

CLARK LAKE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION SPRING, 2005

Lots of news this spring, so let's dive right in.....

WEBSITE:

Check out the new website containing up to date lake news, history items, meeting dates, contact information, and much more. Lainie and Bob Kuftrin designed a web site for our lake association. The Site: <http://www.clarklakewi.com> will be used by our Association to post important information, keeping our members up to date on the latest news. We will continue to issue this annual letter and occasional update letters to augment information found on the web. Please forward any updates to the website to Lainie at lkuftrin@direcway.com.

CLARK LAKE WATERSHED STUDY;

Many of you may have heard or read in the paper that our Lake Association, in partnership with the Ridges (Paul Regnier) and UW Stevens Point developed and submitted a proposal to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to perform studies of the Lost Lake-Logan Creek-Clark Lake watershed to identify threats to water quality and develop any necessary management plans to maintain or improve water quality. Just last week, we entered into an agreement with UW –Stevens Point to perform the studies, and several weeks earlier, we were awarded grants from DNR in the amount of about \$20,000 to perform the first two phases of the study. The study will take about two years to perform, and will require a modest out-of-pocket cash contribution on our part (about \$2200), and our in-kind donations of volunteer labor, lodging and use of boats. We will be applying for additional DNR grant monies over the next two years to complete the study. We will be holding meetings to share the results of the study and to discuss proposed potential lake management initiatives. We'll let you know when these meetings are scheduled, and would appreciate your attendance.

FISH, FISH AND MORE FISH NEWS:

With the financial help from the towns of Jacksonport and Sevastopol, and your financial support, we completed our yellow perch fish stocking initiative in 2004. Over the period 2001 through 2004, we stocked about xx,xxx yellow perch in the lake.

DNR started a fish survey several days after ice-out. The survey should be completed later this summer, and it may take several months for DNR to summarize the results. We'll provide an update on the effort at the 2005 Annual Meeting, and again upon receipt of the results of the study.

Your CLAA Board approved the purchase and installation of four fish cribs in late 2003. These cribs were installed at ice-out. GPS coordinates and water depths for the cribs are shown below. Please do NOT disturb these cribs, but enjoy the fishing.

CRIB	LOCATION	GPS COORDINATES	WATER DEPTH (FT)
1	West Shore	N44.56.10.0, W087.12.36.3	11.5
2	Muellers Bay	N44.56.25.5, W087.12.20.3	11.5
3	Cat Isle Point	N44.56.13.7, W087.12.10.7	11.1
4	SW Corner	N44.55.49.8, W087.12.33.7	12.5

2005 MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Our directors will meet at the Jacksonport Town Hall on May 7, June 11, July 9, August 13, and September 17 to conduct lake business. The meetings start promptly at 9AM, and are open to members. Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for July 2 at 9am at the Jacksonport Town Hall. Agenda items include updates of the watershed study and fish survey, election of several lake directors and much more – please join us. The picnic will be on July 23, with fun starting at 1100, and food served at 1200. More details to follow. The annual fall dinner and golf outings are scheduled for September 4, with details also to follow.

Please join us at as many events as you can.

ANNUAL DUES & UPDATES:

Dues remain at an affordable \$10 per family. Payment of dues allows membership in the Association, with attendant benefits, including free lake directory, free attendance at picnic and full voting rights. Please take this opportunity to join the Association by forwarding your dues to:

Bea Bellin. 5201 South Lake Road, Sturgeon Bay, WI. 54235 – 9532.

Please forward any changes in ownership, address, phone and e-mail address (optional) directly to Bea. We will update our website with this information.

VOLUNTEER HELP:

We need your help in a number of lake activities, including:

Installing swimming beach buoys – contact Bob Default or Marc DeGroot

Working at picnic – contact Marc DeGroot

Helping with watershed study – contact Paul Schumacher

Any Other??????????????

WATER QUALITY:

Door County Soil & Water and others collected water samples in 2003 & 2004 at our Clark Lake public beach and a number of other swimming beaches around Door County. Samples taken during both summers at our bathing beach were analyzed for e-coli bacteria. I’m happy to report that all results were considered “Good”, therefore not requiring the posting of swimming advisories as have been posted at other Door County

beaches, or the closing of our beach to swimming. We contributed \$100 towards water testing for 2005.

LAKE HISTORY:

Please forward any pictures, stories and other historical memorabilia regarding early days on Clark Lake to Lainie for possible posting on our website.

LOST AND NEW MEMBERS:

Lake members who left us this year are:

- Arylze Hebel, a founding member of our Association who was very active in lake business.
- Erwin Birringer: Past Lake Director and long time owner on xxxx Road.
- XXXXXXXX

Please remember them in your thoughts.

The building of new cottages and turn-over of old cottages to new owners continues at a fast pace – new lake land owners are:

- Ron & Paula Kerscher (purchased Helchen's property) XXXX S. ?? Road
- Henry & Denise Feider (purchased from Janda's, xxxx ??????)
- Tim & Lori Kneeland (5515 N. Cave Point Drive)
- Don & Patricia Schneider (purchased from Petersilka, XXXX ??????)
- Tony & Pat Valosek, 5539 N Cave Point Dr
- Tom & Laura Yik, cccxx?????
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SAND & GRAVEL OPERATION

Semi-annual monitoring by your lake directors of the PCI sand and gravel operation immediately adjacent to the north end of Clark Lake continues. To date, the operation appears to be complying with its permits, and operated in a responsible manner. Well water testing near the operation does not show any problems to date.

Please have a safe year while enjoying the beauty of Clark Lake and Door County.

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