

# Lost Lake Reel Bites

Lost Lake Community Club Newsletter

*"Improvement, Promotion, Progress and Beautification"*



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## President's Report

*Hello One and All to Lost Lake 2008.*

My wife Linda and I were treated to what locals call a normal (the way it used to be) winter. And it still has its grip on the area with below freezing lows into May. I did see someone putting their pier in the day after the "ice out," which was April 26th. Perhaps we will see less weeds this year than last because of the long winter causing lake temperatures to remain lower than last year. Speaking of weeds, we are including the new lake monitoring sheet in the newsletter for all to have and make copies of.

Also, there are many new rules concerning boat launching and use of bait on area lakes, all made to help contain and stop the VHS virus. I have included those recommendations elsewhere in this newsletter.

We must watch our lake carefully this year for any suspicious milfoil; another sample is needed for testing. If you find something, bag it with water and bring to me A.S.A.P.

Please mail in your dues and any extra donation if you wish. Also, please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions.

See you on the lake or at the next meeting.

Jack



### TRIVIA QUESTION:

Vilas county has over 1300 lakes; guess how many eagles (per last DNR study)?

Please write your guess on your dues check. First one to guess or closest to it will get their annual Lost Lake membership dues paid for in full for one year!



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## MEETING DATES FOR 2008:

- MAY 25th
- JUNE 22th
- JUNE 29th-CORN ROAST
- JULY 4th- BOAT PARADE
- JULY 20th
- AUGUST 10th- MEETING AND PICNIC

All meetings are held at Vandervort Park at 1pm. There will be posted signs for reminders. Hope to see you there!

Thanks to Jim Guckenberg for taking out the buoys last fall and putting them back in right after "ice out."

It's a tough job and Jim deserves our gratitude.



### GET IMPORTANT UPDATES AT:

[www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/CBCW](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/CBCW)

[www.vilaslandandwater.org/ais](http://www.vilaslandandwater.org/ais)

- Do not move water or live fish (including unused bait minnows) from one water body to another.
- Drain all water from bilges, bait buckets, live wells, and other containers at the landing.
- Dispose of minnows and other bait in the trash, and put your catch ON ICE before you leave the landing.
- Only buy minnows from registered Wisconsin bait dealers, or catch some yourself in the same water you fish.
- Clean plants and other debris from your boat before launching boats and leaving landings.

## LAKE REPORT

With the cold weather and lots of snow this season, it looked like the lake would still be frozen over into May. There were lots of people ice fishing through late-April. Luckily we had some warm weather the last week in April, and most of the ice went out on the 26th. But winter wasn't over yet--the day the ice went out we had 50 mph winds, driving snow, and temperatures in the 20's. The lake level is right where it should be, so all boaters and anglers should have no problem getting their boats in. There should also be an abundance of fish. Last fall our club stocked 1500 extended-growth walleye that measured 5 to 10 inches long. These walleye were paid for by our matching funds escrow account run by the town and the St. Germain Fish and Wildlife Club. The state DNR also helped by stocking 363 muskie that measured 12-13 inches. There was also more good news for the lake as our apparent infestation of Eurasian-water milfoil might be a false alarm. The Onterra Company was contracted last fall to locate all the invasive patches of weeds in our lake, but they could find no invasive species. They searched the lake using GPS coordinates where the DNR said the invasive plants were. The DNR had collected samples earlier last summer of what they thought were a hybrid version of the bad milfoil. These samples had been sent to be DNA tested to verify if they were invasive, but the latest word is that samples somehow never made it to the testing site and apparently were lost in the mail. What this means is that we'll still have to be observant for strange looking aquatic plants this summer.

Everything is pointing to a great summer on Lost Lake, but let me know if you have any lake concerns.

See you on the lake,

Gary Heeler

# Lost Lake Community Club Membership Form

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## Some things to consider as you fill out this form for the 2008 year:

The majority of the money raised through membership is thrown into the lake, literally!

Your money is used to stock fish and escrowed for future lake projects such as getting rid of invasive species (hopefully never).

By becoming a member, you are contributing to the health and life of our precious lake. Only members are allowed to vote, by becoming a member you are also part of the decision making processes. We also encourage membership so that our database is current and information regarding our lake can be communicated in a timely manner. Please consider a donation as well as dues, your contributions will only enhance the care of our lake.

**We are also interested in trying to communicate in the most effective way. We would appreciate it if you would take the time to fill out the following questionnaire. Since some members are at the lake all summer, it is essential that we decide how to send out information while members are away from their permanent address. Ideally we would like to create an email database and use it as a primary communication tool. Any suggestions are welcome and we encourage any ideas to better our club.**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Winter Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ (Will not be sold or shared outside of club)

Enclosed is my check for \$20 Regular Dues / \$15 Associate Dues (for those who own property more than 1 mile from the lake) / \$30 Business or Resort Dues

Enclosed is an additional amount of \_\_\_\_\_ for donation to the Lost Lake Community Club. (Please write DONATION on your check)

Preferred method to receive newsletters, correspondence:

- US Postal Service \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to correspond in the summer: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please provide which address is best)

**Please make checks payable to:**

**Lost Lake Community Club**

**8095 N. Lost Lake Dr.**

**St. Germain, WI 54558**

### Interests:

1. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Water Quality \_\_\_\_\_
3. Fishery \_\_\_\_\_
4. Habitat Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_

### Any Other Suggestions, Concerns or Topics of Interest:

# Aquatic Invasives Presence/Absence Report

Form 3200-124 (R 2/08)

Personally identifiable information collected on this form will be incorporated into the DNR aquatic invasive species database. It is not intended to be used for any other purposes, but may be made available to requesters under Wisconsin's Open Records laws. s. 19.32 - 19.39, Wis. Stats.

Primary Data Collector	
Name	Email
Monitoring Location	
Waterbody Name	Boat Landing (if you only monitor at a boat landing)
Township Name	County

Date	Start Time	End Time	Data Collectors	Did you monitor			Y=Yes N=No N/A = Didn't Look For		Did you find?																														
				Beaches and Boat Landings? lake?	Docks or piers?	Observe from shoreline only?	Observe only from the surface?	Observe entire shallow water area?	Use rake to extract plant samples? ?	Check underwater solid surfaces (boat hulls, dock legs, rocks)?	Banded Mystery Snail?	Chinese Mystery Snail?	Curly-leaf Pondweed?	Eurasian Water Milfoil?	Fishhook Waterweed?	Freshwater Jellyfish?	Hydrilla?	Purple Loosestrife?	Rusty Crayfish?	Spiny Waterweeds?	Zebra Mussels?	Other?																	

*If you find an aquatic invasive*  
 Fill out an incident report form for the species. Then bring the form, a voucher specimen if possible, and a map showing where you found it to your regional DNR Citizen Lake Monitoring Coordinator.

*If you don't find an aquatic invasive*  
 If you submit your data online, that is all you need to do. Otherwise, please mail a copy to your regional DNR Citizen Lake Monitoring Coordinator.

## HISTORY PAGE

### FOUR GENERATIONS ON LOST LAKE

My parents, Lou and Helen Hessing along with Helen's sister Laura, arrived for the first time at Vandervort's Forest Primeval on September 2, 1934. Their week was filled with fishing, hiking, boating and Keno games at the resort clubhouse in the evening. Lou began a family tradition when he joined in the softball games at John Vandervort's Foresters Ball Park. Cozy "Balsam Rest" cottage rented for \$18.50 per week. "Bestboats" were \$5.00 and children over 7 years old were considered adults.

My brother Brock and I were introduced to the northwoods the summer of 1948. From that point our summers were never complete until we came to Lost Lake. We have memories of the tree lined road leading to the Forest Primeval Clubhouse with its large screen porch where we played ping pong, shuffle board and the jukebox. Each morning began with the hike or boat ride to the ballpark as John played "The Yellow Rose of Texas" or another favorite song over the loud speaker. We made sure we had a nickel in our pocket to treat our partner to a soda if we were on the losing side. Each evening, at the sound of the bell, everyone would gather by the fireplace in the clubroom for the nightly activity. My favorite was Keno at a penny a game, with John Vandervort calling the cards. We always made time for one of Art Tegmeyer's butterscotch sundaes at the Clubhouse store. On occasion, John would bring in "The King and His Court" to play the Foresters. Softball pitcher Eddie Feigner and his team were made up of a pitcher, a catcher and one fielder. It was quite a show! Feigner, who died in 2007 at age 81, had a fast ball that was clocked at 104mph. According to Parade magazine, he struck out Willie Mays, Roberto Clemente, Brooks Robinson and others in a 1967 exhibition at Dodger Stadium.

In 1954, Bob and Sue Nyhagen became the new owners of the Forest Primeval. The good times and traditions continued. I was privileged to work as the resort maintenance guy the summer of 1958. It was the best job I ever had. I remember caulking and painting 20 wooden boats, splitting and delivering firewood, mowing every day and just doing whatever needed doing.

After the Forest Primeval subdivided, our family vacationed at Schmidt's Field and Steam Resort, Pete Pervielier's Log Cabins and later Wayne and Dorothy Drajek's Dor Way to the North.

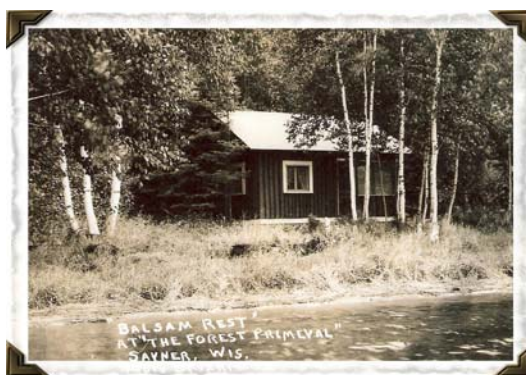
Marilyn and I purchased the land just west of Stonehouse in 1980 and build our cabin two years later. Neighbors Tom and Pat Garbrecht ran the Stonehouse B & B for a number of years after acquiring it from Bill and Jane Scherer. The Scherers and Jane's parents, "Pappy" and Ethel Latshaw vacationed for many years at the Forest Primeval. In 1965, Bill, Jane and sons John and Jim rescued the Forest Springs Lodge (Stonehouse), which needed extensive repair. Their efforts were so successful that their Lost Lake home and Jane's antique shop were featured as the cover story of the June 1983 issue of Country Living Magazine.

This summer, when our sons Tyler and Josh return to the lake with their families, our grandchildren will be the fourth generation to play ball on the same field that their great grandfather played on 74 years ago.

Bryce Hessing



Clubhouse at Forest Primeval c.1930



Balsam Rest Cottage Forest Primeval  
1934

Road to Forest Primeval

C. 1920

