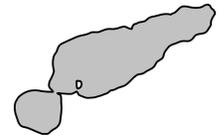


North and South Twin Lakes Riparian Association



Fall 2019

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President's Message ...from...Roger Ganser

At the Annual Picnic Meeting in July of 2018, NSTLRA members recognized that while the newly formed Lake District had assumed certain lake management responsibilities there remained functions that were squarely the responsibility of NSTLRA. The members in attendance unanimously supported continuing the mission of NSTLRA.

The Association will undertake initiatives that support the Lake District's efforts. The Association developed an updated Purpose Paper and has a new CARE program. While CARE has four main thrusts our overall aim is to Build a Strong and Knowledgeable Lakes' Property Owners' Culture. The programmatic thrusts are:

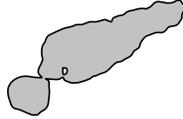
1. **Communication.** The Association will create and provide communication tools that support our education, social activities, community building, and advocacy responsibilities. Association resources will maintain a newsletter and web site as well issue email blasts, new releases to local media and other communication tools. We will distribute information on policies and initiatives that may impact the maintenance, safety and health of our lakes and its wildlife.
2. **Advocacy.** Working with the Lake District and local communities and representing the best interests of the Association Membership and lake property owners, we will spotlight and promote issues that may impact the quality of lake community life and quality of North and South Twin Lakes.
3. **Recreation.** The Association will create and offer social activities that encourage community and good neighbor relationships. A little bit of fun and entertainment are a tradition with NSTLRA.
4. **Education.** The Association will create and utilize communication tools and social activities to inform and educate members and lake property owners about issues important to the quality of our lakes and their habitat and our lake community that borders them.

We are most fortunate to have a very talented and energetic board of directors and volunteers. Secretary Susan Pamperin continues to document our meetings and communicate with our members. Continuing director Peter Gloede assumed the Treasurer role and is now posting our financials on the NSTLRA website (along with our minutes). Amy Peplow (and her family) produced another fantastic social program this summer with record attendance at the Poker Run, a successful golf outlining and a well attended social night at Buckshots. New director Linda Herber is managing our 2020 Annual Picnic Meeting and working on updating our directory. David Pamperin, also a new director, is leading our membership activities. In addition to helping transfer the EWM cuttings, Glen Darton will be working on our Volunteer Corps initiative. Another year-around director, David Whittingham will assist with treasury and PO box monitoring over the winter. And as you read this please say "thank you" to Margot Peterson, our newsletter publisher and editor. By now you are most likely enjoying the new NSTLRA merchandise designed and sourced by our fashion expert Laura Babe (assisted by Executive Cashier Dennis Babe).

A big and heartfelt thanks to you all!

Save the dates for summer 2020

Lake District Annual Meeting - Saturday, June 27, Phelps School, 10 am
NSTLRA Pot-Luck Picnic - Saturday, June 27, Wavering Park, Phelps, 11:30am-1 pm
Poker Run - Saturday, July 11
Golf Outing - date TBD.
Late Summer Get-Together - date TBD



Clockwise from upper left :
 Peplow's dock for start of Poker-Run / After party at Dublin's, / Water skiing spectacular on North Twin, / Phelps Triathlon winners, front row, Tess Weber, middle row, from left, Emily Bates, Greg Richert, Paul Weber, Mary Drosen, Mary Kay Aufrance and Kate Cahill, back row, from left Brad Rehnberg, Jack Godding and Tom Aufrance, / Storm clouds, / Kayakers, / Glen Darton and young guest with impressive Tiger Musky.

Thanks to Sharon Gifford for permitting use of photos originally printed in the Vilas County News



Over twenty years ago NSTLRA installed informational signs regarding invasive species at our three launch sites. Weather and time had taken their toll and the signs needed replacing.

NSTLRA provided funds to the North & South Twin Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District to replace the informational signs at each of the three boat landings on North and South Twin Lakes.

The new signs include updated information on preventing the spread of AIS, DNR requirements on fish size to keep the catch, and new Loon Watch material. The Lake District coordinated with the WDNR and Loon Watch in securing the current information.

NSTLRA HELPS FUND AERIAL SURVEY

NSTLRA helped fund an aerial survey over the northern 75% of North Twin to identify if there are any emerging pockets of EWM that may be detectable. Our Lake District is using a provider from Michigan who has used this technology on many lakes where a manual survey of a lake as large as North Twin is impractical. The drone survey of the lake provides valuable data to enable early detection of EWM pockets so we can be proactive in our future management activities.



As a part of **The Lake District Commission's Lake Management Plan** initiatives we have chosen to partner with the **Healthy Lakes** program. The health of our shore land and shallow areas is significant to life in and near lakes. This place provides a home and food for wildlife. If kept healthy, these areas can also help decrease and clean runoff before it gets to the lake.

Healthy Lakes is a state-wide program that helps improve the health of our lakes by increasing property owner participation in habitat restoration and runoff, and erosion control projects. Most projects are simple, inexpensive best practices that benefit habitat and water quality. These projects are eligible for grant cost-sharing.

Healthy Lakes includes five simple and inexpensive best practices that improve habitat and water quality on your lakeshore property. The Healthy Lakes initiative encourages DIYers to use these practices and has cost-sharing grant funding that covers most of the installation expense and some technical assistance.

1. **Fish Sticks** – Creates fish and wildlife habitat.
2. **Native Plantings** - Improve wildlife habitat, natural beauty and privacy, and slow runoff.
 - Diversion** - Prevents runoff from getting into the lake.
4. **Rock Infiltration** – Captures and cleans runoff.
5. **Rain Gardens** – Creates wildlife habitat and natural beauty while capturing and cleaning runoff.

Are you experiencing any runoff or erosion issues on your property? Would you like to bring more wildlife such as birds, butterflies and pollinators to your property? By utilizing the services of the Healthy Lakes experts, you can put together a plan to integrate these best practices on your property.

To get started feel free to contact **Joyce Wade** at: jawphr@sbcglobal.net I will be happy to coordinate a site visit from one of the Healthy Lakes professionals.

Additional information may be found at: www.healthylakeswi.com



Over the summer, our new partner the Lake District, launched new management practices with funds they collected from lake property owners to address water quality issues on our lakes. Lakes' neighbors asked about our Lake Association and wondered if there was still a meaningful purpose for the Association with the creation of the new Lake District. Your Lake Association Board has been talking with you and we undertook a strategic review this last summer. We asked ourselves the same question and we have re-purposed the Association so that we don't duplicate the emphasis of the Lake District but focus on what we do best and priorities the Lake District is not set up to do.

Since 1995, the Association has been a not for profit membership organization dedicated to the wellbeing and enhancement of the North Twin and South Twin Lakes water basins by building a sense of community among lakes' shoreline property owners who share common interest and passion for these lakes, and the enjoyment and recreation they offer. The Association has provided and promoted educational and social programs and mobilized resources to support initiatives that ensure the quality of our lakes and build a sense of community.

More than a decade ago the Association led efforts to acquire and mobilize resources to fight invasive species that were negatively impacting the quality of our lakes. A few years ago the Association and volunteers working on its behalf formed an effort to create a North and South Twin Lake District. The purpose of this new Lake District is to assess and collect funds from property owners to fund lake management programs focused on water quality issues, including invasive species, and to plan and execute those management practices on behalf of us, the lakes' property owners. Lake management practices and funding for them have now become the responsibility of the Lake District.

The Lake Association is going back to our roots. We are relying on our new partner the Lake District to carry out lake management practices with funds they collect. Our purpose will be focused on building community among lakes' property owners. We will do that by offering education programs, promoting fun and community through social gatherings, supporting our Lake District partner with efforts like a volunteer program, and being a voice for you on policies or issues that may impact our lakes and property values. Is our purpose fundraising? No, but raising funds through membership dues and a few program activities will help us deliver on our real purpose, building community among lakes' property owners.

Elsewhere in this newsletter Association President Roger Ganser rolls out a new program thrust we call CARE to deliver on our purpose. It's about you, the membership, and our community of lakes' property owners.

David Pamperin

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We would like to thank everyone for showing their continued support by purchasing our lake merchandise. The new tote bags, caps and full-zip sweatshirts were well received. The stories we hear about people being noticed in lake gear is what keeps us motivated to bring these items to all those that enjoy their lake life on North and South Twin.



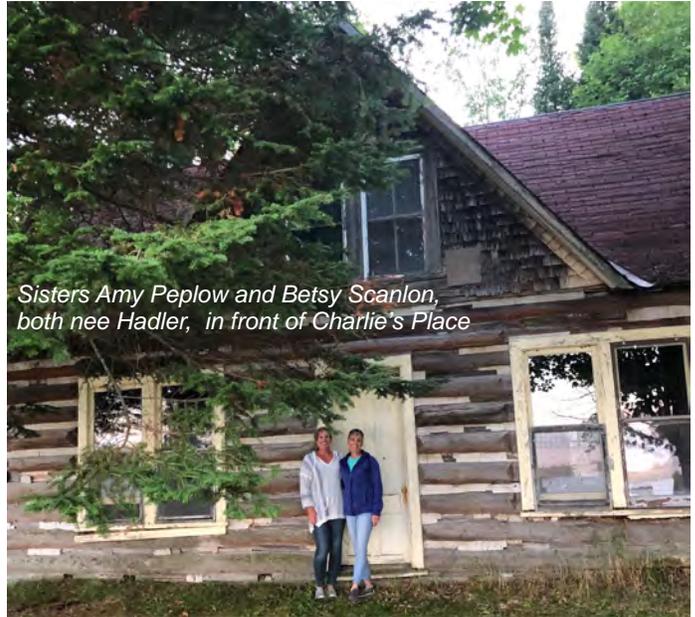
See you in the spring!

Laura and Dennis Babe

A Peek Into the Past

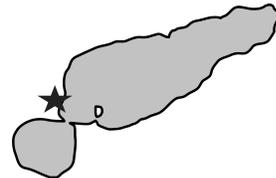


Nestled along the west shore of Big Twin Lake, not too far from the channel, sat an old log home that was built about 100 years ago. "Charlie's", as it was referred to by old-timers and longtime lake residents, was torn down in September. Built by Charlie Wagner in the early 1900's, it was a 2-story log structure with an open front porch and an outhouse and icehouse in the back. There was a concrete slab extending out into the lake in front of his place, on the left of which was a large sandy beach with seven rowboats that he would rent.



Sisters Amy Peplow and Betsy Scanlon, both nee Hadler, in front of Charlie's Place

Charlie came up north as a young man when his doctor told him his bad health required fresh air and if he didn't move to the country, he wouldn't have long to live. He lived on Big Twin for many decades! He had a friend/work partner that lived with him and helped him out; his name was Fritz. Charlie and Fritz's diet consisted mainly of beer with a raw egg in it and coffee. Pete Hadler, a Conover resident that has been coming up to North Twin for over 75 years, spent a lot of time with Charlie and Fritz when he was a kid. He said that Charlie was quite a storyteller, like the story about when he came up north from Milwaukee. Charlie said he put one foot on either side of the railroad tracks and the train pushed him all the way to Conover. To make a living, the two men would sell blocks of ice that they cut out of the lake. They would store the blocks in an icehouse set in the woods behind Charlie's house. The ground was dug out under the building and filled with sawdust, keeping the ice frozen for months. When blocks were needed, Fritz would dig one out, rinse it off and lug it over to the customer's cottage for their icebox, where it lasted for about two weeks.



When Charlie was running short on money, he would simply build a cottage along his shoreline and sell it to someone who wanted a summer place on the lake. He built several cottages on either side of his place in the 1920's. It has also been said that he would row out to the island with supplies for Al Capone and the gangsters.

He used a small area in the woods as a dump on what is Hadler's property. In the 70's, the kids would play around back there and find old cone top beer cans that were 50+ years old. When "Charlie's" sat deserted for many years in the 70's and 80's, the kids along that shoreline would climb in the cellar window and play in there, telling ghost stories and trying to avoid the bats!

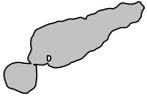
Charlie was quite a character and definitely contributed to the history of the lakes.

Article contributed by Amy Peplow

Thank you to everyone that pitches in to better our lakes and the people who enjoy them by...

Picking up garbage, helping a neighbor with their dock, teaching the next generation to ski, rescuing a boater, spreading the word about Lake Association events, removing milfoil, turning off outside lights at night so we all can enjoy the stars, supporting local businesses, passing along a love of fishing to a young person, welcoming a new neighbor and so much more.

Poker Run 2019 - A Huge Success!



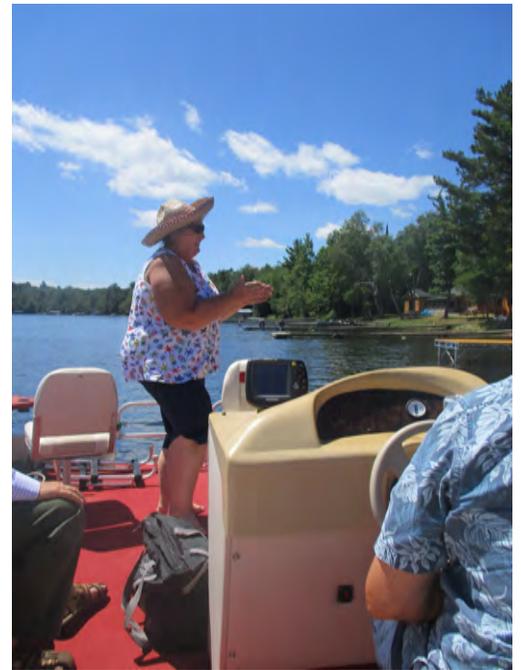
NSTLRA sponsored its 12th annual Poker Run by boat on North and South Twin Lakes in July. The event saw **187** participants with a total of 34 boats. Registration took place at the Peplow pier where a map, tally sheet and first playing card were received. Following the map, players picked up cards at six other docks around the lakes. At each dock contestants were treated to beverages, snacks or cookies, music and more. Winners were announced at Dublin's Sports Bar & Grill.

1st place winner was Ava Carrillo with four of a kind, 2nd and 3rd place, Karla Jorgenson and Mike Shulski, picked up their wins with full houses.

Sisters Amy Peplow, Ellen Forster and Betsy Scanlan coordinated the event.

Mark your calendars for next year's Poker Run: Saturday, July 11th

A big thank you to our pier hosts: Terry & Dana Rudolph, Debbie & Jim Rose, Laura & Dennis Babe, Sue & John Vasko, David & Wendy Whittingham and Tom & Erin Meyer.



Enthusiastic participant at the Babe's dock

Celebrating the Spectacular Summer of 2019

NSTLRA Golf Outing

24 people came out for an enjoyable morning of golf and camaraderie in late July at the Gateway Golf Course in Land O' Lakes. The event was set up as a four person scramble, with prizes awarded for closest to the pin and longest drive for men and women. A delicious broasted chicken lunch buffet at Brew's Pub followed the golfing.

Thank you to Ron Ottoson and Cap Pedersen for organizing the event.



Peter and Ruth Gloede



Glenn and Diane Darton

Late Summer Get-Together

About **40** lake friends and neighbors gathered at the indoor/outdoor bar area at Buckshots on Highway 45 to share appetizers and pizzas, catch up with old friends and meet new people. Door prizes and games were part of the evening fun! Shout out to Margot Peterson for helping with the party!

Membership dues for the NSTRLA are voluntary and help us keep you informed and involved in our Lake community. We keep our administrative costs low by making dues paying easy. Simply fill out the form below and return it with your check, made payable NSTLRA, to the address shown in bold. The membership year begins July 1 of every calendar year and ends on June 30. There is still time to join or renew for this fiscal year or you can "pay forward" for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.

Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible and very much appreciated.

NSTLRA New Membership and Renewal Form

July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 \$25.00

July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 \$25.00



Name(s) _____
 Home Address _____
 City, State, ZIP _____
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Check box if home and lake addresses are the same.

Lake Address _____
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I/We agree to have the following information included in the NSTLRA directory.

Mailing address(es)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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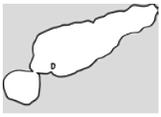
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Want to make new friends and keep our lakes healthy?

Volunteer!

Please circle all the activities that you are interested in.

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| Annual Meeting Set-Up | Poker-Run | Golf-Outing |
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