

## **CLARK LAKE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION WINTER, 2007**

We had two “ice-overs” this winter, and the lake is currently frozen to a depth of more than a foot. We’ll see how long this lasts with the return to warm weather. Here’s an update on lake-related efforts underway.

### **CLARK LAKE WATERSHED STUDY:**

In previous Annual Letters, and at the 2005 and 2006 annual meetings, I’ve described the goals and objectives of our Lost Lake-Logan Creek-Clark Lake watershed study. This study started in 2005 and the field work concluded late in 2006. It’s time to translate the field work performed by UW-Stevens Point into a Watershed management plan with actions to meet the one of the goals of the study to maintain or improve water quality. Your CLAA Board of Directors approved the creation of a Clark Lake Watershed Management Planning Committee (Planning Committee) to take on the following tasks:

- Review UW-Stevens Point watershed study findings and recommended management initiatives.
- Consider identified threats to the long-term health of the lakes and streams within the watershed.
- Evaluate suggested management initiatives to balance resource protection with sustainable recreational use of the resource.
- Create a draft Watershed Management Plan.
- Represent the draft Watershed Management Plan to other stakeholders.

The Planning Committee has been selected to fully represent stakeholders within the entire watershed, and consists of a great mix of Clark Lake (7), Lost Lake (2), state and local agency (2), a representative from the Jacksonport and Sevastopol town boards, and other local stakeholders (3). A total of four planning sessions will be held in April and May to accomplish the above tasks. We have an independent facilitator to keep us on track.

My intent is to keep all of you up to speed as the Planning Committee moves forward through letters such as this and by referring you to Planning Committee meeting notes which will be posted on our website as soon as possible after each meeting. In addition, several draft reports have already been posted on the website – I urge your review of those reports to get a better understanding of the work performed and of potential recommended management plans. We will be holding a special meeting for all Clark Lake folks to present the recommended watershed plan – I’ll publish the date and location later in spring. The recommendations from the watershed management plan will be reviewed by the CLAA Board, and as appropriate ratified prior to bringing them to the full membership for approval. Your active and engaged participation will help us successfully move through this next phase of the effort, and create a workable watershed management plan. Thanks in advance for your help.

## **2007 MEETINGS & EVENTS:**

Directors will meet at the Jacksonport Town Hall on May 6, July 7, August 11, and September 15 to conduct lake business. On June 9, the CLAA Directors will meet at the Whitefish Bay Dunes State Park Meetings start promptly at 9AM, and are open to members. Our **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **June 30 at 9am** at the Jacksonport Town Hall. Agenda items include presentation of the draft watershed management plan for ratification of management initiatives by the general membership, election of several lake directors and much more – please join us. This will be your opportunity to vote on watershed management actions. The **picnic** will be on **July 21**, with fun starting at 1100, and food served at 1200. More details to follow. The annual golf outing is scheduled for September 2, with the fall dinner to be scheduled at a later date. Please join us at as many events as you can.

## **ANNUAL DUES & UPDATES:**

If you're not already a dues-paying member, dues are at an affordable \$15 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 . 5304 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 next year.

## **WEBSITE:**

Please use our website (<http://www.clarklakewi.com>) to keep updated on lake news, as important information is posted on the site. Please forward any updates to the website to Lainie at [lkuftrin@direcway.com](mailto:lkuftrin@direcway.com).

## **ZEBRA MUSSELS:**

It's no news that Zebra mussels are in Clark Lake. By now, I suspect most of you have seen the small invasive mussel attached to the bottom of your boats, piers, rafts and other structures in the lake. To help us prevent the introduction of other, potentially more dangerous aquatic invasives, please help us establish a Clean Boats – Clean Water program for Clark Lake. Clean Boats – Clean Water training will be held at the Whitefish Bay Dunes State Park on June 9 – please send me a note or e-mail if you are interested in helping the lake by volunteering a modest amount of time during the summer. We truly need your help now.

## **WATER QUALITY:**

2006 marked the fourth 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 Lainie [lkufirin@direcway.com](mailto:lkufirin@direcway.com) for possible posting on our website.

## **LOST AND NEW MEMBERS:**

Lake members who left us this year are:

- John Cook, West Shore Drive - Extension
- Delores Jackson, West Shore Drive
- Katherine Hinnental, Clark Lake Road
- Mary Garrity, South Lake Drive
- Myrt Walz, Weitemann Road
- Dorothy Fackler, Trails End Court – moved to Florida
- Bob & Dawn Janda, South Lake Drive – moved to Florida
- Mary Martines, moved to Ashland

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:

- Tom & Laura Yih, 5545 N. Cave Point Drive
- Shawn Hennigan, 5595 N. Cave Point Drive
- Wayne Semmerling, 5531 Clark Lake Drive
- John & Karen Claibourne, 5564 Clark Lake Drive
- Michael & Paula Morris, 5568 Clark Lake Drive (co-owners)

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

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