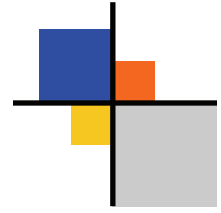




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Moen Lake Chain Association Newsletter



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Winter is beautiful! Ain't it the truth? I hope you're enjoying it wherever you are. Welcome to your Association's '05 winter newsletter.

I normally don't start a newsletter with an apology but there were a couple of errors in the last issue and I would like to correct them. First, we dropped a line or two at the end of the middle column. This was probably the result of transmitting the body of the newsletter electronically and it was missed in the re-read. More importantly, the Pallagi's are not Joel and Sue. Their correct names are Gabe and Jeanne. Whew! Sorry folks.

NRI 15

The fifth, and hopefully the last, draft of the committee formed to recommend changes to NR 115 (Shoreland regulations) was held in Stevens Point on November 16. The resultant draft is ready for inspection. You can access the draft via the internet at: <http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/dsfm/shore/archives/jan05meeting.htm>

The committee hopes to present the final draft to the Natural Resources Board in April for permission for public hearings in April, May and June. After fine tuning, it goes back to the Board for approval to go the legislature. Whew!

PROTECTING OUR LAKES

This is the second in the short series on our lakes and shorelands. Our properties border the lakes and have wide ranging influences on their health. Lakes are unique and will never be duplicated. This series concerns itself with the multiple reasons why we must keep them healthy. For example:

- A. Good water quality can add up \$200.00 a front foot to the value of a property. (Michael, et al, 1996)
- B. A properly managed shoreline can add a like amount.
- C. In the year 2000, Wisconsin tourism revenue was \$9.97 billion. Lake activities (all water related) accounted for the largest percentage of it.
- D. The recreation industry accounts for over 60% of the economic activity in Vilas County.
- E. In 1994, Korth, reported in *Lake Tides* that natural beauty and peace and quiet were the principal reasons for individuals to purchase lake property.
- F. 90% of those surveyed for the *Northern Initiatives* were concerned about shoreline development.
- G. 80% of 12,000 miles of Wisconsin lakeshore is held privately (DNR, 1997)
- H. There has been an increase in lakeshore development of 216% in northern lakes since 1965 (DNR, 1996).
- I. In the last 30 years, shoreland development has surpassed that of the previous 100 years and is expected to double in the next 10 years! The DNR expects that ALL of the privately owned shoreland will be developed by 2015.



TROLLING FOR HISTORY

John O. Moen (the "O" is thought to be Oscar) was born September 9, 1847 in Norway, son of O.T. and Gure Moen. He emigrated to the United States in 1866 and ultimately arrived at a farm in Portage county. During his employment there, he was introduced to logging. After a period of time, he moved to Nelsonville, Wisconsin where he remained for 18 years. It was here that he became professionally involved in the logging business. During his stay in Nelsonville, he traveled to Oregon and Washington for short periods, studying the logging practices of the northwest.

In 1887 John Moen moved to Rhinelander where he bought shares in the Wisconsin Veneer Co of Rhinelander, ultimately becoming Vice President. Mr. Moen eventually became President of the First National Bank and was instrumental in the development of the city of Rhinelander. Among many of his credits was a directorship in the Rhinelander Refrigerator Co

He married Mattie Iverson, a Wisconsin native. The marriage resulted in 3 children: Hannah, Gunda and Oscar.

Because of his large land holdings with other partners in the North Pelican River basin, it was decided to name a lake in his honor—Moen Lake. Thanks John!

MORE ON MOEN LAKE

Last Fall Donna and I had the good fortune to meet with Bruce Hintz, the then owner of the Pine Valley Resort. The resort has since been sold and the new owners have probably taken occupancy by now. However, we gained a great deal of history in that short visit (Much of what follows was in the Rhinelander Daily News in May and June of last year).

In 1921, the Schlitz Hotel on the south end of Brown Street (which, incidentally was later owned by my father-in-law, Harold E. Gilley, who ran it as a bar and boarding house for many years and currently is known as "Our Place") along with acreage on the south end of Moen Lake was sold to Chicagoans Fred A. Risberg and Carl Ellison. They built cottages and a very large pavilion. In keeping with the times, dances were held regularly in the summer, many of which were "black tie and tails". The resort was named the Moen's Park Gardens and was very popular. In 1926 a Selner water slide was constructed. It provided a 100 foot slide into the lake. Much later, the resort continued expansion with more cottages and a large lodge with eating facilities. The dance pavilion was changed to a recreation hall. You can still see the imprint of the shuffleboard markings on the floor.

Fred Risberg retired in 1943 and ownership of the resort passed to George Kane who renamed it Kane's Moen's Lake Lodge and continued the traditions that made the resort famous. Tom and Dorothy Neal purchased and managed the Lodge as Pine Valley from 1960 to 1968 when it as sold to Gene and Joy Ziegenbein, who currently live across the road from the resort. The resort has fallen on hard times in trying to modernize and meet municipal codes. Half of the cottages are now up to code. There are great pictures in the Daily News article. Spend some time at the library and look back in history.

Walter E. Gager
President

WORMY THOUGHTS TO FISH BY:

- Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
- Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
- Never miss a good chance to shut up.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
- If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.

Dues for the Moen Lake Chain Association have remained the same for years—only \$20. If you wish, you can pay your dues now by sending them to:
Bob Wilkins
3786 Port Aurora Road
Rhineland WI 54501

THE ANNUAL MEETING

of your Association will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday July 9, 2005. Location not yet firmed up. The meetings are never long, plan to come.

We need a volunteer from Moen Lake and one from the middle lakes to assist Donna Gager in water quality things. Any takers? Call 369-9142, talk to Donna or leave a message.

Have you ever asked your neighbors about joining your Association? If not, why not do it? Great rewards from a small effort.