

CLARK LAKE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION WINTER/SPRING, 2009

We're in the midst of yet another "classic" winter, with plenty of snow and cold for all. As I look across the lake while writing this letter, ice-fishing, snowmobiling, cross country skiing and snow shoeing are in full swing. Spring seems distant. We have much to report, so here we go.

CLARK LAKE WATERSHED STUDY:

In previous Annual Letters, at several special informational meetings held in 2007, and at the last four annual meetings, I've described the goals and objectives of our Lost Lake-Logan Creek-Clark Lake watershed study which started in 2005 and concluded in May, 2007. Background information on the goals, purpose and recommendations of the study and subsequent watershed Management Plan (Plan) is available on our website (<http://www.clarklakewi.com>). The study was an outcome from the 2002 survey of CLAA members, in which you overwhelmingly directed the Board to pursue actions to maintain or improve Clark Lake water quality. Your CLAA Board of Directors and CLAA general membership approved the Plan at the 2007 Annual Meeting, with actions from the plan summarized below:

Designate north end of Clark Lake, Logan Creek and other areas identified by UWSP within Clark and Lost Lakes as "critical habitat" or "sensitive areas" and provide protection to these areas:

- Clark Lake, Logan Creek and Lost Lake were surveyed by UWSP in 2006 for areas that contain Critical Habitat. Areas considered critical habitat are important for wildlife, plants and are areas that fish use for spawning and foraging. The areas add to the aesthetic beauty and increase the water quality of the lakes and creek. The survey identified sites which have recently been designated as critical habitat by the Department of Natural Resources.
- Designate north end of Clark Lake and Logan Creek as "no-motor" by requesting creation of ordinance by Town of Jacksonport and place buoys to identify the north end of Clark Lake as "no-motor" sensitive area. Jacksonport recently passed a no-motor ordinance – **see the enclosed map.**
- Designate shallow areas (less than 4 feet) in the north end of east bay and along the state park as "slow no wake" by requesting creation of ordinances by the Towns of Jacksonport and Sevastopol and place "no-wake" buoys in the north end of east bay, and along the State Park. The towns approved ordinances in 2007 – **see the enclosed map.**

Promote voluntary inspection of septic systems around lake area.

- The CLAA requested the Door County Sanitarian advance the timing of the septic system survey in the Clark Lake area.

Provide information to CLAA members, watershed residents and lake visitors on actions which can be taken to improve Clark Lake water quality, upgrade

informational signs at boat ramps and beach, implement a Clean Boat/Clean Water program to prevent further introduction of aquatic invasive species, and re-survey CLAA members on topics of interest.

Develop protection plans for important areas to water quality around Clark and Lost Lakes and Logan Creek, and take an active role in monitoring development in the watershed.

These actions are either underway or will form the basis for work efforts during 2009 and 2010.

2009 MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Directors will meet at the Jacksonport Town Hall on May 9, June 6, July 11 (8am), August 15, and September 19 to conduct lake business. Meetings start promptly at 9AM, and are open to all members. Our **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **July 11 at 9AM** at the Jacksonport Town Hall. Agenda items for the Annual Meeting include discussion of the watershed management plan, results from the 2009 survey, election of several lake directors and much more – please join us. The **picnic** will be on **July 18 at the Jacksonport Lakeside Park**, with fun starting at 11AM, and food served at Noon. More details to follow. The annual golf outing is scheduled for September 6, with the fall dinner scheduled for September 19. Please join us at as many events as you can.

WEBSITE:

Please use (<http://www.clarklakewi.com>) to keep updated on lake news. Please forward updates to the website to Kirby Bouthilet at kbouthilet@yahoo.com. Lawrie Kull and Kirby will be distributing this Annual Letter and other key correspondence from CLAA to those who have provided their e-mail address. Please keep Kirby and Lawrie updated as you change your e-mail address. Thanks.

SURVEY:

One of our most important jobs as lake directors is to listen to your issues and concerns. Our recent watershed study and management plan are largely the outcome of your feedback shared in a 2002 survey. To update key issues around the lake we are enclosing an updated survey. Please complete (**by JUNE 1**) and forward your response to Dave Udell at 5608 Trails End Court, Sturgeon Bay, WI. 54235. We will report on the results at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

INVASIVE SPECIES:

We know that Zebra mussels are in Clark Lake. We now also have an invasive plant (phragmites) expanding its range along the far northeast side of the lake. A work party in late-September (led by Dave Udell) worked to control this invasive plant. We will monitor the effectiveness of that effort and may attack these plants again during the fall, 2009. To help us prevent the introduction of other, potentially even more dangerous aquatic invasives, please help us establish a Clean Boat/ Clean Water program for Clark Lake. If you can donate your time by watching our west shore boat ramp, please contact Lawrie Kull. Or, in the alternative, help us hire local high school students to watch the

boat ramp by **making a tax deductible donation** to the Association. We'll give you an update on our Clean Boat/Clean Water program later in spring.

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(as a reminder, tear off and put with monthly bills)

2009 ANNUAL DUES & UPDATES:

2009 Annual dues were established by the CLAA general membership at the 2008 Annual meeting at an affordable \$20 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 (1 vote per home/cottage). Please take this opportunity to join the Association by forwarding your dues to:

Lawrie Kull, 5296 West Shore Drive, Sturgeon Bay, WI. 54235 .

Please forward any changes in ownership, address, phone and e-mail address (optional) directly to Lawrie. We will update our website with this information, and will be publishing an updated directory in the near future.

SWIM BEACH TESTING:

2008 marked the fifth consecutive year that water samples were collected weekly during summer at our Clark Lake public beach for e.coli bacterial analysis. All samples were below the level for concern, and were well below the beach closure level.

LAKE HISTORY:

Please forward any pictures, stories and other historical memorabilia regarding early days on Clark Lake to Kirby (kbouthilet@yahoo.com) for possible posting on our website.

LOST AND NEW MEMBERS:

Lake members who left us this year are:

- Clarence (Chubby) Doleysh – 5546 Butts Road. Chubby was a long-term resident of the lake, and enjoyed fishing and other water activities with his family and friends. We will miss his positive attitude, and his trumpet music.
- Marion Lovering – 5251/5257 South Lake Drive. Marion was the wife of Paul Lovering, and mother of Paula DeGroot, 5308 West Shore drive.
- Sam Gilberto – 5466 West Shore Drive. Sam enjoyed year-round for at least 10 years, and will be missed by his family, friends and neighbors
- Naomi Roeker - 5508 West Shore Drive Extension
- Ruth Pribek – 5226 Grady Road. Ruth (Broderick) Pribek and her family have enjoyed the lake for over 67 years.
- Lee Morbeck – 5608 Clark Lake Drive. Lee was on our board for 12 years, and enjoyed the lake for more than 30 years.


Please remember them in your thoughts.

Moved Away:

- Gary and Sandi Cashmore – 5526 Butts Road
- Dolores Moschea – 5720 Clark Lake Drive



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

- Tim & Nancy Hermann – 5526 Butts Road
- Bill and Sue Oldenberg – 5720 Clark Lake Drive
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Please join me in welcoming these new neighbors to the lake.

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

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