



NORTH & SOUTH TWIN LAKES

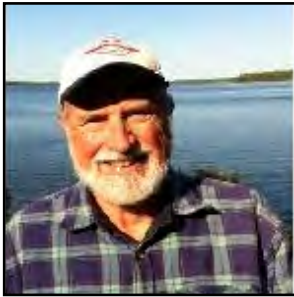
RIPARIAN ASSOCIATION



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While it may appear that we all go into hibernation over the winter this is certainly not the case with your NSTLRA Board of Directors. Last year we had three board meetings over the winter and I expect the same this year as we start work on the Lake Management Plan (partially funded by WI DNR). Our current plan is eight years old and very out of date. We will be seeking strong lake community participation in our planning process. In addition, the Lake District Task force has been meeting regularly to verify and document the processes for informing, educating and hearing from lake property owners about the district initiative that would insure that we will have adequate funds to continue our efforts controlling milfoil growth. In 2015 we had very visible evidence of what can happen if we do not regularly treat South Twin. We also discovered a new batch of milfoil near the Lakota Landing on North Twin.

We are very fortunate to have three of our officers living year-round on our lakes: VP Robert Bailey, Treasurer, Joe Fritzsche, and District Com. Chair Michael Wade. Adding to that, our newest directors Amy Peplow (Social/Publicity Chair), Jay Wittman, and Peter Gloede all have a long family history on our lakes.

But it's not all work and no play! The Poker Run is scheduled for July 22 and our Annual Meeting/Picnic will be in Phelps on July 8. We will soon be posting the date for the Golf Outing for 2017. Like the Wine Tasting party in August, these events are great opportunities to meet your lake community neighbors. As I mentioned at the Annual Meeting, we are seeing a new generation of leaders in NSTLRA. That is as it should be but can't happen without our great appreciation to those who were so instrumental over the past years: Jim and Jackie Fruth (founded and steered the Poker Run to such success), Cap and Denise Pedersen (lake management chair and secretary, respectively), Ron and Kay Ottoson (social chair and publicity chair, respectively). Thank you!

We are fortunate to have our Twin Lakes community, I look forward to seeing you in 2017

Roger Ganser, President



A Preview of 2017 Summer Events

July 8 Annual Meeting and Potluck Social -Phelps

July 22, Poker Run on North and South Twin

Dates TBD,

Golf Outing and Lunch

Burnt Bridge Tavern Beer Tasting/Party

Pontoon Cruise/Home Tours on North & South Twin



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Lake District Update

Greetings fellow North and South Twin property owners. Here is a brief activities update on your Lake Association's efforts to establish a North and South Twin Lake District.

This Past Summer:

- Contacted the Town Chairs of both Conover (George Champeny) and Phelps (Steve Doyen) to inform them NSTLRA is pursuing the formation of a North and South Twin Lake District.
- At our NSTLRA Annual Meeting in July we invited guest speaker Carolyn Scholl, from the Vilas County Land & Water Conservation Department, to discuss what a Lake District is and to explain the level of organized resource in which a Lake District can support both lake quality and lake shoreline management challenges.
- We have contracted with attorney William O'Connor of the law firm Wheeler, Van Sickle & Anderson, S.C. as our legal expert as we pursue our goal of becoming a Lake District. Mr. O'Connor was a co-author of the publication "People of the Lakes", a guide for Wisconsin Lake Organizations.

Current Activities:

- Your NSTLRA Lake District Task Force is completing the final stages of defining the boundary of the proposed North and South Twin Lake District.
 - We have engaged the Vilas County Mapping Department to construct maps of the proposed district boundary.
 - A surveyor will also be contracted to establish a legal description of the boundary from these maps.
- We are refining and designing the petition packet materials to be mailed to each property owner in the Lake District Boundary. Your petition packet materials will consist of a ...
 - ***Cover Letter***
 - ***Information Sheet*** – describing what a Lake District is, the level of support it can bring to the property owners, and a sample budget scenario
 - ***Legal Description of the proposed Lake District Boundary***
 - ***Map of the proposed Lake District Boundary***
 - ***Petition Signature Instructions***
 - ***Petition***

Next Steps:

- Finalize completed Lake District Boundary maps and legal description.
- Completing the design of the petition packet materials and a packaging scheme.
- Contacting professional printing services for the printing of the petition packet materials.
- Early 2017 the petition packet materials are planned to be mailed to each property owner in the proposed Lake District Boundary to obtain owner signatures.
 - Your petition packet materials will be mailed to the address on file with the Vilas County Tax Lister for the recipient of the property tax bill.

Observations:

- **77%** of the assessed property in Vilas County is on water.
- **75%** of the assessed property in **Phelps** is on water.
- **71%** of the assessed property in **Conover** is on water.
- **Vilas County** has the **3rd highest tourism intensity** in the State of Wisconsin.
- **62%** of the homes in **Vilas County** are classified as seasonal. A higher percentage than any other county in Wisconsin.
- The top three reasons people permanently live or retire in Vilas County:
 - The natural beauty
 - The variety of outdoor activities
 - The rural atmosphere
- There are **1320+ lakes** in Vilas County.
- Surface waters (lakes/streams) consist of **16%** of the land area in Vilas County.
- Wetlands consist of **19%** of the land area in Vilas County.
- **34%** of Vilas County is wet.
- **Half to two-thirds of visitors to Wisconsin would decrease or cease their visiting days to a particular site if they perceived a decline in water clarity and purity**, natural views and scenery, crowding levels and **water levels and flows**.
- Waterfront property owners and lake users **contribute significantly to the local economy**.
- The **economy of the Northwood's** is dependent upon people wanting to live and recreate in the **most lake rich area in the United States!**
- If **lake and stream water quality deteriorates, waterfront property values will also erode**, resulting in the tax base shifting to off water properties.

The message ... Water quality and clarity means everything to Vilas County as well as to the local property owner living on a pristine Wisconsin lake ...

North and South Twin lakes are pristine bodies of water and deserve your undivided attention and support. We realize you have an individual choice and would greatly appreciate your signature on this petition. We wish to extend this legacy to each and every member of your family for many years to come.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this initiative, please do not hesitate to contact any member of your **NSTLRA Lake District Task Force** below ...

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Robert Bailey — rnb3247@frontier.com

Joe Fritzsche — treasurer@nstlra.com

Michael Wade — nstlakedistrict@nstlra.com

Jay Wittman — jjwittman@charter.net

Peter Gloede — peterg@nstlra.com

Lake Association Merchandise

As we head into fall, I'm hoping everyone is enjoying their comfy lake sweatshirts. I would like to thank everyone for supporting the lake association by purchasing our lake apparel. It was another good year for sales. Buying our sweatshirts not only shows lake pride, it also starts conversations about North & South Twin Lake. I had a woman tell me a story about wearing her North Twin sweatshirt in Indiana and a gentleman came up to her and asked if it was North Twin Lake in Conover WI. When she said yes he told her all about great childhood memories of coming up to the Northwoods, all from a sweatshirt. She then told him about the lake and Conover of today. There aren't many people who have homes on North or South Twin Lake that don't love to talk about our beautiful lake. Sales help our Lake Association, sweatshirts/t-shirts stir memories.
Have a fun winter, see you in spring.



Laura Babe



Loon Report for 2016 Season

Thanks to all who helped keep me abreast of loon happenings this season. In general observers seemed to feel there were not as many loons present on N/S Twin this season. Data from Northland College that sponsors Loon Watch shows that our lakes are not breeding lakes. Hopefully, we can prove that data to be incorrect by further observations.

A loon mating ritual was heard, seen, and recorded on the east shore of S Twin in late May. Then a loon with 2-3 chicks on board was observed on the east shore of S. Twin in mid-June. So definitely there was a nest and a hatching. Sadly, there were no further sightings or reports of the chicks. Hopefully they survived.

Loons had changed their coloration by mid-September in preparation for migration.

Karen Moore (karemoore2883@gmail.com)



Lake Treatment

In addition to the 2016 whole lake chemical treatment of South Twin, NSTLRA contracted again this year to have Eurasian water milfoil removed by hand harvesting. There were two locations targeted, both near the west ("Lakota") landing area of North Twin. Over 4 separate days during July, the total harvest of EWM removed totaled 382 cubic feet. The divers spent approximately 96 hours collecting and removing the milfoil to an offsite location. We will continue to monitor these areas, and others, to help in the control this evasive species.

**Regards,
Cap Pedersen**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE NSTLRA**

**DICK DONARSKI (TREASURER)
JIM & JACKIE FRUTH (POKER RUN)
RON & KAY OTTOSON (SOCIAL AND PUBLICITY)
CAP & DENISE PEDERSEN (LAKE PLAN & SECRETARY)
MARY SCHINDLER (CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER)
BEN & PRISCILLA VANDENHUEVAL (ADOPT A HWY)**



Poker Run party at Dublin's



Dennis & Laura Babe our lake merchandise heroes at Scarecrow Fest



2017 Poker Run Chairs
Amy Peplow, Betsy Scanlan & Ellen Forster



Kay Ottoson
&
Denise Pedersen



Wendell Turcsany at Scarecrow Fest



Wine Tasting Event at Lanny's





NSTLRA POKER RUN JULY 2016

Poker Run 2016 weather was fantastic, very little wind and just a brief isolated rain shower.

This is truly a fun filled event, meeting your neighbors and getting involved,.For those of you on the lake who have not yet participated, give it some thought next year. You are missing out! **Date is Saturday, July 22, 2017**

Our winners were 1st place, Mike Brasch, 2nd place, Kurt Allison and 3rd place, Nancy Dyo. Congratulations to all! Total Amen Fund received \$746.00, 22 boats and 107 people. Not Bad for a fun filled day.

Thank You Jon Racine at the "Dublin Sports Bar and Grill" for hosting our post event gathering and supplying one of your workers for the 50/50 raffle. Great idea!

Jim and I would like to personally Thank all the Dock Tenders for using their docks, South Twin: Doug and Margot Peterson, Dave and Jackie Weiland, Joe and Marcia Fritzsche, North Twin : Mark and Judy Heimerl, Denny and Mak Holcomb, Gary and Karen Vandelist .You did a fantastic job with games and goodies.

New Chairpersons for 2017 are Amy Peplow, Ellen Forster and Betsy Scanlan.

If anyone would like to be a dock tender next year contact Amy, apeplow@gmail.com

We have enjoyed 7 years planning this event and meeting new neighbors, wouldn't change a thing, always great people to work with.

See you all Saturday, July 22, 2017!

Thank You, Jim and Jackie Fruth

WINE TASTING EVENT

On Wednesday, August 17 NSTLRA hosted a wine tasting at Lanny's Fireside in Conover. Those of us who attended were treated to not only a variety of fine wines to sample but some of Lanny's delicious and hearty appetizers which were more like a meal! This was a social event designed for lake association members to get together for camaraderie while enjoying some great food and drink. The etched wine glasses were also available for sale. We all enjoyed a great evening and had lots of comments to "do it again" next year.

Kay Ottoson and Denise Pedersen



NSTLA MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT

Pay your annual dues,
supply your email;
and receive, electronically, annual
NSTLRA Membership directory

Over 30 golfers participated in the North and South Twin Lakes Riparian Association golf tourney held at Big Sand Lake Golf Course. The event was organized by Ron Ottoson and Cap Pedersen. Funds raised will be used to help fight Eurasian milfoil in the lake system. First place in the men's division were Bob Bailey and Marv Peplow. First place for the women went to Amy Peplow and Denise Pedersen. Lunch followed the golfing and was a delicious chicken meal with sides and dessert. Everyone had a good time!

CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER

We really need someone to volunteer to organize CBCW volunteers at our boat landings especially South Twin and Lakota.

This year NSTLRA, Inc. paid Student Interns from U.W. Oshkosh to work 200 hours at the Phelps Boat Landing. The cost was \$3020.00. We received a DNR CBCW Grant of \$2265.00. The cost to NSTLRA was reduced to \$755.00.

IF we had boat landing volunteers we could off-set that cost due to the "work in kind program" and also increase CBCW awareness.

To be a volunteer you must receive training. A Training Session is offered the Fri. of Memorial Day weekend at Trees for Tomorrow in Eagle River from 12 Noon to 4 PM. All interns attend this session. It is very informative and an opportunity to meet our interns for the season. Several other sessions are offered after that. For information contact Catherine Higley at cahigl@co.vilas.wi.us or call 715-479-3738.

If you are interested in helping or coordinating CBCW for NSTLRA, Inc. contact: Joe Fritzsche at treasurer@nstlra.com or 715-340-4535 or any NSTLRA board Member. Joe has offered to coordinate the CBCW Program as the search continues for volunteers. Thank you Joe for all your contributions to NSTLRA.

Mary Schindler

John and Rosemary Passer will be the new Adopt-a-Highway chairpersons. Ben and I are grateful that they are undertaking this project, because--as we all know--the litter is always with us. We thank all those good lake owners who make it a priority to monitor the roadsides and clean up the trash when they see it: this task is always a team project.

Priscilla & Ben Vandenhuevel



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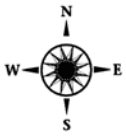
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Membership Makes A Difference

In September property owners who had not renewed or initiated their membership for 2016 were mailed an Annual Membership form. Your \$25 annual membership covers the period from July , 2016 through June, 2017.

Membership supports the care of our lakes. Your Board has focused on restoring South Twin's usability by working with the DNR to treat the milfoil. We also removed milfoil from targeted areas of North Twin to suppress its growth.

Watch for information in the up-coming winter newsletter reporting the inspection of our milfoil treatment completed by our consultant Onterra, LLC. Their report will help us craft our milfoil action plan for 2017.

Another major initiative is updating our official Lake Management Plan. Our last Lake Management Plan was developed in 2008. In February 2016 we received a grant from the DNR that will cover most of the cost. The first step in the update process is get feedback from stakeholders – the property owners. Watch for a survey document in the mail late this fall asking for your input.

If you have not initiated or renewed your 2016 membership, now is a good time to take action. And thanks to those who have responded to the membership mailings.

If you have questions about membership, send an email to: treasurer@nstlra.com.

Make a difference. Be a Member!