



# North & South Twin Lakes



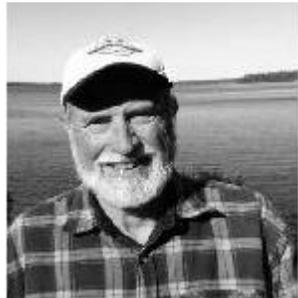
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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's April 21st, and believe it or not, according to the calendar spring is here. This past week friends Doug and Margaret Best left their six week idyll in Venice and arrived at North Twin Lake on Friday, sending us an email message to "stay in Florida"! I just received this email and photo from Ginny Parker: "I'm told we still have 20 some inches of ice on the lakes. As you said in a previous email 'what a difference a year makes. I think the Bests are in a state of shock returning from Florida to this. I do think that we will have soft water here eventually."



The good news about the weather is that the Vilas County News Review reports that the last snow fall matched last year's snow accumulation. It just seemed to take longer to get to Phelps this year.

The other good news is that we recently learned that NSTLRA will receive a Wisconsin DNR grant for lake treatment in 2013. The 2013 Treatment Plan is based on the 2012 treatment report, which outlined the results of the 2012 herbicide control strategy on EWM, as well as discussed a proposed strategy for moving forward. Cap (Charles) Pederson, chair of the NSTLRA Lake Planning Committee, did a terrific job of coordinating the work of our consultants along with the assistance of the DNR, Vilas County, the Towns of Phelps and Conover, and the other members of the board committee. Read Cap's article in this issue to get more information.

(President's Message Cont.)

Make sure your calendars show our Annual Meeting/Picnic on July 6 and the Annual Poker Run on July 13. While our time on the lake in the summer is often taken up with visits from family and friends and other pursuits, the annual meeting and poker run are an easy way to get together and keep in touch on happenings on North and South Twin. Social Committee Chairman Ron Ottoson is exploring more fun and community-based events for 2013—we will post updates as we get them.

We look forward to getting back in mid-May when I'm sure we'll see clear water on North and South Twin Lakes.

Roger H. Ganser



19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PICNIC AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
**SATURDAY, JULY 6 AT NOON**  
WAVERING PARK, PHELPS...

**Bring the WHOLE family.**

After the meal and a brief meeting, there will be games and an opportunity for our lakes' young kids and teenagers to meet each other.

POTLUCK ASSIGNMENTS TO SERVE 6-8 PEOPLE

- A-I MEAT OR CASSEROLE
- J-R VEGGIES OR SALAD
- S-Z DESSERTS

Thank you to Katherine Naherny for chairing the event this year!

Helpers are needed for space and food set up before and dish clearing after. Please let Katherine know how you can help.

[knaherny@gmail.com](mailto:knaherny@gmail.com), 608-770-8736 or 715-545-3650

## LAKE TREATMENT

The 2012 Eurasian Water Milfoil treatment on North Twin Lake took place on May 23, 2012. The treatment on South Twin Lake was completed on May 31, 2012. Post-treatment surveys by our consultant, Onterra, were done on September 12th and 13th. Following a series of whole lake treatments in 2009 and 2010, the EWM has only begun to rebound within South Twin Lake; therefore, herbicide treatments are not proposed to occur in South Twin Lake in 2013. The NSTLRA would like to initiate coordinated hand-removal of EWM within South Twin Lake starting in 2013.

Spot treatment taking place on North Twin Lake has effectively reduced the density of EWM within the areas being targeted, but EWM continues to rebound within these areas after one or two summers following the treatment. For these reasons, the WDNR does not support a multi-year, grant-funded Aquatic Invasive Species control project on North and South Twin Lakes at this time. However, they do support a one year trial control project to determine if a few experimental control measures may be applicable for the system. The NSTLRA applied for a one year AIS Established Population Control Grant during the February 2013 grant cycle to fund the proposed treatment monitoring activities in 2013. On April 2nd, we received notification of approval for this grant from the WDNR.

The treatment strategy will be targeted on three areas of EWM in North Twin Lake. These areas will include a 40 foot buffer area surrounding the outer extent of EWM growth. This is to assist in keeping sufficient herbicide concentrations within the treatment areas for a longer period of time.

Further, the NSTLRA and Onterra would identify specific areas for hand-removal in South Twin Lake. The NSTLRA has identified a private firm that would be hired to carry out a large portion of the hand-removal strategy in 2013. This will be accomplished in mid to late summer. NSTLRA would like to focus on determining an effective control method in North Twin coupled with a coordinated hand-removal campaign in South Twin.

Cap Pedersen

## LOON NOTES

Elizabeth Sutton Chair



Doesn't seem like the ice will ever come off the lake. When it does, the Loons are sure to appear. Please email me when you see Loons on either North Twin or South Twin. You can email me with the date and number of loons you saw at: [elution@wi.rr.com](mailto:elution@wi.rr.com)



## CLEAN BOATS / CLEAN WATER

We are pleased to report we received a grant agreement for financial assistance for the following project: NSTLRA 2013 Clean Boats Clean Water.

Student interns from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh will perform watercraft inspections for the Clean Boats Clean Water program for a total of 200 hours. The total project cost is \$2600.00. The grant award is \$1950.00. NSTLRA (local share) is \$650.00.

Ted Ritter will schedule the students to work at the Phelps boat landing (historically the landing with the most boat traffic) during the hours of highest boat traffic.

Mary & Mike Schindler

## Deadly Oak Wilt First Appears on Developed Lakeshores in Northern Wisconsin



The DNR detected Oak Wilt for the first time last year in Vilas, Lincoln and Sawyer counties. Oneida County was found to have this fatal fungal tree disease for the first time in 2010. In each case the infected tree was growing on a lakeshore or river edge property, and the affected property was surrounded by hundreds of seasonal homes.

So what should lakeshore property owners do about Oak Wilt? Besides learning about what infected oaks look like (see [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), keyword "oak wilt"), they need to know that humans can easily prevent this disease from entering an area. After all, the beetle that carries this disease only flies up to a quarter mile from the originally infested firewood pile or tree, and it rarely flies that far. By simply not transporting fresh oak firewood (less than 2 years old) from an infested area to a clean area, people can prevent Oak Wilt. Not wounding oaks in any way between April and July is also an important strategy to avoid oak wilt. Lastly if oaks are damaged in any way from April through October, those wounds should be cut clean and the cut surface painted with a latex-based paint to prevent disease transfer.

The above information was excerpted from an article by Brian Schwingle, WI DNR Forest Health Specialist, 715-536-0889



## POKER RUN

Date: July 13 (Saturday)  
Time: 1:00 to 4:00

We will gather at Dublin Pub and Grill at 5:00 to announce the winners, eat, drink & socialize.

Entrance fee \$5.00  
More information to follow, please check web site [www.nstlra.org](http://www.nstlra.org) as event date gets closer.

Don't be left out of this fun event and help our lake association, proceeds go to the Amen Fund.

Jackie and Jim Fruth



## LAKE MERCHANDISE

It's about time to shed those winter coats and start wearing your North/South Twin Lake pride sweatshirts and long sleeve t-shirts. If you don't have yours yet, **I'm taking pre-orders through mid-May so you can be sure to get the size and color you want.** This year I'll be ordering black, birch, green and medium-blue sweatshirts. As always, colors and sizes are limited, so please let me know if you are interested. We also have the long sleeve t-shirt available. Selling these sweatshirts is one of the fundraisers for the Lake Association. Just as important, wearing them is a show of your support.

Thanks and I hope to hear from you soon,

Laura Babe  
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715 479-2041

## OTHER NOTES



Interested in learning about the Wisconsin Lakeshore Restoration Project here in Vilas County and what we can all do to keep our shoreline healthy? Read the LakeLine article posted on our website, [www.nstlra.org](http://www.nstlra.org)

Margot Peterson, [margot.peterson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:margot.peterson@sbcglobal.net), would love to hear from you if you have information to share in the next newsletter. She would also like any recent nature cam photos that show off our wildlife in action.



## Phelps Pholk Phest & Phly In 2013

Mark your calendar to be in Phelps on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Something new, fun and FREE will be occurring down town. The streets will be blocked and traffic rerouted around the town. Moorings will be set out for sea planes. The stage will be in place, tents put up and vendors of all kinds will be selling their ware's. The first annual "Phelps Pholk Phest & Phly In" will be setting down roots for what is planned to be a great annual event for years to come.

Starting at 10:00 AM the event will be open to the public. The morning activities will include the vendors who will be selling arts, crafts, flea market goods and anything else that is legal and family friendly. Also occurring in the morning will be a Geo Cache event. The details for this are still being worked out but we are excited to be offering up something different and unique in Phelps. Food vendors will be on hand all day long.

Seeing that we are right on the water we are inviting sea planes to drop into Phelps and experience what we have to offer. We will be setting out approximately 20 moorings for the planes to tie up to in the bay located across from Lillian Kerr Nursing Home. A pontoon boat will be present to shuttle pilots and passengers to shore.

At 4:30 PM the planes will all go quiet. At 5:00 PM the acoustic portion of the event will kick off on the grass area in front of the town dock. Five different performers are scheduled to play including: John McGreevy, Bret and Frisk, Steve Kickert, Augie LaRenzie with Mark Dvorak being our show head liner. Following the performances there will be an after event party at Holiday Lodge where guests and artists can mingle.

For more information please contact: Bill Wilkinson (715) 891-3256 [hector\\_ny@yahoo.com](mailto:hector_ny@yahoo.com) or Colin Snook (715) 545-2022 [anewphelps@gmail.com](mailto:anewphelps@gmail.com)

This is a brand new event so some things are subject to change. We will be updating the town website should changes occur. Just go to [townofphelps.com](http://townofphelps.com) and look under events on the left hand tabs.



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