

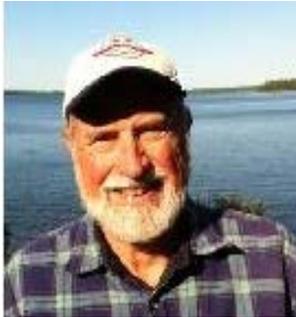


NORTH & SOUTH TWIN LAKES

Riparian Association

P.O. Box 163, Phelps, WI 54554

Spring 2014



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Never
Far
From
Home

While the beauty and serenity of our Twin Lakes is obvious what we constantly hear from our members is the enjoyment and appreciation they feel for the friendships they have formed in the NSTLRA community. These friendships go beyond the geographic setting of the Twin Lakes. Nothing illustrates this better than the impromptu gathering for lunch in Bonita Springs, FL last month. From Naples came Ben and Pricilla Vanden Heuvel, and Marty Schmidt and friend. From Venice we had Margaret and Doug Best, and Katherine Naherny and I. After a terrific lunch (along with a few beers) we all gathered on the beach for a group photo. But we needed someone to take the picture – NO WORRY! NSTLRA Treasurer Dick Donarski suddenly appeared so he became our photographer. Soon after, Sharon and their daughter and granddaughter joined us. You can't beat that for having fun!

In January the NSTLRA board approved a funding application to WI DNR for continuing efforts to control Eurasian milfoil.

Based on feedback we received from a number of members and the pilot we did in 2013 we elected to do only weed pulling in 2014. Despite a very competitive grant process we are pleased to announce that DNR did approve our grant for weed pulling this summer. Lake Management Chair Cap Pedersen provides more information in this newsletter.

One of our new members contacted board member Denise Pedersen and I, asking for more information. We naturally referred him to our web site. He got back to us immediately saying there was no web site! I followed up and discovered that, indeed, the nstlra.org site was no longer available. We eventually learned what happened. Our web manager, and a friend of Phelps and NSTLRA, had been dealing with terminal cancer for eighteen months. She passed in December. Our web hosting fee expired in February. Fortunately, her family was very responsive and supportive and they eventually found the nstlra web site content on her computer. Security measures then prevented us from renewing both the hosting and the domain. With the excellent experience and help from Studio 16 we updated the content (about a year out of date), and secured a new domain and host. The new domain uses this address: www.nstlra.com You will need to put that in the address bar because it will take about two months for the domain name to be fully adopted by the various browsers. We will secure www.nstlra.org once it is again available.

Spring is here, according to the calendar. We look forward to seeing you on the Twin Lakes.

Roger Ganser

This summer's scheduled events!



20th ANNUAL PICNIC AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING Saturday, July 12 at noon, Conover

Potluck Assignments to Serve 6-8 People

A-I Desserts

J-R Meat or Casserole

S-Z Salad or Veggies

Thank you to Katherine Naherny for chairing the event once again!
knaherny@gmail.com, 608-770-8736 or 715-545-3650



NORTH AND SOUTH TWIN POKER RUN Saturday, July 19 1:00-4:00



Help Support North and South Twin Lakes
Entry fee \$5.00 per person per boat

At 5:00 all participants should come to Dublin Sports Bar & Grill where the winners will be revealed and we'll find out how much money was raised! Drinks and food will be on hand for purchasing by each individual. To increase your odds of winning, extra cards can be purchased for \$10.00.

A 50/50 raffle will be held, 3 winners shall be divided 25/15/10

Questions call Jim or Jackie Fruth at 715-479-9245 or Ron & Kay Ottoson 715-479-9254



NSTLRA GOLF OUTING AT BIG SAND GOLF CLUB Friday, August 8 at 10 am Lunch to follow at Big Sand



This event was a tremendous success last year. All players need to be members of NSTLRA association.

Event coordinator, Ron Ottoson, ottokc@comcast.net, 715-479-9245



PHELPS HISTORIC HOMES TOUR Saturday, June 28

More information to follow at www.phelpsmuseum.com

NEW EVENT FOR NSTLRA MEMBERS

The social committee has been busy looking for a new event for members to get together on the lake this summer.



Ron has been in contact with Gary Beier of Camp Birch Knoll to arrange a picnic on the campgrounds. The details still need to be worked out but the idea is to grill brats and hot dogs and have a potluck lunch.

The date would be **Saturday, Aug. 16** in the afternoon, the campers would be gone but staff still there. It would be a good opportunity for people to tour the camp, ask questions and create goodwill between the lake association and the camp. We still need to work out boat parking, cost, food etc., but mark your calendars for this fun event. More information will come as the summer gets here.

Kay Ottoson, kayottoson@gmail.com

P.S. Don't forget the golf outing, Friday, Aug. 8 at the Big Sand Golf Club

FOR SALE

Looking for a beautiful
sailboat?



NSTLRA member, Nancy Zabriskie on North Twin has a 21' lightening class sailboat complete with mast and sails for sale.

If interested, call her caretaker,
Don, 715-617-3983 to schedule a viewing.
Nancy can be reached at 414-258-3983



LAKE MERCHANDISE

It's time to put the long "brutal" winter behind us and think about summer fun on the lake. If you still don't have one of our NSTLRA sweatshirts then now is the time to pre-order one (or many.) I will be placing my last order (for the sweatshirts) in mid-June, with a delivery around July 4th. This year we will also be selling T-shirts and can koozies (holders.) Everything will be available at the Lake Association picnic as well as after the poker run at the Dublin.

Not only do these items make nice gifts but all the proceeds go to NSTLRA to support the health of our lakes.

Laura Babe

cell (414) 957-8147
home (262)786-1076

Up for some old fashioned
family fun?

Go to a **Chain Skimmers**
water ski show, T, Th, & Sun
at 7pm.

Located 4 miles north of
Conover on Hwy 45

Many of the skiers reside on
North and South Twin.

The team is always looking
for new members, especially
in its Junior Club.

For more information
contact Brea Imse
608-469-7230

breamse@gmail.com





Great Headwaters Trails

For family-friendly biking and hiking near the source of a great river.

Progress Synopsis...

1. **GHT is now a listed charity with the AmazonSmile Foundation, so if you enroll they will send a portion of your Amazon purchase price to GHT!** As you register remember to look for GHT's full name: Great Wisconsin Headwaters Trail System Foundation.
2. **EARLY SUMMER - The Eagle River Connector** is on track to be constructed right in Eagle River early this summer. It will establish a dedicated bike path up to the Historic Depot from the current trailhead of the Three Eagle Trail at Dairy Queen.
3. **LATE SUMMER - Work on two-thirds of the Conover - Phelps Trail will begin.** 3.2 miles right in Conover is fully funded and, finally, on track to be constructed. When it's done there will be a biking and walking trail from Conover's Community Park through much of the commercial district and east on railroad grade to Muskrat Creek Rd.

To get more complete information on GHT visit www.GHTrails.org
or contact

Jeff Currie, President, Great Wisconsin Headwaters Trail System Foundation, Inc.
715-617-0080

CLEAN BOATS, CLEAN WATER

The NSTLRA Board has contracted with UW Oshkosh for Student Interns to work as CBCW inspectors at the Phelps Landing for 200 hours this summer. NSTLRA was again awarded a State Grant to help fund this project.



Ted Ritter, Invasive Species Coordinator for Vilas County, has provided the following information:

“The **Clean Boats, Clean Waters** watercraft inspection / boater education program is undergoing a revision this year... The new approach recognizes that while nearly 100% of boaters acknowledge that enforceable AIS laws exist, substantially fewer actually understand the laws and the reasons for them. It's believed that compliance will increase with better understanding of the laws. Delivering a consistent message to boaters across the state is critical. Therefore re-training of CBCW inspectors is critical.”

During the month of May, Ted Ritter will be conducting training sessions that are open to the public. One is taking place May 23 at Trees for Tomorrow. Please visit www.vilasconservation.org to see the complete schedule and to learn more about the program.

Ted Ritter, teritt@co.vilas.wi.us, 715-479-3738,

Mary Schindler 715-545-3992

LAKE TREATMENT REPORT

Overall, the 2013 treatment of 11 acres on North Twin Lake was successful with reduction in Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) being observed in all three treatment areas. The occurrence of EWM within these treatment areas was greatly reduced.

In South Twin Lake, while professional hand-harvesting occurred in the western portion of the lake, EWM density and occurrence was found to have increased slightly in this area and elsewhere from 2012 to 2013. However, despite this increase, it is not believed that there is enough EWM to warrant another whole-lake treatment; the WDNR's point-intercept survey indicated EWM had a lake-wide littoral occurrence of only 3.2% in 2013.

The NSTLRA board has decided to move forward with a two-year control project where aggressive hand-harvesting occurs in South Twin Lake and adjacent areas of North Twin Lake known to harbor EWM. No herbicide treatments will occur in the lakes over this time period.

The NSTLRA has successfully applied for a two-year WDNR AIS-EPC grant to aid in funding the project. The funds received will cover 4 weeks of hand-harvesting by our contracted company during the months of July and August 2014. Like with herbicide treatments, Late-Summer EWM Peak-Biomass Surveys will be conducted to assess the EWM in both lakes and determine if hand-harvesting was effective at controlling EWM. In the final year of the project (2015), a whole-lake point-interrupt survey will be conducted on South Twin Lake to allow for another full assessment of the native and non-native plants. If the professional hand-harvesting program is not able to overcome the increase of the EWM population, the point-intercept survey would also be an important step in preparing for another possible repeat whole-lake treatment in the spring of 2016.

Cap Pedersen

LOON NOTES



With the ice off the lakes migrating birds will be arriving. Please watch for loons and drop me an email, esutton@wi.rr.com when you see them on North or South Twin.

Websites to Check Out

WWW.NSTLRA.COM

WWW.TOWNOFHELPS.COM

WWW.PHELPSMUSEUM.COM

WWW.GHTRAILS.ORG