

Lost Lake Reel Bites

Lost Lake Community Club Newsletter

"Improvement, Promotion, Progress and Beautification"



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DO WE HAVE EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL?

As reported in earlier e-mails, a very vigilant homeowner, Jim Guckenber, collected a sample of what looked to be EWM on Lost Lake. Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) is an invasive species of weed that will essentially choke out the lake in any area it is found. Mr. Guckenber took the sample to Jack Peil's home, and he immediately contacted Ted Ritter at the Vilas County for verification. The DNR determined that the sample was EWM. To date, nothing more has been discovered. It is important that every homeowner understand that EWM can stay below the water's surface for up to two years before it grows tall enough to be detected on shore. We need to continue to monitor our lake until the source of the sample can be found.

Do your part by participating in our Shore Sweep throughout August. Simply collect samples of weeds from your shoreline, place them in a Ziploc bag and deliver them to Jack Peil's residence. Please put your name and the location of the weeds found. A shoreline sweep is being conducted on many lakes throughout our area. It takes little time, but the efforts of all of us working together can prevent a catastrophic future for our lake. Do your part now to preserve the health of our lake for the future generations of our Lost Lake Community. Complacency can lead to our lake becoming a memory of the past and the only reminder left would be a bog where our lake once stood.

For more information, please contact Jack Peil at 542-3418 or JackPeil@charter.net. Samples can be left at Jack's home, 2434 Lost Lake Dr. West

Long time Club Member "Ginger" Maly passed away March 11, 2007. She will be sadly missed by her husband Ray and family as well as the Lost Lake Community Club.

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Terry Depue, owner of Dor-Way to the North passed away in May, 2007. Terry was a wonderful part of the Lost Lake Community for many years and he will truly be missed. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to his wife and family.

Memoriam

Founding resort owner Marv Heeler passed away on July 28, 2007. Originally from Tomah, Wisconsin, Marv moved to Lost Lake in 1938 to work on John Vandervort's Forest Primeval Resort. In 1948 he built his own resort, Quiet Comfort Cabins, on the north shore of Lost Lake using logs cut from the property. After John Vandervort's death in 1974, Marv purchased much of John's property on Lost Lake, and following John's wishes, turned the ball park portion over to the town of St. Germain so it would continue to be used as a playing field for the people of the community. In honor of John, Marv changed the name of the ball park from Forester's Field to Vandervort Park.

Marv was also a noted fishing guide, guiding many dignitaries from across the country. He also served as president of the Lost Lake Community Club, as well as other positions with the Town Board and Lion's Club. Marv was the last of the original Lost Lake resort founders. His resort continues to be owned and operated by his wife and children. Marv will be sadly missed by the Lost Lake community.



LAKEFRONT PROPERTY OWNERS COURTESY CODE

The officers of our club have been receiving complaints about some Lost Lake neighbors being disrespectful and ignoring common sense manners. To ensure you and your neighbors have a great time while at the lake, here are some suggestions to keep Lost Lake a great place to live and visit.

Loud Noises: Try to limit activities such as fireworks, loud music and other disruptive noises to 10:00 p.m. or earlier. Also, voices carry longer than you think over water, so tone down conversations and music at night.

Pets: Please keep your pet on your property and keep dogs from barking. Dog owners can be fined by the town if their dogs bark continuously.

Night Lights: Some lake homeowners thrive for the Northwood's dark nights. This can be ruined if their neighbor has a dusk to dawn yard light near the property line. Try to keep your neighbors in mind by placing yard lights in such a position that the light does not shine on them. You can also minimize yard light interference by putting a timer on the light so it is only lit during normal hours of activity.

Rental Units: If you rent out your lake home, make sure the renters are aware of the courtesy rules so that everyone can enjoy the peaceful setting of Lost Lake.

Any other suggestions on how to be a better lake neighbor are welcome. Please send suggestions to any club officer.



AIS POSITION RETAINED

THE LWCC passed a motion to retain the AIS position currently held by Ted Ritter. Ted is the Vilas County Lakes Coordinator and is responsible for working with the DNR in overseeing lake management decisions such as detection and eradication of invasive species, and the ongoing educational materials and seminars designed to inform the public about the importance of clean boats and boat landing monitoring. Mr. Ritter works with the St. Germain Lakes Association in which Lost Lake is represented by Jack and Linda Peil and Jeff Heeler. He also works with other Lake Associations within Vilas County. Over 200 Vilas County Property owners signed a petition to retain the position. Jack Peil was an important part in helping to collect the signatures needed to retain Mr. Ritter's vital position.

766 WILDFIRES AS OF MAY 31, 2007

Of the total number of wildfires reported, nearly one third were the result of debris burning. With the record amount of dry days and the lack of rainfall, it is imperative that we all do our part to prevent fires. Levels are posted daily at the St. Germain Chamber and burn permits are required before burning debris in your yard. Fireworks, campfires and carelessness can start wildfires in seconds. Think twice before conducting any activity that may lead to disaster.

FERTILIZERS AND WISCONSIN LAKES

Fertilizers contain nutrients (phosphorus, nitrogen, and potassium) which feed plants. The nutrients, especially phosphorus, feed the plants that grow in lakes. When you fertilize your lawn, it is important to know exactly what the nutrient needs of your lawn are. If excessive amounts of fertilizer are applied you are fertilizing the aquatic plants in lakes and streams near your community.

Consider having your soil tested. The results will tell you if you need to fertilize and what type your lawn needs. For more information on soil sampling, contact the Vilas County Extension office in Eagle River at 479-3648, or stop by their office at 330 Court St. in Eagle River. They can also provide information as to where to purchase phosphorus free fertilizer.

The best time to apply fertilizer is in the spring and early fall when grasses are actively growing. Use a spreader that can be calibrated. A calibrated spreader will ensure uniform distribution of fertilizer and helps prevent over-use. **Fertilizer should not be applied when the grass is wet and during times of high winds and/or heavy rains.**

The numbers on a bag of fertilizer refer to the percentages of plant nutrients nitrogen, phosphorus, and potash in the material. In a 100 pound bag of 5-10-10 mixture for instance, there would be 5% or 5 pounds of nitrogen, 10% or 10 pounds of phosphorus, and 10% or 10 pounds of potassium.

One pound of phosphorus in runoff can result in 500 pounds of algae growth!

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JULY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Chuck Thier, President of the Vilas County Lakes Association was our guest speaker at our July 22 meeting. He reiterated the importance of early detection of invasive species. Treatments to eradicate invasives are very costly. He urged everyone to **ATTEND A FREE CLASS HELD ON MONDAYS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 12:30. THESE CLASSES WILL ONLY BE OFFERED THROUGH AUGUST 20TH. THIS IS AN INFORMATIVE CLASS ON DETECTION AND PREVENTION OF SPREADING INVASIVE SPECIES.**
- Several members have attended one of the meetings and they report they are very interesting and informative.
- After expenses, the Corn Roast profits were \$530.16
- Profits from the Golf Outing totaled \$91.00
- The dam is currently at the lowest level allowed by the DNR.
- No fish stocking has occurred to date due to VHS disease. If VHS Virus is controlled, we will stock 1500 walleye this fall.
- Softball on Tues and Thus has been a tremendous success. At times there have been over 100 people in attendance, and coming from as far as Rhinelander.
- The July 4th Boat Parade had 16 decorative boats who braved the downpour. Next year's parade will be held at 11AM to avoid interference with activities in the surrounding communities.
- We have 68 paid members to date
- After concerns were brought up regarding the dangers of a collapsing building on Forest Primeval, Jack contacted Peggy Nimz and the owners of that building have been given a timeline to tear down the building.
- The Club opened a 13 month CD at a 5% interest rate with an opening balance of \$5500. The money was taken out of our savings account leaving around \$800.00 in that account.
- The DNR put a new pier in at the boat launch
- Jim Guckenberg needs help in October to remove the buoys from the lake.
- Jack lowered the flag at the ballpark to half-mast in memory of Marv Heeler because of his history with the ballpark and his gifting it to all of us.

SHORE SWEEP

All homeowners are asked to participate in a LOST LAKE SHORE SWEEP. Simply remove suspicious weeds from your shore, place them in a Ziploc bag and deliver them to Pres. Jack Peil at 2434 Lost Lake Dr. West, throw them on his pier, or call Jack at 542-3418 to arrange for the sample to be picked up. *PLEASE ADD WATER TO THE SAMPLE BAGS*

All suspicious samples will be sent to the DNR for testing. This is an area wide effort and your participation is vital to the health of our lake.

The Shore Sweep runs through August 20th.

GOLF OUTING



Sixteen golfers participated in the Annual Golf Outing. Due to inclement weather, all participants were given a voucher for another round of golf. Despite the weather, everyone had a great time at the Heeler residence afterwards. Prizes were

awarded thanks to donations from Ray's Landing, and shirts donated by the Peils. **A big Thank You to the D'Amico's and Walters for putting this year's event together and the Heeler's for hosting the party.**

Next year's party will be at the Southwick's.

CORN ROAST

The corn roast was a great success and a fun social event as well. Participants in this years corn roast were: Jim D'Amico, John Eckerman, Dick, Julie, and Nate Greely, Jim and Diane Guckenberg, Gary and Linda Heeler, Marilyn and Bryce Hessing, Tammy Novak, Jack and Linda Peil, Mel Schultz, Web Southwick.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!

ELECTION RESULTS Pres- Jack Peil VP- Mel Schultz Sec- Julie Greely
Treas- Linda Heeler Directors: Gary Heeler, Tammy Novak

ANNUAL MEMBERS PICNIC- There were 85 attendees who enjoyed great food, fun and games. There were balloon tosses, Frisbee throwing contests and a chance to show off Golf skills with a closest to the pin contest.

A BIG THANK YOU TO JACK AND LINDA PEIL FOR COOKING ALL OF THOSE BRATS!

Chip sealing is being done on Lost Lake Dr South and Found Lake Rd. Reconstruction will begin next year on Lost Lake Dr. North.



CONTACT INFORMATION FOR VILAS COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN:

- Peggy Nimz-Town Bd Chair -542-2801
- Fred Radke-Town Bd Supervisor and Vilas Cty Supervisor.

479-6310

***** DID YOU KNOW***?**

Wisconsin Law states that a child born after Jan. 1, 1989 cannot legally operate a motor boat without attending a boat safety class.

TO DATE, WE ARE HAPPY THAT THE FOLLOWING HOUSEHOLDS HAVE PAID MEMBERSHIPS:

Anderson, Marv and Karen
 Bernstein, Donald and Nancy
 Brockland, Rick and Mary
 Brown, William and Lily
 Chusid, Michael and Julie
 Conidi, Scott and Leslie
 D'Amico, Jim and Judy
 Dickinson, Bob and Nora
 Dorway to the North
 Duda, Daryl
 Duda, Gary and Denise
 Eckerman, John and Jan
 Eliason, Donald and Kathleen
 Emma, Thomas and Amy
 Erlinger, Art and Nancy
 Fleischman, Albert and Joan
 Forrest, Ronald and Andrea
 Greely, Julie and Richard
 Grimm, Milt
 Guckenber, Jim and Diane
 Hanson, Jon and Ingrid
 Harman, Carol and Thomas
 Hartmann, Gerald and Nancy

Heeler, David
 Heeler, Gary and Linda (Resort)
 Heeler, Jeff
 Hessing, Bryce and Marilyn
 Klug, Bob and Kay
 Kownacki, Jerry
 Kriek, James and Marsha
 Kuehn, Laurel
 Kuemmel, Dave and Marie
 Lubetski, Alan and Jill
 Mahoney, Willis
 Malley, Ray
 Marshall, John
 Mathis, Dick and Lynn
 Morabito, Kirk and Claire
 Novak, Jeff and Tammy
 Nyhagen, Sue
 Paris, Peter and Carol
 Peil, Jack and Linda
 Pellettiere, Ed and Eve
 Pintozzi, Anthony
 Rameker, William
 Rosman, Clem

Rupp, Doug and Brenda
 Russow, William
 Ryan, Robert
 Schoessow, Eric
 Schuller, Robert
 Schultz, Mel and Kay
 Smart, Grant and Eileen
 Southwick, Webb and Georgia
 Sparrow, Patricia and Richard (Patti's)
 Springman, Rita
 Swenson, David
 Tabaka, Kenneth and Lynn
 Tabbert, Spencer and Melanie
 Treloar, Phil and Bev
 Trotter, Robert
 Vogelmann, Lillian
 Walters, Gerald and Marilyn
 Wiechmann, Steve and Debbie
 Wilke, Robert and Elna
 Winters, David and Marilyn
 Wirsbinski, David
 Zielinski, Joseph

It is NOT too late to participate in membership. Please remember that all dues money goes directly to the club and all updated membership information enables us to keep our contact roster current.

Please send your dues check for \$20.00 or a Donation to:

Lost Lake Association

c/o Linda Heeler

9420 Spring Lake Rd.

Valders, Wisconsin 54245

Please include your CURRENT mailing address and an Email address and indicate which way is best to receive the newsletter. Your membership is important, please become a steward of Lost Lake.

Thank you for your participation.

LOST LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB



Vilas County's Lake Courtesy Code

Produced by the Vilas County Lakes Association and
The Vilas County Land & Water Conservation Department (2/06)

Common sense courtesies:

NOISE-Sound travels far over water

- Recommended water ski and personal watercraft hours: 10 am to 6 pm.
- Quiet hours *please*: 10 pm. To 8 am.
- Local towns may have more restrictive hours– be an informed boater

SPEED– Give other lake users a break

- Slow down for safety and to protect shorelines from erosion.
- Watch for no-wake zones and speed limits.

SPACE– Keep your distance

- Observe loons, eagles, and other wildlife from a long distance.
- Stay away from fish spawning areas in spring and fall.
- Give fisherman and silent watercraft time and space

CLEAN LAKES-Leave no trace

- Litter kills wildlife– if you carry it in, please carry it out.
- Use non-lead sinkers and jigs- lead kills aquatic birds.

It's the law:

SAFETY– Wisconsin boating laws

- **Boaters**-Stay at least 100' from swimmers, divers, snorkelers, anglers, other watercraft, rafts and docks.
- **Personal Watercraft**– Stay at least 200' from shore when operating faster than “slow-no-wake” speed.
- **Waterskiing and personal watercraft**– not permitted after sunset
- **One wearable personal floatation device required for each boater**

CLEAN BOATS– CLEAN WATERS-Invasive species

- **State Law**-Launching boats or boating equipment with aquatic plants or zebra mussels attached is prohibited. Clean your boat, motor, trailer, anchor, live-well and fishing tackle to prevent the spread of aquatic species.
- **Do not release unused bait** in the water. Dispose of it in the trash.

Perform lake CPR-be Courteous, Polite and Respectful

Help keep our lakes safe, clean and enjoyable for everyone.