

CLARK LAKE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL LETTER  
EARLY FEBRUARY, 2002

Where's the snow?? This new year starts just like 2001 ended – dry and warmer than normal. Despite the near absence of snow and below average ice conditions, the lake is being actively used by ice boaters, skaters, ice fisherman and hikers. We have normal lake levels for this time of year, with a board removed from the dam in December. Thanks to all who helped in lake activities last year – the strength of our organization is reflected in the hours of volunteer time donated by lake directors and others. Here's a wrap up of 2001, an exciting year for our lake.

**2001**

- The June 30 annual meeting was well attended with active discussions on fish stocking, lake levels, boat (especially jet ski) traffic, and other general lake business.
- The July 28 picnic did not have perfect weather as predicted, but remained a success as heavy rains did not prevent our volunteers from cooking and resulted in folks getting to know their neighbors while eating their picnic lunch under the park shelter.
- The September 2 golf outing and dinner was well attended.
- The perch stocking effort was successful in every respect. First and foremost, a big thanks to John Sawyer for his initiative and hard work to receive DNR approvals for the stocking and present our request to both town boards for their financial help. Each township donated about \$1800 towards the total stocking cost of \$5000. The remainder of the cost was made up by our members generous donations – THANKS very much to all of you that helped make this happen. The perch were successfully stocked on two days in October - we'll have pictures of the event at the 2002 annual meeting and picnic.
- Leslie Goulet started the Clark Lake history effort and has made excellent progress in collecting and summarizing information and pictures – thanks to those who donated pictures and historical information.
- Tom Gass drafted a survey to seek input from lake members on lake issues – a sincere thanks to Tom for his vision and effort.
- I initiated a discussion with The Nature Conservancy to find out more about the Clark Lake – Logan Creek – Lost Lake watershed and discuss protection needs and strategies for that important watershed.
- I believe we had a safe summer season on the lake – not hearing about any serious accidents.
- The year was not without its sadness. We lost the following lake members late in 2000 or during 2001 – please take a moment to remember them in your thoughts.
  - Bob Nepil
  - Helen Bagnall
  - Gabe Coconate
  - Loreta Jones
  - Mrs. Eleanor Wanie: Mrs. Wanie, who enjoyed Clark lake fishing, boating, swimming and lake neighbors for many years, passed away on September 8.

Her family donated a memorial in the amount of \$4300 to the lake association in her memory, with the stipulation that the donation be used for fish habitat restoration, fish stocking and cribs. We are thankful to the Mrs. Wanie family for their kind thoughts in this donation.

- Please let me know if I've missed any one who passed away during 2001, and we will identify the person at the annual meeting.
- We welcome new owners on the lake:  
Randy & Kelly Wright    Scott & Jane Bulware                      Mark & Kay Knuth  
Jon & Cindy Wright       Ray & Carolyn Pflederer                      Jane Spingaire  
Debby & Mike Brzinski    Steve & Peggy Motl

Please introduce yourselves to these new owners and acquaint them with the lake and our association.

## 2002

- We have an active slate of events for 2002 – please join us and meet your neighbors on the lake. Mark your calendars as follows.
  - **Lake Director Meetings** (May 11, July 6, August 10, and September 14) are generally held at the Jacksonport town hall at 0900, and are open to members. Please check with a lake director in the event the meeting logistics change.
  - **Annual Meeting:** Join us at 7pm, June 29 at the Jacksonport town hall. Refreshments will be served. This meeting is your opportunity to ask questions on lake issues and find out what's happening in the area.
  - **Picnic:** Perfect weather may appear on July 27, so join us at the Jacksonport Lakeside Park. Fun starts at 1100 with food served at 1200. More details to follow.
  - **Golf outing and dinner:** There's something in these events for everyone. The day (September 1) starts with a golf outing and continues at Mr. G's for a summer end dinner. More details on both outings to follow.
- Our **annual lake dues** remain at \$10 per family. For those residences owned by more than one family, each family may become a member of the Association by paying the dues, with all the attendant benefits, including free directory, free attendance at picnic, and full voting rights. Please forward your dues to either Bea Bellin or me at:
  - Paul Schumacher. 1937 Riverview Trail. Fredonia WI. 53021
  - Bea Bellin . 2012 North Bennett. Appleton WI. 54914-2370
  - Thanks for your support.
- Please remember to forward changes in address, phone and ownership so we can keep the directory up to date. One directory is provided free to each family – more copies are available for \$5 each
- **Clark Lake History:** How long have people enjoyed Clark Lake? We know native Americans lived at and near the mouth of Whitefish Bay Creek. Later on, Europeans settled nearby and fished, cut timber and farmed. A thriving hotel, dance hall and rental cottages were located on the NW end of the lake. More recent visitors built homes and cottages, many of which we now enjoy. One of our volunteers, Leslie Goulet (Leslie Leline) is leading an effort to document the history of the lake. Please

search your memories, pictures and records to help in this effort and share them with Leslie (See the following note). We hope to publish a history of the lake document towards the end of 2002.

- **Lake Survey:** All of us wish to enjoy the lake in our own ways – some treasure the peace and solitude found in morning sunrise and evening sunset. Others enjoy the challenge of water skiing, fishing, boating and even jet skiing. Our uses of the lake should not impair the water quality or someone else's use. It's important we understand peoples values in lake use. Our survey is designed to allow you to express your values – I urge you to spend the time to voice your opinions through the survey. We will be finalizing the survey and sending it to you before June 1. Please complete the survey and return your response. We will summarize the outcome at the June 29 annual meeting.
- **Watershed Protection:** A number of stakeholder groups from Door County will be discussing the Lost Lake/Logan Creek/Clark Lake watershed in mid-February for the purpose of identifying the biological and ecosystem values of the watershed. We all know the value of clean water flowing into Clark Lake – it supports the fish we catch and water we swim in. The group will be establishing a plan for collecting data to better understand the watershed and the threats now present, and assess possible ways to provide for long term protection. I will be representing our Lake Association in this effort, and will report back to you on progress at the annual meeting. I would also appreciate additional volunteers to help represent our lake as this effort moves forward.
- **Kangaroo Lake:** We continue to share successes and areas for improvement in lake management with our counterparts representing Kangaroo Lake. Working together in this manner, our associations can accomplish more to protect two of the largest lakes in NE Wisconsin.
- **Perch Stocking:** With John Sawyers leadership, we obtained our DNR permit to stock perch in 2002. John is negotiating with suppliers and it appears the townships will again help financially. We will request that DNR perform a fish survey to document fish populations. You can also make a difference in this effort with your donation. Please forward your contribution to Bea Bellin and identify it for this purpose. THANKS VERY MUCH for your help in this effort.
- I end this letter as I started – our hopes for snow seem to be paying off, with several more inches promised over the next several days. Seems winter isn't complete without a touch of the white stuff. Have a safe and prosperous new year, and we look forward to seeing you on the lake and at the events.

Paul Schumacher

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## CLARK LAKE HISTORY

Dear friends on the lake,  
I am attempting to put together a history of Clark Lake. Can you help by: giving us any information on your cottage, former cottages on or near the lake as well as copies of any old photos or documents - especially those from before 1950?  
We hope to publish this history by fall of 2001 and will make the booklet available to you. Any recollections, photos of:

- 1). Fernwood Gardens, The Happy Hour and Hitching Post
- 2). Valmy and Jacksonport
- 3). Cave Point & the sand dunes

are also welcome. Please send your recollections to: Bob Defaut. 5474 WestShore Drive.  
Sturgeon Bay, WI. 54235

### Cottage Information (Present and former)

Address – When built and by whom

When and from whom you bought it – former owners

Copies of photos

Please note the location of your cottage(s) on the map of the lake provided in the lake directory, and recall the names of any points of land or bays such as “Cat Island”, “Wildcat Point”, “Schulz’ Point” and the location of any “Lost Lakes”. Also, please share with us any recollection of places of interest on the lake such as Goecke’s place, the Grasshopper, Picnics at Frank Butts, the dam going in, big fish, and???.

Thanks Very much for your help.

Leslie Goulet