

Clark Lake Newsletter

May, 2023

A Note From the Editor

Welcome to the Clark Lake Association Newsletter!

This newsletter will be issued on a quarterly basis...November, February, May, and August. The intent of this newsletter is to keep lake residents informed of news and events happening within the Clark Lake community. Anyone wishing to contribute a photo or an article for the next newsletter publication should submit it to Terry Schneider at Carters2052@sbcglobal.net by August 1, 2023.

Welcome to Spring
from the Clark
Lake Association
Board!



Message Mark Weisse for details about becoming a Clark Lake Ramp Volunteer



Please sign up to be a Clark Lake Ramp Volunteer
Educate boaters how to preserve our lake and prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species
2 hour shifts are available every Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer.
Even one shift can make a difference.

Upcoming Events from the Social Committee

- 4th of July Boat Parade
July 4th Weekend - 7/2
- Kayak Poker Run - August
TBD
- Fall Dinner - 9/9
- Fire & Ice early Feb. '24

A Message from the Clark Lake Association President... Mike Brunet

Greetings:

This is our third Newsletter. Please take time to read the articles and announcements in this newsletter. I want to emphasize four main items:

The CLAA website - Clarklakewi.com, and the Clark Lake Facebook/Meta are two separate entities. The website is maintained and controlled by CLAA. The Facebook page is not part of CLAA. It is another source of information, but not controlled by CLAA.

Volunteer – This is your lake. The Board serves as your representative for Clark Lake. The Board provides various activities for the health and safety of the lake and fun activities for members, their families, friends, and neighbors to enjoy the lake and its valuable surroundings. But we cannot do it alone. Please get involved and give us a few hours of your time and talent.

Newsletter - CLAA is looking for historical items to highlight in the Newsletter. Please share items (articles, photos, stories, etc.) with Terry. Again, this is your newsletter.

Directory – To be published this summer, please review and update your contact information for safety and contact information. We rely on electronic communication more and more.

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A Message from the Clark Lake Association President

Mike Brunet

CLAA needs a new Board member to finish out Bob Fox's term (2024). Please let us know before election during the Annual Meeting in July. CLAA also needs a new chairperson for the Fish/Wildlife committee and a chairperson for the Lake Safety and Maintenance Committee. Please review the duties of the committees on our website, clarklakewi.com. CLAA, like Uncle Sam, needs you to step up and share your leadership abilities and talent to participate on the various committees. The Board members chair the various committees that preserve and protect Clark Lake and provide opportunities for members and non-members to participate in activities on and around Clark Lake and enjoy what we are blessed to have here in Door County. The Board members also plan and organize the events for you to create memories and get to know your neighbors.

The Board has planned a few great events for this summer for young and old – Annual Meeting July (with food and refreshments) (7/8), Boat Parade with Disk Jockey in July (7/2), Kayak Poker Run (need some volunteer docks and families to hand out poker cards) in August (TBA), and Fall Dinner (Leathem Smith) in September (9/9). These events are for CLAA families and friends so please participate in them. CLAA hopes use of the website and bulletin board will encourage more of our membership to participate in the many Association's Activities.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Summer. For those full time lake residents, please keep an eye on your neighbors' place and notify them of vandalism (mailboxes, mail), power outages, storm damage, etc. I am looking forward to being able to meet in person in and around Clark Lake this next year.

Mike Brunet

PARTY AROUND THE LAKE

**Come join us for the annual Clark
Lake 4th of July Boat Parade...**

Sunday, July 2nd

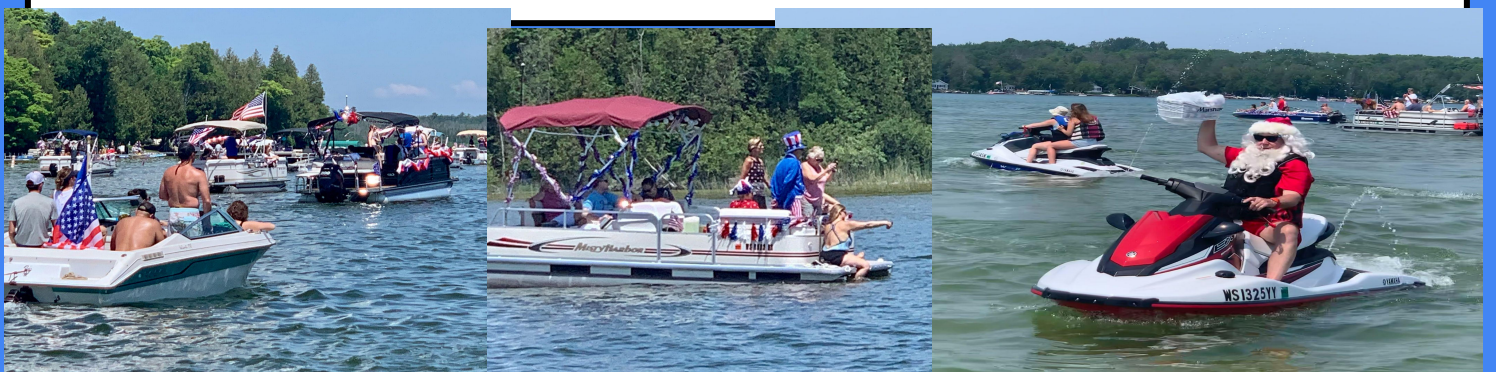
1:00 – 3:00 PM

**Meet in front of the public
beach area**

**DJ with song requests during the
parade**

(Phone number to call will be released day of event)

(Rain date: July 4th)



Lovely To Look At

By Mark Weisse

Meet Meadowsweet and Steeplebush

Both of these can be seen at the native plant demonstration at the west side boat launch. They were purchased from a local nursery and planted in 2020 for under \$50 each.



Each goose deposits between 1 and 2 pounds of waste per day.

Start with these shrubs and add colorful native flowers for an attractive and enduring natural barrier to our friends from Canada.



Meadowsweet (*Spiraea alba*)

Neither can tolerate shade, or compete well with larger shrubs; they tend to fill in gaps or openings where it is not crowded.

They form a dense, low hedge at the lakeshore edge, blocking nuisance Canada geese from shore access.

They are also an important erosion control shrub at the land/water interface on banks where each reduces the energy of splashing wave action and ice push.



Steeplebush (*Spiraea tomentosa*)

New This Year!!!



Kayak Poker Run On The Lake...August 12th (Rain Date: August 13th) **Time and Starting Point TBD**

**Prizes Awarded for the
Winning Hands**

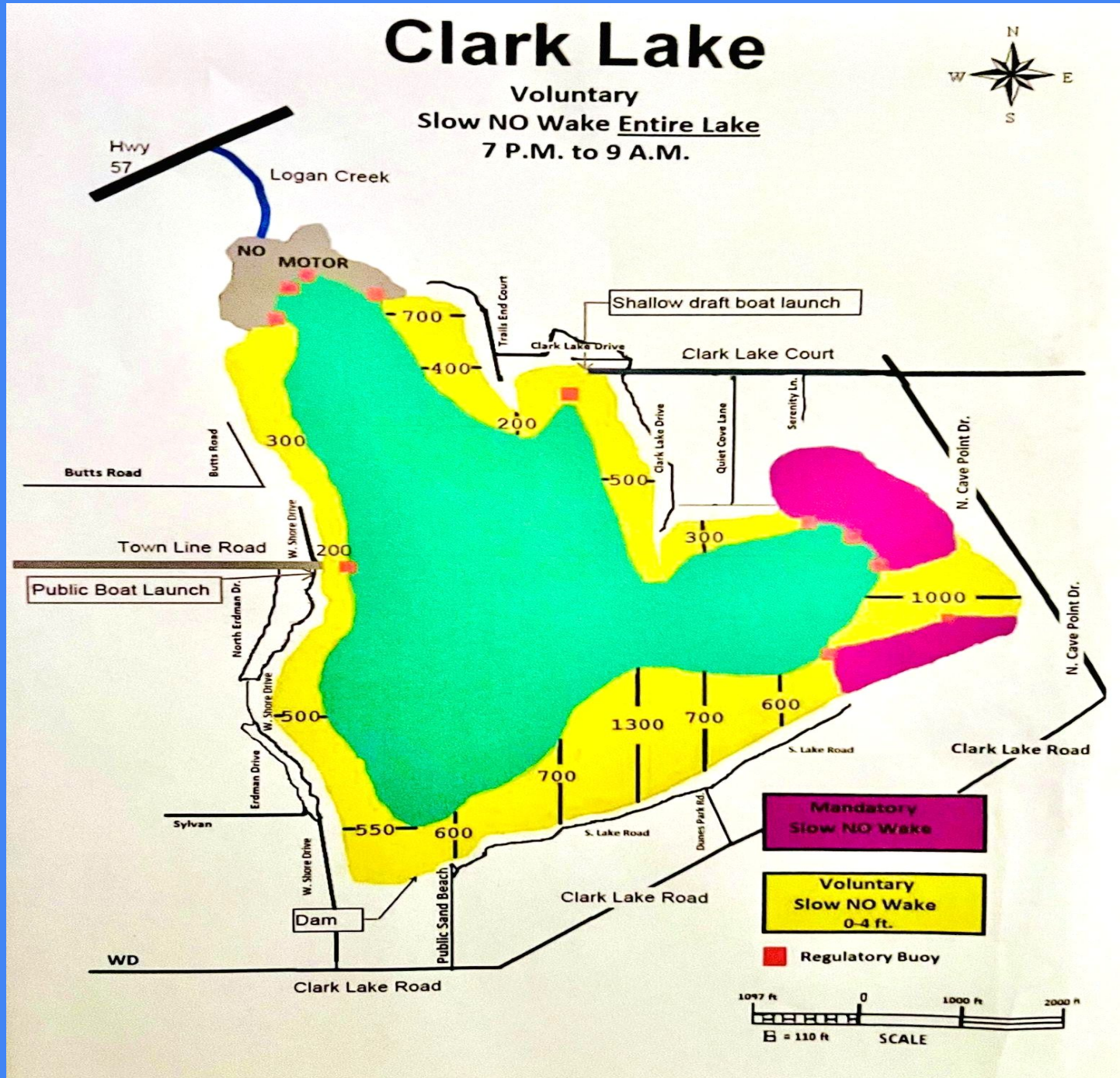
**Open to all families and
friends on the lake! Sign
up the day of the event!**



Etiquette On The Lake

By Terry Schneider

Please take note of the buoys placed around the lake. They are placed there to indicate water depth and to protect delicate vegetation along the shoreline. When using motorized watercraft vehicles, please respect the **NO WAKE** zones along the shore of the lake. Please remind your visitors and guests to follow the procedures so that Clark Lake is a safe lake for all to use.



Holiday Fireworks On Clark Lake



Those of us who live on Clark Lake are very lucky to see some of the best firework shows in Door County. Each year the show becomes more spectacular! However, small children and pets can be easily disturbed by the sudden loud noises. Please be considerate and present your display during the assigned time given to you when receiving your permit. The Clark Lake Board does not have the authority to handle complaints regarding firework displays. Any complaints must be directed to the Door County Sheriff's Department.



Please consider volunteering for the Clark Lake Association...

- Help put in The Ridges dock
- Monitor the West Side Boat Ramp
- Assist in maintaining Bulrushes
- Help with the Kayak Poker Race

Contact:

<https://clarklakewi.com/contact-us/>

Clark Lake Volunteer Spotlight

By Mark Wiese

WQVC Volunteer Testimonial

Leslie Goulet

WQVC volunteer: Bulrush mapping, Bulrush density, Buffer Buddies support, demonstration site planning, installation and maintenance, boat parade and WQVC committee member. Also a fish sticks host.



“So glad that Mark asked Charlie and me to help him count bulrushes a few years ago. Seemed crazy, but it was fun.

Now I see how important our shoreline vegetation is. Plants protect the delicate BENTHOS which keeps the lake bottom in place. Without a healthy lake bottom, fish cannot lay eggs or find food.

Since Pat Canney (CLAA Fish committee) installed FISHSTICKS on our shore we have 100s of panfish to watch.

We've stopped pulling rocks and bulrushes from around our pier. It's like an aquarium now.

Hoping the crayfish and clams come back.

Thank you SOS for showing us how to Save Our Shores.”

Please join Leslie; watch the website, all member emails and Facebook for announcements about our programs and respond to requests for volunteers.

Mark Weisse patty62weisse@gmail.com

Annual Meeting/July 8th

Please attend the annual meeting at the Jacksonport Town Hall at 9:00 AM on Saturday, July 8th. This is an excellent time to update your personal information and pay your dues. The board is looking for members to fill vacant board positions and committees. Please consider filling one of these vacancies. We need a QUORUM to conduct annual business at this meeting. A meet and greet with refreshments and a light lunch will follow the meeting. See you there!



Facebook Page Clarification

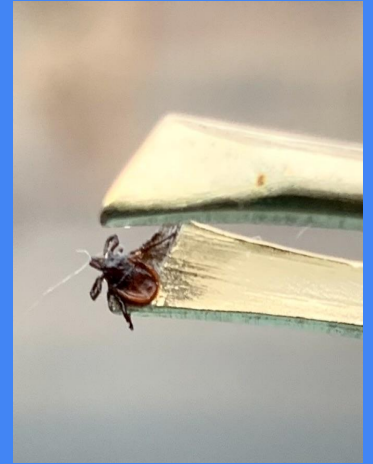
The Clark Lake Facebook page is for the purpose of exchanging news and photos around the lake. It is a local form of communication that connects neighbors around the lake. The Clark Lake Association does not use Facebook to post Clark Lake business. Please look at the menu on the web page for newsletter and event updates.

The website is: <https://clarklakewi.com/>

The Clark Lake board meets the second Saturday of every month...
May-October. All association members are welcome to attend!

Tick Attack

The most common tick found in Wisconsin is the deer tick, and nearly all illnesses spread by ticks is caused by this tick. The most common disease caused by this deer tick is Lyme disease. Most people who get sick from a tick bite will do so in late spring, summer, or early fall when ticks are most active and people are outdoors. In recent years, Wisconsin has experienced wetter and warmer climates, creating more hospitable conditions for ticks. Dogs can easily pick up a tick when moving through tall grass or wooded areas. It is probably a good idea to brush your dog before entering a home, even if they are treated. Ticks can easily latch onto humans, especially if your dogs sleep with you. If you find a tick embedded in you, carefully remove it with tweezers. If you experience symptoms associated with a tick bite such as a circular, red swelling, fever, or joint pain, seek medical attention!



Our Roads Are Our Sidewalks



Summer traffic is picking up on the roads around Clark Lake. Please **SLOW DOWN** and watch for pedestrians, dog walkers, and bicyclists. When walking dogs, please pick up your dog's 🐛. Remember, the side of the road is the sidewalk for those of us who walk our dogs.



Fall Dinner... Save The Date!



Fall Dinner... Saturday, September 9th

Leathem Smith Lodge

Social Hour at the Tiki Bar...5:30 PM

Dinner...6:30 PM

(Weather Permitting)

Dinner...\$35

Early Bird sign up...\$30

Meal will include plated salad with family style tenderloin tips
and chicken

- sides included

Sign up will be early August...Reservations due by August 25th

Looking Back To The Past...

The first area settled on Clark Lake was in the far northwest corner of the lake. The following letter written by Jane Ries was found online and explains the early origins of the Hall-Ries cottage off of Butts Road.

Clark Lake History
2/1/05
Letter from Jane Ries 4/28/01

Dear Mr. Defaut

You are an ambitious man to do a history of Clark Lake. Thank you.

I have not answered before because I do not have a directory, which I thought I could use in talking about the cottages on Butts Road. So, until I receive one, I'll just tell you about the cottage I own (5558 Butts Road).

It was built in 1919 by my great uncle Edward Bohman. He used the dance floor from the resort behind our cottage (and it's still our living room floor in good shape). He built it as a hunting cottage 24' x 24'. After his wife died, he sold it to my father, D. M. Hall, and my uncle-in-law George Kosek. I heard the price was \$1500 (1927). In the early 50's, George Kosek's widow (my mother's sister) sold their half to my father. He had the electricity and well put in and made the front porch area part of the living room and the side porch area into a bedroom. Later he added a bathroom, dining area and bedroom on to the back of the cottage. In the 60's, he gave the cottage to my sister, Mary A. Hall, M.D., and me. Then, when my sister died in 1983, I inherited her half. I have been enjoying the place since 1927 when our Hall and Kosek families came up from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In 1945, my dad sold his factory in Cedar Rapids and moved to Casco to run an apple orchard. Since then, the Hall and Ries families have continued to enjoy it. My husband, Peter J. Ries, died in 1993, but my sons Peter M. Ries, M.D., and John H. Ries, and my daughter, Ann Ries Harrison (Mrs. Kent) and their families still use and love the place. Fortunately, my son, Peter, has the same home address I do in Casco and the other 2 families live in Door County.

I may be able to find some pictures taken on the beach during the 30's and 40's and maybe I can fill in some background about the cottages near mine. To the north were the Meyers and Niblocks and Butts, and to the south were Moreau's, Pfeffers, Beduhn and Schinemels. Let me know if you want me to "dig" a little more and I will look for some pictures. Good luck with this enterprise!!

Sincerely,

Jane Ries

P.S. I remember crossing the bridge in Sturgeon Bay from Sawyer to Sturgeon Bay. It was a toll bridge when it was first built and we paid the 10¢ when we crossed it – and never crossed it again until we had to go home. My mother wasn't going to waste a dime to shop in Sawyer!

