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CLARK LAKE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION WINTER/SPRING, 2013

Wow – a classic Door County winter, with the lake well frozen, with cross county skiers and snowmobiles enjoying the deep snow and fishermen using the lake. This year, we're publishing a winter/spring newsletter and a summer/fall newsletter to keep folks up to speed on lake activities.

2013 MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Director meetings are at the Jacksonport Town Hall on May 4, June 1, July 6 (8am), August 10, and September 28 to conduct lake business. Unless otherwise noted, meetings start promptly at 9AM, and are open to members. Our **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **July 6 at 9AM** at the Jacksonport Town Hall. Agenda items for the Annual Meeting include a presentation by Steve Leonard, Ridges Sanctuary and election of several lake directors. The **picnic** will be on **July 20 at the Jacksonport Lakeside Park**, with fun starting at 11AM, and food served at noon. Check the website for details. The annual golf outing is tentatively scheduled for August 17, with the fall dinner scheduled for September 14. On September 7 we will be holding our sixth consecutive "Phragmites Fest". We are also planning another lake-wide rummage sale weekend – if we can find two volunteers to organize it. Please join us at as many events as you can.

2012 ANNUAL DUES & UPDATES: Please see page 4.

WEBSITE:

Our website (<http://www.clarklakewi.com>) is available for keeping current on lake activities, including a buy/sell section for CLAA members. Please forward website updates to Kirby Bouthilet (kbouthilet@yahoo.com). Check out the new "Lost/Found" and "**Volunteer Opportunities**" sections – **learn how you too can help.**

VOLUNTEER HELP:

Our lake association is successful because of the care and interest of volunteers in maintaining and improving conditions on Clark Lake. Your CLAA board can't do it alone – we need additional volunteers to help on 2012 lake activities, such as the rummage sale, goose control, picnic and phragmites control.

INVASIVE SPECIES:

We continue to battle the invasive plant (Phragmites) along the far northeast shore and along the north and west shores of East Bay. A work party in early September 2012 made good progress towards controlling this invasive plant – our work party is scheduled for September 7th this year – please help us in this effort. To prevent bringing more aquatic invasive species (AIS) into Clark Lake, or moving AIS from Clark Lake into other lakes, please remember to clean and drain your boat prior to launching into and upon removal from the lake. It is also crucial that the Town of Sevastopol maintains screens and bar racks in place at the dam to prevent invasive fish from getting into Clark Lake. We will continue to stress the importance of proper placement of these screens with the Town.

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CLARK LAKE DAM & BOAT RAMPS:

The Town of Sevastopol, with financial support from Jacksonport and a \$2000 CLAA contribution is replacing the west side boat ramp with a concrete ramp. **Please see the website for updates – the latest schedule shows the new ramp being installed in mid-May. This work will necessitate taking the ramp out of service for perhaps 5-7 days.**

SWIM BEACH TESTING:

Water samples were collected weekly during summer at the Clark Lake public beach for E. coli bacterial analysis. 2012 results were within guidelines, improved over 2011.

GOOSE CONTROL:

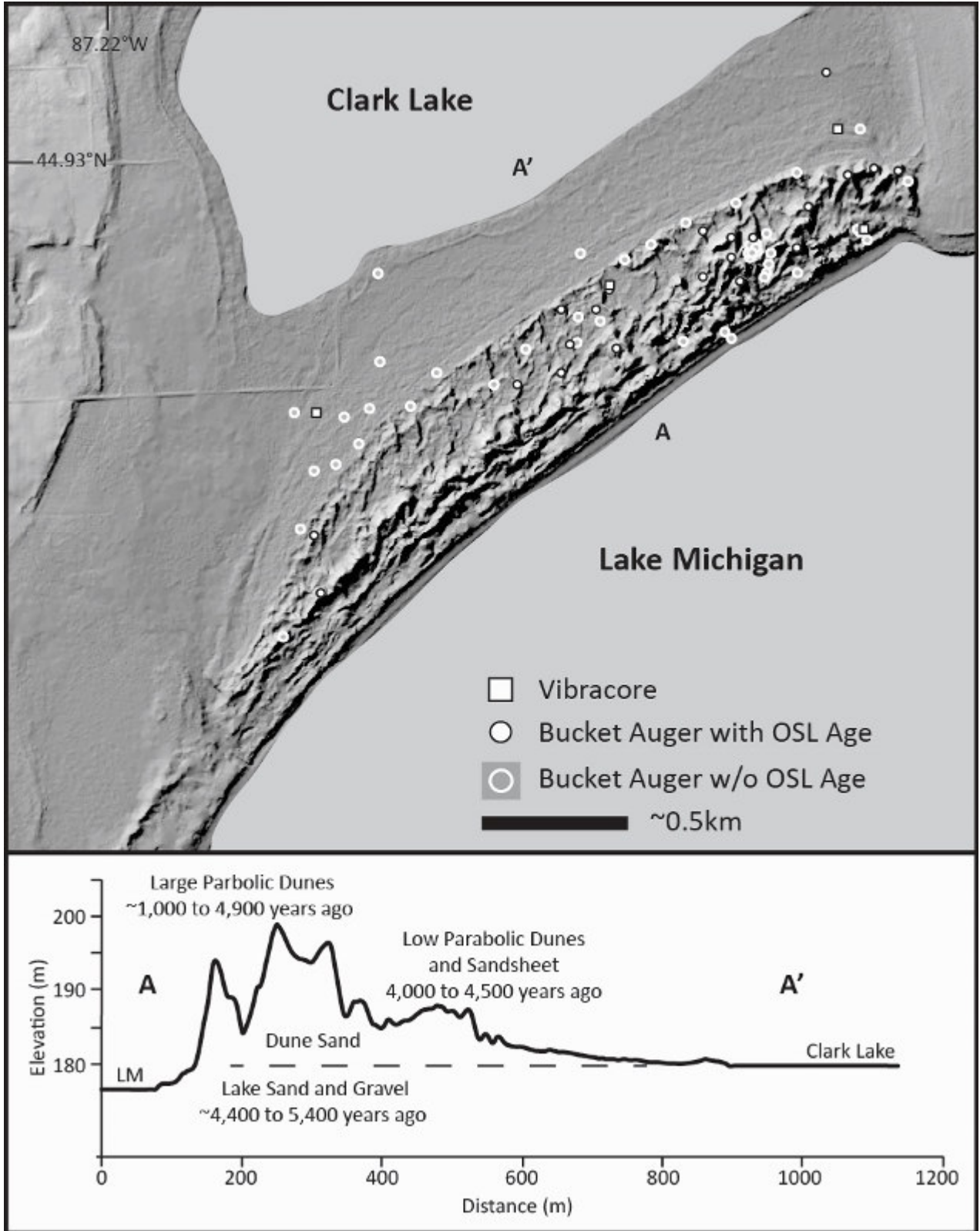
At the 2012 Annual Meeting, CLAA voted to control the goose population on Clark Lake. High population levels are impacting our bulrush population, and contribute to higher than normal E-coli levels at the swim beach. Geese also impact lawns, docks and rafts around the lake. CLAA received a permit to oil goose eggs this spring. We will oil the eggs in a number of nests around the lake, which should help control the goose population. **Please see the volunteer tab on the website, to help us.**

LAKE HISTORY:

We're making progress on collecting historic photographs and other history of Clark Lake. 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. During 2013, Mike O'Brien (CLAA Director) will be interviewing people around the lake to document previous times on the lake.

Further back, how long has Clark Lake been a lake vs. a bay of Lake Michigan?

To help answer that question, over the past three years, faculty from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, the University of Nebraska Lincoln and the Wisconsin State Geologic and Natural History Survey have worked on a National Science Foundation (NSF) sponsored project to study dunes and other shoreline features in Door County. This project was part of NSF's Research Experience for Undergraduates program and included training students in earth science techniques. Students worked in Whitefish Dunes State Park to study how the Dunes and lake sediments that isolate Clark Lake formed over the past several thousand years. See the following figure for sample locations and the age of the dunes. Based on these results, the barrier that separates Clark Lake from Lake Michigan formed about 4.4 to 5.4 thousand years ago during a time known as the Nipissing Phase of Lake Michigan. Most of the large dunes that characterize the state park formed rapidly after that, although some of them were active until as recently as 1000 years ago. There are older shorelines that parallel the western shore of Clark Lake that Dr. Rawlings (UW-Platteville) hopes to study in the future.



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WALLEYE POPULATION:

Don Hinnenthal and several CLAA board members are talking with DNR fisheries staff and the Walleyes for Tomorrow organization about the walleye population in Clark Lake, and how best to enhance what appears to be a declining population of adult walleyes. The best approach to enhance spawning success appears to be adding a layer of small rocks to select existing walleye spawning reefs around the lake. Our plan includes identifying existing spawning reefs this spring, developing a plan to add rocks to these reefs, obtaining DNR approval, and seeking funds from Walleyes for Tomorrow to purchase the rocks. **Finally, we will be looking for volunteers next winter to place the rocks on the reefs.** The other, complementary approach towards improving the walleye population involves using a voluntary catch and release approach for large, adult walleyes. Please consider taking the small and large mouth bass home for eating vs. walleyes.

FORMATION OF A CO-OP FOR CLARK LAKE RESIDENTS:

The CLAA continues its efforts towards “Cooperative Purchasing”. This consists of the consolidation of similar individual purchases into a larger group purchase to achieve greater value at significantly reduced prices. The first application of the co-op is targeted towards the purchase of propane. If you are interested in participating in a propane co-op, and have not filled out the survey, please fill out the survey on our web site:

<http://www.clarklakewi.com/surveys> by June 1, 2013.

If you do not have access to the internet but would be interested in participating, please call 920-948-8167 for the survey. Please watch the Clark Lake website for other co-op possibilities, such as garbage/recycling pickup, holding /septic tank pumping, and more.

LOST AND NEW MEMBERS:

Lake members who left us this year are:

- Jim Broderick. 5226 Grady Road. Jim was a long-time seasonal resident – living in the cottage that his father purchased. Jim enjoyed water sports on Clark Lake, and snowmobiling during the winter. He loved the lake, and spent much time boating and fishing with his children and friends over the years.
- Mary Helen Moeller. 5474 West Shore Drive. Mary, sister of Bob DeFaut, grew up on Clark Lake, moving away during her adult years. She continued to enjoy the lake during her visits with Bob.
- Glenn Peotter. 5461 N. Cave Point Dr. Glenn was a seasonal visitor to the lake.
- Winifred Plantico. 5470 West Shore Drive. Winifred was a seasonal visitor to the lake for many years.
- Fran Schneider. 5258 West Shore Drive. Fran was a seasonal visitor to Clark Lake, along with her husband, Bob, and children. Fran enjoyed the beauty and solitude of the lake.
- Charles G. Timmesch. 5490 West Shore Dr. Charles was a long-time seasonal resident of Clark Lake.

Please remember them in your thoughts.

Moved Away:

- Jim and Debi Bashleben – 5543 Quiet Cove Lane.
- Walter & Bonnie Fuchs – 5539 Clark Lake Drive

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- Jim and Suzy Hlavacek – 5307 South Lake Road
- Eileen O’Neill – 5545 Clark Lake Drive
- Jim and Mary Petr – 5240 Grady Road.
- Jay, Janet & Barbara Sargent – 5579 Clark Lake Drive
- Steven Spindler – 5259 South Lake Road.

The building of new cottages and turn-over of old cottages to new owners continues, with our new neighbors as:

- Zieche Family Living Trust - 5543 Quiet Cove Road
- Tim J. Sr. & Kathleen Clifton – 5539 Clark Lake Drive
- Gregg & Susan Schuchhardt – 5307 South Lake Road
- Lisa & Lance Barnes – 5545 Clark Lake Drive
- Matthew & Heather Hafeman – 5240 Grady Road
- Scott & Julie Laufenberg – 5579 Clark Lake Drive
- Gerald & Vickie Dassler - 5259 South Lake Road.

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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2012 Annual dues & Updates: (as a reminder, tear off and put with monthly bills)

2012 annual dues remain at \$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), plus you are supporting CLAA’s efforts to maintain the quality of Clark Lake. **Please take this opportunity to join the Association by forwarding your dues by June 1 to:**

Paul Bouthilet, 3540 Fayette Lane, Green Bay, WI. 54311-7381. Please forward any changes in ownership, address, phone and e-mail address (optional) directly to Paul. We will update our website with this information.

Name _____

Lake address _____

Home (winter) address, if different _____

Lake phone # _____

Home (winter) phone # _____

E-mail address _____