

CLARK LAKE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION WINTER/SPRING, 2010

When I started this letter in early March, we were in the midst of another classic winter, with lake ice more than 2 feet thick, and ice fishermen driving all over the lake. Whew, did that change fast, with full ice-out on March 21-22. Lake level is normal/high for this time of the year, with the majority of the level control boards back in. Heads up to folks who have not visited their cottages since December – the mid-December ice/wind storm was hard on trees -don't be surprised by tree tops/whole trees down from that storm. We experienced the cycle of life over the past 6months, with the loss of our dear friend and neighbor, Tom Cassidy last October, and the birth of our first grandson (Kasey Baker) on March 12. Hopefully Kasey will be able to enjoy the fishing, water sports and solitude of Clark Lake as he grows up. We have much to report, so here we go.

2010 MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Directors will meet at the Jacksonport Town Hall on May 8, June 5 (location TBD), July 10 (8am), August 14, and September 18 to conduct lake business. Meetings start promptly at 9AM, and are open to all members. Our **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **July 10 at 9AM** at the Jacksonport Town Hall. Agenda items for the Annual Meeting include a report from DNR fisheries staff on the health of the Clark Lake fishery, reports on recent Wisconsin legislative actions including: shoreland zoning; phosphorus in lawn fertilizer; and invasive species rules. We will also **elect several lake directors**. Please join us. The **picnic** will be on **July 17 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 5, with the fall dinner scheduled for September 18. 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.

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 and along the north shore of east bay. For the second year, a work party in late-September worked to control this invasive plant. We will monitor the effectiveness of that effort and may attack these plants again during the fall, 2010. With even more invasive species in Lake Michigan and Green Bay, it is important that we clean and drain our boats prior to launching. Equally important is that the Town of Sevastopol maintains the fish screens in place at the dam, to prevent invasive fish, such as the Asian Carp (forthcoming) and fish with the VHS virus from destroying our Clark Lake fishery. We will continue to stress

the importance of proper placement of these screens with the Town. This topic remains a top priority for your board.

Wisconsin enacted several new regulations/laws to help in our effort at controlling invasive species. NR40, enacted late year, identifies invasive species and prohibits introduction into Wisconsin. Act 55 prohibits the transport of invasive species on or in boats leaving lakes or just traveling down the highway. Enforcement officials can stop vehicles whether there is reason to believe that invasive species are on or in boats. Water tanks and live-wells must be emptied on shore before launching on a lake, because water in these tanks can hold invasive species. More details on these new regulations will be available at the annual meeting.

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2010 ANNUAL DUES & UPDATES:

2010 annual dues remain 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.

CLARK LAKE DAM:

Based on my long term observations of deterioration of several areas of the dam, I called the Dam Safety Engineer at DNR to get his opinion on whether the condition of the dam required any action. The DNR Engineer inspected the dam, and, based on his inspection, ordered the Town of Sevastopol to perform repairs to the west side of the dam, remove trees that had grown up adjacent to the dam, and to add rip rap to the western portion of the inlet to the dam. The town of Sevastopol engaged an engineering company to design the necessary repairs, and, after DNR approval of the proposed repairs, the Town moved forward with the repairs. The repairs were completed by the end of 2009, at a cost of about \$45,000. The costs were apportioned between the Towns of Jackson port and Sevastopol, and were not part of the town budgets for 2009. The repair work was completed in a professional manner, and the condition of the dam is now consistent with DNR recommendations. We appreciate the speed at which the DNR and Sevastopol worked to correct the identified problems - THANK YOU.

SWIM BEACH TESTING:

2010 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.

SCHAUER PARK:

You may be following the efforts of Door County to develop a boat launch at Schauer Park. The CLAA Board has not taken a position of support or opposition to this effort. To address issues important to Clark Lake, I sent a letter to the County and our two townships stating that studies need to be performed to confirm that any blasting of bedrock would not open crevices linking Clark Lake to Lake Michigan, and that a plan be in-place to prevent aquatic invasives from “hitch-hiking on boats leaving Lake Michigan and subsequently launched in Clark Lake. We will continue to stress these two points in our discussions with the County and local townships.

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:

- Tom Cassidy – 5522 Clark Lake Drive. Tom was a life-long resident of Clark Lake, with his family having deep roots in the area. Tom was a director on the Board, and he volunteered in lake efforts such as the watershed monitored effort, picnic, and many more. We will miss Tom, and wish his family the best in these times.
- Betty Cook – 5544 West Shore Drive Extension. Betty was the mother of Merle Cook, a long time resident of Clark Lake.
- Grace Bagnall – 5574 West Shore Drive Extension. Grace was the wife of Bill Bagnall, and sister-in-law of Barbara Howard.

Please remember them in your thoughts.

Moved Away:

- Mae Zimmerman, Gilert & Mabel Shoemaker – 5395 Erdmann Drive.
- Fred and Darlene Kirch – 5300 West Shore Drive.
- Henry & Denise Feider – 5331 South 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:

- Jim & Candace Krimer – 5745 N. Cave Point Drive
- Donna Rippia – 5745 N. Cave Point Drive
- Paul & Dorthy Zimmerman – Erdmann Drive vacant lot
- Doug & Jayne Latreille – 5300 West Shore Drive
- Jason Summers & Rachel Hesprich – 5331 South Lake Drive
- Todd & Stefanie Burke – 5526 N. Cave Point Drive
- Andrew & Carrie Kutz – 5395 Erdmann Drive
- Phillip & Melissia Klink – 5395 Erdmann Drive
- Tom Donovan – 5650 Clark Lake Drive

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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