

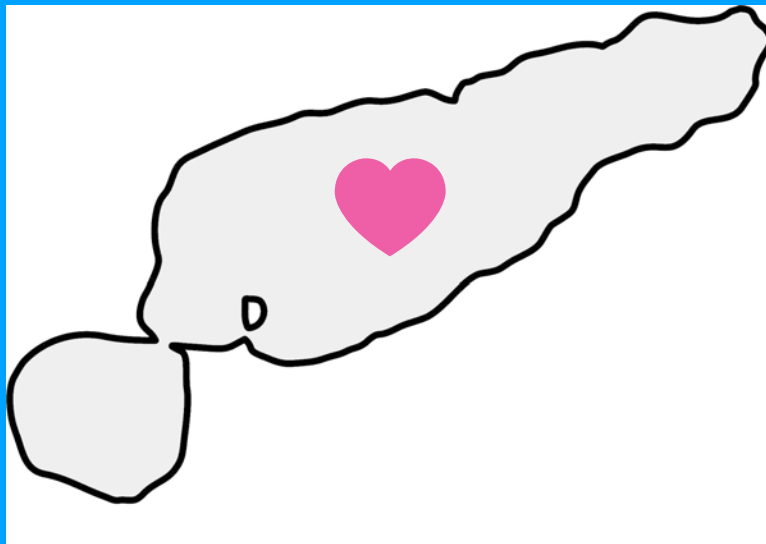
North and South Twin Lakes Riparian Association

Important Update for 2020

Since the printing and mailing of the spring/summer NSTLRA newsletter, circumstances have changed regarding our meetings and social calendar.

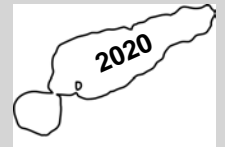
Please note that the dates and times for all events, except the Annual Poker Run for now, are TBD. Please periodically check our website for current information.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a time of contrasts. Katherine and I are still in FL where temperatures are in the 90s with no rain in March and Phelps continues to have winter-like weather with freezing temperatures and snow. We are safe at home while so many people are struggling to pay their rent or buy groceries. One thing we all have in common is the unknown future - how long will this virus dominate our lives? Regardless, our humanity, friendships and generosity should prevail.

Despite all the uncertainty your NSTLRA board is planning for the summer of 2020. Amy has a schedule of social events on the calendar. Linda is planning for our Annual Picnic meeting at the end of June. Peter, our treasurer, posts his monthly financial reports on-line at NSTLRA.COM/minutes and oversees Clean Boats/Clean Waters. Susan documents and archives our board activities and manages communications. Margot is publisher/editor/designer of our newsletters. David W. monitors our mail in winter while David P. does the strategic planning. What a team!

Our annual operating budget is \$3700. The three largest expenses are newsletters (\$2000), website maintenance (\$600) and liability insurance (\$325). Our income is very dependent on our membership levels, with over \$1000 from dues and another \$2000 from events and merchandise sales (thank you Laura, Dennis and Amy). While we have a healthy cash reserve of \$10,000 we are very conscious of our fiduciary responsibilities. We know that our membership is our purpose and lifeblood!

Since they closed the schools in Denver I've been using ZOOM to teach my three grandsons math (Jack 11, John and Noah 8). When I recently read the Phelps School District's newsletter *The Knights Times* I couldn't help but have a smile on my face and feel proud of how "our little school" has successfully adopted Remote Virtual Learning and achieved such a high level of student participation.

A special thanks to our Lake District leaders for joining with other Vilas County lake districts and associations in successfully defeating a proposed zoning amendment that would have allowed very large boat houses and altered setback requirements. Nature's shorelines are a gift to appreciate.

We look forward to returning to the Twin Lakes and seeing our friends once it is okay to drive north.

Roger Ganser

SOCIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



NSTLRA Picnic	June 27
Annual Poker Run.	July 11
Golf Outing	TBD
Late Summer Get-together	TBD

Annual Poker Run

Date: Saturday, July 11
Time: 1:00 pm -
Place: N & S Twin Lakes

Start Pier, Peplow (4 piers down from the Lakota Landing on N Twin)

Come join us! Always a great time! There will be flyers and more details at the annual picnic and on NSTLRA.COM

We are looking forward to a beautiful, fun-filled summer!

Our social plans are somewhat on hold as we wait out the pandemic. We will definitely keep everyone posted when we are able to schedule more events.

The Poker Run will most likely still be held...we may or may not be able to gather at Dublins afterwards.

I am trying to put together a new event - a Progressive Party with 6 host piers: 2 drink piers, 2 appetizer piers, and 2 dessert piers. Tickets would be sold in advance as the number of participants may have to be limited to approximately 60 people. The host piers would be given some \$ to cover costs. Should be a lot of fun! If you are interested in hosting a pier, please call me:

Amy Peplow 630-217-2102



NSTLRA Annual Potluck Picnic, Wavering Park, Phelps Saturday, June 27, 11:30-1pm



Potluck Dishes to Serve 8

If your last name begins with....

A-G Salad or Vegetable, **H-L** Dessert, **M-Z** Main Dish

Linda Herber is coordinating this event,
Many helping hands are needed to set-up, serve and clean-up. Please contact Linda to volunteer.

altvicepresident@nstlra.com or 630-805-1550

Lake District Update - Spring 2020

The summer of 2019 was a busy time for the Lake District as it worked to control EWM in the Twins.

The fall inspection of the spot treatment on 14 acres on North Twin indicated the treatment was very successful and the 15 days of Diver Assisted Hand Harvesting (DASH) made a real dent in the North Twin EWM between the channel and the island. A special thanks to those who volunteered to haul EWM.

South Twin was treated with slow-release Fluridone pellets. Following the initial treatment in June 2019, the concentration level was monitored regularly. To maintain the Fluridone concentration at an effective level South Twin received two additional "bumps" of Fluridone.

When the ice goes off the lake water samples will be collected to check the Fluridone concentration and the EWM areas will be inspected to evaluate the effectiveness of the treatment. The Lake District will engage the assistance of SePro, manufacturer of Fluridone, and Onterra in evaluating the treatment.

The lake management actions included in the Lake District budget for 2020 - as approved by the property owners at the 2019 Annual Meeting will be:

- Treating 10 acres of North Twin with ProcellaCOR. This treatment area is between the island and point of View Resort.
- Three weeks of DASH in North Twin areas. We will need volunteers to help haul EWM to the Conover Compost site. Watch for an email blast with more detail
- Clean Boats Clean Waters will expand the hours at landings to 400. Thanks to Peter Gloede for coordinating this program.
- Monitor EWM in South Twin and determine what actions may be required to control EWM .
- Joyce Wade will launch the Shoreland Improvement initiative. Details will be released in an email blast.

The Lake District's Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 27. The Commission will be monitoring the COVID -19 crisis. Should Governor Evers extend the Safer At Home Order and continue to ban large group gatherings, the Commission will communicate with property owners regarding the implications for the Annual Meeting.

Visit our website for the latest information and news.



Joe Fritzsche

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Clean Boats Clean Waters Program Expands for 2020

The South Twin public landing has been included in the Lake District's CBCW monitoring plan for the first time ever. In addition, monitoring hours contracted for have been increased by 33%. A total of 400 hours will be divided between the three public boat landings on the Twins. CBCW monitors will be present at all three of the public landings at various times, primarily weekends, throughout the summer boating season.

The primary objective for these monitors (college interns) is to educate boaters on how to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) and check for all of types of invasive species: plant life; bait fish; and mollusks on boats, trailers and in live-wells. This is an informational campaign, not an enforcement activity. The intent, as sated by the Wisconsin DNR, is to help prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species in Wisconsin's surface waters or limit the spread of AIS that may already be present.

Clean Boats Clean Waters Inspections will commence no earlier than May 26, 2020. This is because the nature of inspections makes it hard to keep a distance of 6 ft. from others. This is being done to keep our inspectors and boaters safe. If social distancing and gathering regulations remain in effect into June, CBCW inspection programs will be further delayed.

Peter Gloede

Loons will arrive as soon as the ice goes out. Please text, call, or e-mail me to help me mark the dates when you see or hear those first arrivals. Get a picture of any courting behavior you observe and watch for chicks in June/ July. The more information I can collect, the more we know about our loons! Thank you.



Karen Moore

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LAKE MERCHANDISE

As we think and prepare for summer, I'm sure we are all looking forward to the enjoyment and serenity that lake time provides.

Lake merchandise will be available for sales starting in early July. Nothing makes us feel better then showing our lake pride.

Looking forward to summer days!

Laura Babe (414) 975-8147



Phelps Phacts: Today's Look Back : The Island on North Twin

The island on North Twin sits only 500 feet offshore. It is said that the Island's first use was as an Indian burial ground, three or four burial mounds were allegedly found there. The first structure was a small log cabin built in 1902. The island was home to Pioneer Resort operated by William Adams in 1903. A two-story house complete with a turret, dormer on the third floor and white wooden pillars on the porch was built around the original one story log cabin. At a later date a fireplace was added along with stone pillars on the front porch. They were created using hand split rocks that were carved to fit perfectly into place. In the 1920s the island was owned by a close associate of Al Capone. In the 1940s the island was owned by Mr. John Detling, it was then purchased in the 1950s by the Kohler family (Kohler Plumbing). Peter Kohler sold the property to Gary Baier of Camp Birch Knoll in the 1990s. The property again changed hands in the mid-2000s. Unfortunately the Grand Old House fell into a state of disrepair and was unable to be saved. The house that had stood on the island since 1902 was razed 116 years later in 2018.

**For more information on this and much more explore The Phelps Historical Museum, www.phelpsmuseum.com*



Island House, North Twin Lake, c. 1947 (Parker Coll.)



Thank you to Joan Barrett for contributing this article on behalf of The Phelps Historical Museum.

Introducing one of the newest NSTLRA board members, Linda Herber...

Linda is a retired attorney from the Chicago area. She is married with three children. Linda first came to the lakes in 1973 when her father bought a home on North Twin which is now owned by her brother. Linda purchased her home four years ago and spends most of the year in Phelps. We are so very fortunate to have Linda as our alternate vice president, she brings not only talent and experience but great enthusiasm to the lake association. Linda is coordinating the NSTLRA annual potluck picnic this year.

Thank you Linda!

“It’s not down in any map; true places never are.” Herman Melville

The promise of spring has arrived at the Twins, well almost anyway. I write looking out at our lakes with ice in process of melting away. The fishing opener is only a few days away. More lights are appearing nightly on the distant shores so neighbors are seeing more neighbors.

This issue of the newsletter is one benefit of the having a Lakes Association, known as the NSTRLA-North and South Twin Riparian Lakes Association. Our Lakes Association is a nonprofit organization that is membership based. This time of year, we ask all North and South Twin property owners to consider joining the Lakes Association by using the form on the back of this newsletter and sending in a small dues check for annual membership. The dues support the costs of membership benefits; the newsletter, social events, education programming, and special lakes enhancements like the signage at the three public boat landings. The Lakes Association also works with our partner, the Lakes District, by encouraging support for their mission and management plan activities related to their many healthy lakes initiatives. The essence of work is simple. We aim to be the community bridge that connects with the natural environment and place we call-North and South Twin Lakes.

Although we are membership based, we believe benefits of the Association should be available to all lake residents. That is why we distribute the newsletter to members and non-members. That is why our events are open to members and non-members. That is why the enhancements we fund are enjoyed by members and non-members. We value all lakes residents because we all have something in common, a love and appreciation for these lakes. That sense of place is in the stories we share about our experiences on these waters and shorelines, in our homes and cabins. Please consider becoming a Member so that together we can continue to celebrate and build a community sense of place on the Twins.

David Pamperin

SWIMMER’S / DUCK ITCH

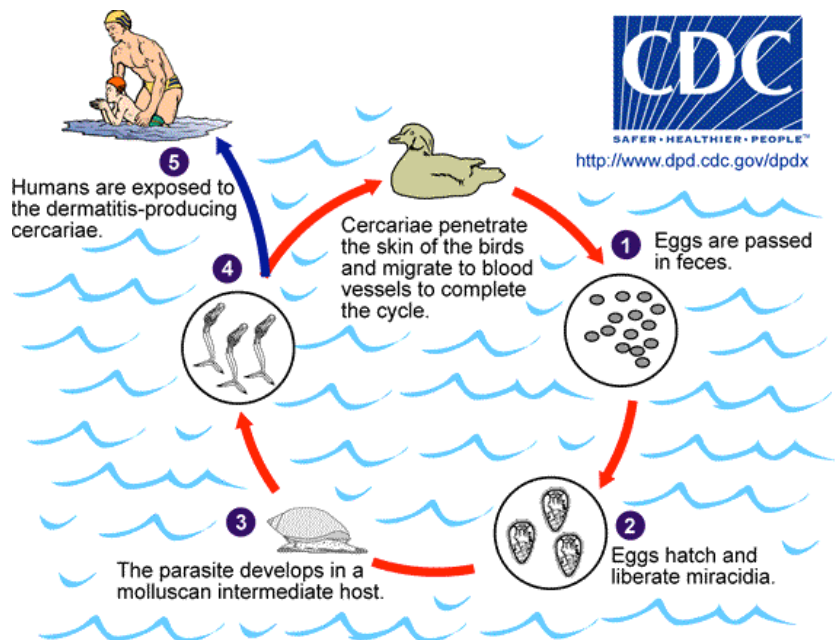
Swimmer’s itch, also called cercarial dermatitis, appears as a skin rash caused by an allergic reaction to certain microscopic parasites that infect some birds and mammals. These parasites are released from infected snails into the lake water. If the parasite comes into contact with a swimmer, it burrows into the skin causing an allergic reaction and rash, these larvae cannot develop inside a human and soon die.

To reduce the likelihood of developing swimmer's itch-

Before entering the water, apply a heavy coat of oily sunscreen to clog pores.

Do not swim near or wade in shallow or marshy areas where snails are commonly found.

Towel dry or shower immediately after leaving the water.



Once again the **Phelps Chamber of Commerce** is sponsoring a **“Twin Triathlon”**. This family friendly event begins with an **8K paddle on North Twin**, followed by a 16K bike and 5K run in beautiful Phelps, Wisconsin.

We are looking for volunteer chase boats for this August 22 event . The chase boats meet at the North Twin shoreline, where the old Phelps Hospital once resided, approximately **30 minutes prior** to the starting time of the event, which is currently scheduled for **09:00 am on Saturday, 8/22**.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a chase boat, please contact **Mike Wade** at nstlakedistrict@sbcglobal.net

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.

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

NSTLRA New Membership and Renewal Form

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



Name(s) _____
Home Address _____
City, State, ZIP _____
Home Phone _____
Cell Phone(s) _____

Check box if home and lake addresses are the same.

Lake Address _____
City, State, ZIP _____
Lake Phone _____

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

Mailing address(es) Yes No

Email address(es) Yes No

Phone number(s) Yes No

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**NSTLRA
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Phelps, WI 54554**

Your personal information will not be shared with outside sources.

Want to make new friends and keep our lakes healthy?

Volunteer!

Please circle all the activities that you are interested in.

Annual Meeting Set-Up

Poker-Run

Golf-Outing

Boat Landing Clean-Up

Lake District Projects

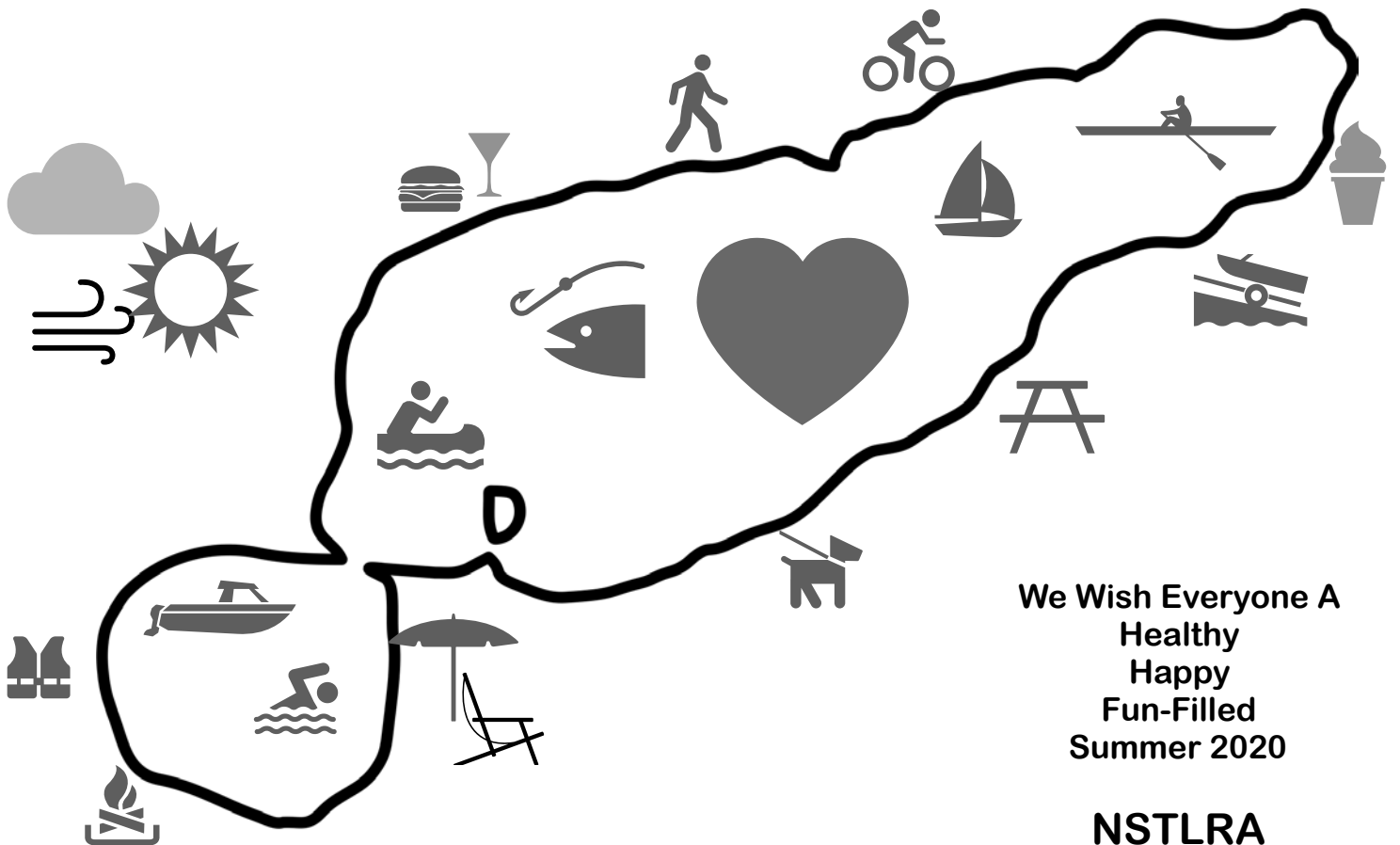
Other Social Activities



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John and Rose Passer have once again donated many hours to cleaning up along the highways that surround our lakes. They have reported that Highway K was not too bad this year and that they plan to tackle Twin Lakes Rd. after Memorial Day weekend.

Thank you John and Rose!



We Wish Everyone A
Healthy
Happy
Fun-Filled
Summer 2020

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