

## **CLARK LAKE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION SPRING/SUMMER, 2011**

Our Clark Lake Advancement Association (CLAA) has a special anniversary – we just turned 50 years old – stay tuned for special events celebrating this important milestone. When I started this letter in late February, 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. As evidence that spring is indeed here, we had full ice-out on April 11 – the latest ice-out in a long time. Lake level is normal for this time of year. We have much to report on, so here we go.

### **2011 MEETINGS & EVENTS:**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS**

Directors will meet at the Jacksonport Town Hall on **May 7, June 4 (at Whitefish Dunes State Park conference room), July 9 (8 AM), August 13, and September 17** to conduct lake business. Meetings start promptly a 9 AM, and are open to all members.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for **July 9 at 9 AM** at the Jacksonport Town Hall. Agenda items for the Annual Meeting include a report from the Door County Zoning Department on their efforts to update the Door County shoreland zoning rules in accordance with NR115. DNR folks will review the recently enacted pier rules and more. We will also elect several lake directors. Please join us.

#### **CLARK LAKE PICNIC**

The picnic will be on **July 23 at the Jacksonport Lakeside Park**, with fun starting at 11 AM and food served at noon. More details later.

#### **GOLF OUTING & FALL DINNER**

The annual golf outing is scheduled for **September 5**, with the fall dinner scheduled for **September 17**. We are also scheduling a lake-wide rummage sale weekend – stay tuned for more details. Please join us at as many events as you can.

### **INVASIVE SPECIES:**

We know that Zebra mussels are in Clark Lake. We also have an invasive plant (phragmites) expanding its range along the far northeast shore and along the north shore of East Bay. For the third year, a work party in late-September 2010 worked to control this invasive plant. We will likely attack these plants again during the fall of 2011. With even more invasive species in

Lake Michigan and Green Bay, it is important that we clean and drain our boats prior to launching and upon removal from the lake. Equally important is that the Town of Sevastopol maintain the fish screens in place at the dam to prevent invasive fish, such as the Asian Carp (forthcoming) and fish with 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 NR40 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 when 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 because water in these tanks can hold invasive species.

### **CLARK LAKE DAM & BOAT RAMPS:**

The Town of Sevastopol added security fences around the dam last year and is adding “No Trespass” signs around the dam to prevent access to the dam. The town is also in the process of obtaining state approval for adding signage and barriers to prevent boats from entering the inlet channel to the dam. We are monitoring this effort and may engage in the DNR approval process. The Town of Sevastopol in an effort to protect the concrete on the west side boat ramp closed off this access point for winter use. We understand they did this without prior DNR notice and approval, and are now responding to DNR letters and inquiries. The ramp is back in service. The Town of Jacksonport was granted a permit from the DNR to repair the east side boat ramp and will likely perform the repairs sometime this year.

### **SWIM BEACH TESTING:**

2010 marked the fifth consecutive year that water samples were collected weekly during summer the 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 Bouthilet ([kbouthilet@yahoo.com](mailto:kbouthilet@yahoo.com)) for possible posting on our website.

### **Website:**

Please use (<http://www.clarklakewi.com>) to keep updated on lake news and events. Please forward updates for the website and email address changes to Kirby Bouthilet ([kbouthilet@yahoo.com](mailto:kbouthilet@yahoo.com))

## **LOST AND NEW MEMBERS:**

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Lake members who left us this past year are:

- Ginny Broderick – 5226 Grady Road. Ginny was the wife of Jim Broderick, a life-long resident of Clark Lake.
- Gayle Orloski – 3709 E. Town Line Road. Gayle was the wife of Arnie Orloski.
- Claude Michael Bechtel – 5544 Quiet Cove Lane. Claude was the son of Barb Bechtel.

Please remember them in your thoughts.

Moved away:

- Randy and Allison Nesbitt – 5321 South Lake Road.
- Peder and Vicki Culver – 5520 W. Shore Drive Ext.
- Dick and Peg McKinley – 5376 W. Shore Drive
- Lou and Diane Haller – 5512 W. Shore Drive Ext.

The building of new cottages/homes and turn-over of cottages/homes to new owners continues at a fast pace – new lake land owners since our last annual letter are:

- Mark and Patty Weisse – 5666 Trails End Court.
- Daryl and Kathy Kapalin – 5280 West Shore Drive.
- Dick and Anne Egan – 5321 South Lake Road.
- Mike and Kristen Doyle – 5520 W. Shore Drive Ext.
- Craig and Megan Darling – 5376 W. Shore Drive
- Wayne and Dorothy Krall – 5512 W. Shore Drive Ext.

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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## 2011 ANNUAL DUES & ADDRESS UPDATES

2011 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 the 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, and phone directly to Lawrie. Our website will be updated and a new directory will be published this summer. Please complete survey.

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## 2011 E-Mail Survey

As we make an effort to be more efficient by using the internet for communication with members, we would like your feedback on the following:

1. Do you have an e-mail account? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If "Yes", please answer the remaining questions.

2. Please print your email address here:
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3. Can we use this e-mail address for official CLAA communications, such as the annual letter, information on the annual meeting, annual picnic, golf outing and fall dinner, and other notices? (This would be in place of the mailed annual letter and paper flyers we presently use.)

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, but I want printed copies as well \_\_\_\_\_

4. Can we include this e-mail address in the printed membership directory?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5. Can we include this e-mail address in the membership directory as posted on the CLAA website?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please sign below and mail with your dues payment in the enclosed envelope to Lawrie Kull, 5296 W. Shore Drive, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235.

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Name

Lake Address

