down year as far as musky fishing goes. There was a lot of time on the water in which no fish were even seen. Do not get me wrong, some monster fish were caught this year. I know of at least two over 50 inches and probably another 6 over 48. The other good thing I saw this year was plenty of smaller fish. There were plenty in the 30's and even some in the 20's. That is great news for the future of our fishery.

Perch fishing remained consistently good throughout the year. There were several occasions when the fish were really schooled up and a lot of fish were harvested. And beyond that, even when they were not schooled that well, the fishing remained very good. This year in particular seemed very, very good in yearling perch. You could not really go anywhere without finding schools of perch minnows. My personal opinion is that with the crayfish population down for right now and the native weed growth up right now, the smaller fish have more cover to increase their reproduction. Once again this is great news for the future of our fishery.

Walleye fishing was also very good this year, but maybe not as good as the last couple of years. What I mean by that is many walleye were caught, but at times once again it was hard to find a lot of keepers. This was not the story the whole season, just at times. It is good to see our reproduction rates remain high for such a highly targeted fish. I look forward to ice fishing for both of these species this winter.

Bluegill, crappie, and northern pike all had some very good showings this year as well. For those species, sometimes they come and go in waves. Hopefully everyone had a great summer on the lake, and we all have a safe and fun winter enjoying our wonderful resource.

Marti Primich
North Twin Lodge

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

What a spectacular autumn display we had along our Northwoods highways!! The blue and purple asters were especially lush after the rains of summer. The beauty of these forest roads is ample payback for the work we do to keep them litter free.



This past season, our committee attempted a new approach and did roadside clean-up on an "as-needed" basis. We were counting on walkers and joggers to help pick up as well. While the summer roads were in pretty good shape, we will return to regularly scheduled clean up days next season. All our faithful volunteers can expect a call to work in early spring.

We encourage year-round residents to maintain our adopted roads as much as possible over the winter: even one less beer can or candy wrapper makes a difference!

A safe and healthy winter season to all.

Priscilla and Ben Vanden Huevel

2010 FISH BOIL

This year's fish boil was a great success, thanks to everyone who helped and everyone who donated. A special thanks to Dave Rehme who supplied the wood for the fire under the fish boil pot. This year we were able to deposit \$1971.00 to the AMEN Fund (AIS). In this slow economy we thank everyone who was able to contribute to our fight against milfoil. A special thanks to Bob and Barb Clem for all of their donations and the use of the Sundown Tavern for this fund raiser. This year there was a mishap during the cooking. Bob Van Slate suffered burns on his foot, but we are happy to inform everyone that he is doing well. Full recovery is in the near future. Mark your calendars for next year's event on August 3, 2011. See you there!

Steve Hash and Laura Babe

A big THANK YOU to the following who made the fish boil a success in 2010*

Laura Babe, Steve Hash, Debbie Scott, Myra Rice, Cap and Denise Pedersen, Bob Van Slate, Nick Amschlinger, Bob and Barb Clem and Chris Hartman

And a big THANK YOU to the following who were our motivated merchandise sales reps at our fish boil in 2010**

Laura Babe, Myra Rice, Michelle Scott, Roger Ganser and Dorothy Hash

*Net proceeds from fish boil: \$1912..

**Merchandise sales at fish boil: \$298

GRANT NEWS**SUMMARY - PRELIMINARY SURVEY REPORT
2010 EWM TREATMENT**

Field crews from Onterra visited North and South Twin Lakes during the last week of August to conduct various surveys aimed at understanding the Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) population in the lake. A whole-lake point intercept survey was completed on South Twin Lake (621 total points, approximately 300 points within the range of plant growth) and 41 point-intercept sub-sample locations were visited on North Twin. These locations were visited to aid in the monitoring of the 2010 treatments. These same locations were sampled before the respective treatments took place and comparing the datasets will allow an understanding of treatment efficacy (is there less EWM) and collateral damage (were valuable native plants impacted). While the data has not been worked up yet, it will be included within the treatment report that will be provided **later this winter**. Herbicide use carries with it an inherent risk, especially to the native plant population of our lakes. Our data will be able to understand how the native plants reacted to these treatments and this data will also be provided within the upcoming treatment report.

The US Army Corps of Engineers and WDNR enlisted North and South Twin Lakes into a joint research project aimed at understanding the residual concentrations of the herbicide in the lakes at various times after the treatment. Once this data becomes available, it will be integrated into the treatment report provided to the association roughly in December/January.

South Twin Lake

In 2010, liquid 2,4-D (Weedar 64) was applied by Bonestroo at 2.5 mg/L over the treatment areas to achieve a calculated lake-wide concentration of 0.239 mg/L. This low-dose herbicide treatment was applied at a slightly higher concentration than was used in 2009. The preliminary results of the point-intercept survey indicate that EWM frequency of occurrence of the entire lake was reduced from 10% in 2009 to 0% in 2010. Also during August 2010, the entire lake was visually scoured by Onterra ecologists and no EWM was located during this survey either. We did locate a number of floating EWM fragments possibly originating from: 1) EWM that went undetected during our surveys, 2) EWM that had died and floated to the surface, and/or 3) EWM originating from North Twin Lake.

While this is great news for South Twin Lake, by no means do we want to indicate that EWM is gone from the lake. It simply means that EWM populations were reduced to a level where remaining occurrences were not detected during the August 2010 surveys. However, it is safe to assume that no large colonies of EWM exist on the lake, the conditions that greatly threaten the ecological integrity of the system. Careful monitoring in 2011 will prove increasingly important in understanding the EWM population on South Twin Lake.

North Twin Lake

Since past treatments on North Twin Lake have not been particularly effective, the association's herbicide

applicator suggested the use of Renovate MaxG (combination granular 2,4-D and triclopyr). This combination granular 2,4-D and triclopyr product is theorized to have synergistic effects compared with the respective herbicide components. The sub-sample point-intercept locations were placed over targeted EWM colonies; therefore, all locations were within areas treated in 2010. This is not the case when looking at the whole-lake point-intercept survey results of South Twin Lake which were spread evenly over the lake. EWM frequency of occurrence was approximately 36% within the treatment areas on North Twin Lake before the treatment and was reduced to approximately 15% after the treatment.

During our visual mapping surveys, EWM was not visible from the surface in many of the areas, but random rake tows did pick up some small EWM sprigs. It is perceived that good control was observed within these areas. The site closest to South Twin Lake (E-10) was not as successfully controlled. While the mapping data has not been worked up yet, field notes from this site indicate that much EWM continues to exist within this site similar to last year, possibly even at a slightly higher density.

With the help of a volunteer on the lakes (Ryan Goetz), a few additional EWM colonies were located on North Twin Lake. A treatment strategy will be developed for North Twin Lake that will include targeting these new occurrences.

Summarized from email sent from Eddie Heath, Onterra on October 6, 2010. It can be read in its entirety on our website <www.nstlra.org>. Click on the Lake Management tab Subject: North and South Twin Lakes T2010 Summary.

Clean Boats Clean Water

A HUGE thank-you to all the CB/CW volunteers. Volunteers were a presence on the 3 landings for 14 weeks. I found most boaters are quite aware of the CB/CW program. Check out this site to see CB/CW data entered for North & South Twin lakes:

<<http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/invasives/watercraftsummary.aspx?project=22955855>>

Summary of volunteer hours:

Lakota	126.50
S. Twin	111.00
Phelps	<u>170.00</u>

Adm. Duties: 407.50

Total hours: 90.50

498.00

This represents a big contribution in community service. AND each volunteer hour is valued at \$8.00 towards recovery of our consultant's fees: \$8 x 498 = \$3,984.00.

> Again THANK YOU CB/CW volunteers. We do need more volunteers. Laura Schnoor expects to utilize a NSTLRA membership email address listing she is compiling to contact more folks about volunteering next year.

Mary Schindler
co-ordinator CB/CW

LAKE QUALITY ANALYST

Last August Ryan Goetz assumed a volunteer position as Lake Quality Analyst for NSTLRA. Ryan's major assignment was to assist board volunteers in monitoring the lakes for AIS. This included regular lake monitoring, recording, etc, sharing findings with the board and sending findings to our consultant. He also put in many hours assisting Laura Schnoor and team with Clean Boats/Clean Waters. Finally, Ryan is developing an educational program that would be available for Phelps School and summer camp attendees

We thank Ryan for his contributions and also thank his grandfather (and our neighbor) Andrew Toth for the suggestion.

Roger Ganzer, V. President

2010 AMEN DONATIONS January to present

Richard & Lynda Fields, Eric Temmer, Dan & Jeanne Merlo, Tom & Elaine O'Halloran, Keith Schaetz, Don, Mary, Jim & Deborah Rose, Bob & Bonnie Shotola, Dorothy Allen, Kurt & Julie Allison, Dick & Sharon Donarski, Dan & Stephanie Plach, Frank & Ann Switalski, Doug & Margot Peterson, Nancy Page, Mabel Darton, Tom & John Whitehurst, Tom Wysocki, Dennis & Mary Grapetin/Twin Haven, Doug & Marg Best, Ray & Bev Muehlbach, Mark & Barb Wisniewski & Lori & Terry Strebe, Judith Mortl, Larry & Sharon Lewan, Ron & Kay Ottosen, Bob & Joanne Radwill, Larry & Doris Hanz, Jay & Joan Wittman, Ronald & Patricia Mentzer, Todd & Nancy Schaumlöffel, Norm & Jackie Toll, Christopher & Adele Keaton, John & Nancy Lee, Bill & Karen Moore, Roy & Barb Dittman, Mike & Joyce Masnyk, Pat Rumchak, Glenn & Diane Darton, Cary & Sue Collins, Miriam Saucke, Val & Delores Glodowski, Peter & Ruth Gloede, Allen & Mary Kathryn Opall, George & Carol Hockers, Jer & Ronn Oechsner, Dick & Helen Muilenburg

\$100 - \$199 Gifts

Terry & Dana Rudolph, Mike & Mary Schindler, Bill & Nancy Zabriskie, Fred & Carol Janick, Bob & Nancy Bailey, Andy Toth, Barbara Sramek & David Gordon, John Van Gheem, Jim & Jackie Fruth, John & Bonnie Stoelting, Alice & Hugh Dalgetty, Ed & Bonnie Kuhrt, David & Mary Smith, Henry & Ruth Ann VanDixhorn, Wendell & Carol Turcsany, Tom Pedersen & Nancee Kipley, Martin Schmidt, Mike Praedel, Francis & Carol Schuster, Ken & Marj Holz, Chris & Carrie Mijal, Jeff & Laura Schnoor, Nick & Laura Zeimet, Maurice & Diane Micke, John & Linda Mallett, Joe and Suzanne Wallace, Pete & Nancy Hadler, Jim Deady, Jim & Cheryl Baszynski, Chuck & Marsha Grant, Amy & Marvin Peplow, Tom & Annette Diebold, Keith & Julie D'Agostino, Bob & Nancy Pedersen, Dennis & Laura Babe, Brad Rehnberg, Tom & Kay Hickson, Cap & Denise Pedersen, Gary & Karen VandeList, Brent Wade, Jerry & Ginny Parker, Herb & Helen Madsen, Rose Marie Schnoor, Bill Lahmann, Ben & Priscilla VandenHeuvel, Nina, Art, Peter & Drew Gloede, Roger Haack, David & Jackie Weiland, Jim & Sally Boyle, John & Rosemary Passer, Terry & Dawn Nordine, Chuck & Elisabeth Sutton, Ed & Lois Altmann

\$200 - \$299 Gifts

Jerry & Terry Pioch, Leo & Joyce Gronza, Dennis & Marjorie Blume, Dick & Shirley Holt

\$300 - \$399 Gifts

Bob & Eva Hodgins, Joe & Marcia Fritzsche, Roger & Katherine Ganser/Naherny, Steve & Lori Dunphy,

\$500 - \$599 Gifts

James & Mary Steffens, Egon & Dorothy Menker, Ron & Tina Arder, John & Shari Hyde

\$600 - \$699 Gifts

Ricky & Christine Kamil, Michael & Joyce Wade

NSTLRA THANKS YOU, ONE AND ALL, FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS TO THIS NEEDY CAUSE

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 Switalski, Kay and I pulled the buoys on Oct. 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 throughfare..... 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 throughfare

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

July 17 Poker Run on North Twin

Organized by Jim and Jackie Fruth

NSTLRA North Twin Poker Run proceeds of \$110 went to Amen Fund.

Winner - Robert Radwill from South Twin won \$105. Kelly Burkemper from Pewaukee second place won gift certificate from Sundown; Third Place went to Peter Hadler who also won a gift certificate from Sundown.

Thank You Barb and Bob from the Sundown for helping out. Many hosts provided "treats" when participants stopped at their dock.

Great weather, met some new people and a good time had by all.

Hoping next year we can encourage more participants. Thank You all who participated in the event.

There were 32 participants

Special Thanks to our Dock Hosts:

Fruth, Hickson, Hadler, Schuster, Eckhart, Holcomb, Peplow, Ending at Twin Haven

All had a great time.

TWIN TALES

Written by Marc Kamil
Summer resident with his
parents on South Twin

Poopers Make A Comeback!

As you may know, Twin Lake Road harbors a milkweed patch. A less known fact is that milkweed is the only plant that the caterpillars of the endangered Monarch butterfly can eat.

Three years ago, the milkweed patch was cut down. That year I found no caterpillars, (as it was my usual custom to keep them, and see to it that they grew... pupated... and became butterflies without fail.) The next year, I returned, my hopes high for a full recovery of the patch. Unfortunately, I was once again, disappointed. In fact, that year I only managed to find one caterpillar (or Pooper as I called them).

This year, when I returned to Wisconsin, I really didn't have the heart to go back down to the patch, for I was sure that the results would be the same as the two years prior to this one. My fears were "confirmed" when my parents returned from a walk, reporting that they had seen milkweed, but no caterpillars. However, their search was not a very good one, as the next day, my mother convinced me to walk down there and take another look.

At first glance, I didn't see anything, but on closer inspection, there were tons of Poopers! Our original count, when we returned to the cottage, with a margarine container crawling with caterpillars, to set them up in a good tank, was sixteen. Obviously, that count was wrong because, we've got A LOT more than that now (the latest count is twenty-five). In all, we have had a successful year: tons of Poopers, tons of milkweed, zero fatality and three newborns that must have hatched while in the tank! Also, it seems as though some have the same spirit of adventure that "Traveler" had 3 years ago, and have left the tank. Now we have 2 chrysalises on the counter, one on a picture frame, and one on the ceiling. (How the heck are we gonna get that down?) and the babies that we will most likely return to the patch, given that they won't pupate for a few more weeks, which we don't have.

It's important that we continue to let the milkweed grow, and help it to establish new patches. Each plant is a step further toward taking the Monarch off of the endangered species list. It's also important to remember, Monarch caterpillars are poisonous if eaten (not to the touch, so don't worry), but that doesn't stop predators from trying. If you find milkweed on your property, protect the caterpillars, and if you feel up to collecting leaves every day, keep them as I have! This year, I estimate, I'll be taking twenty-five or more steps in the right direction for the Monarch. So let's keep the milkweed alive, and keep the comeback steady. The

more Monarchs you see the better!

Written by Marc Kamil: The CamelFox age 13, twin lake road Wisconsin... and Westfield New Jersey in the non - August time of year. Contact me at <amkamil@comcast.net>

Ed. Note...If you like this article, email Marc and tell him at his email shown above.

This memo was sent to me early June 2010

Just an FYI. My name is Sharon Lewan. I am 1/2 owner along with my sister Phyllis Lauer of the property at 3590 Dam Lane Road. Our mother, Helen Sinda passed away last August 2009, at 101 and a 1/2 years of age. My dad, Felix Sinda and mom spent many years on both north and south twin enjoying the northwoods from 1928 going forward. He passed away in 1986, but Helen continued her trips to the northwoods up until the age of 99. She was quite the amazing lady. They originally stayed at Twin Haven Resort, then (the name escapes me, *Fink's Resort*) another resort owned by Ralph and Hazel Fink on North Twin. Then, purchased the house on the hill off Monheim on Twin Hill Road and subsequently rehabbed the current residence on South twin where we have spent the past 25 years. Our children have numerous memories of both homes and the good times with their grandma and grandpa. We hope to continue the tradition with our grandchildren. Am planning an enormous 25 year reunion of the current property over the 4th with attendees from CA, AR, AZ, CO, KS, WI, IL. Looking forward to seeing all the family members once again.

Lake Merchandise

The new zipper front hooded sweatshirts sold for \$35 at the fish boil. Currently we have:

Small - 2 royal blue

Medium - 1 navy blue

Large - 1 red, 3 royal blue, 2 navy

Ex Large - 2 royal blue, 1 burgundy, 4 navy, 1 red

We still have a few of the pull-over hooded sweatshirts

Tan - 5 medium, 2 large

Blue - 3 medium, 1 large

If interested to purchase email Roger Ganser <Roger@ventureinvestors.com> Include what you want and contact information.

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

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