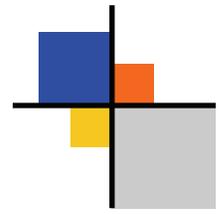




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# Moen Lake Chain Association Newsletter



Spring, 2008

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was a winter to remember in Milwaukee. We have received over 90 inches of the white stuff. I couldn't even see out of my den/office window it was piled so high. Last November I was hoping for a good snow cover this winter. I guess the old saying "Be careful what you wish for..." holds true.

Sailing ahead, members and nonmembers are invited to attend the annual meeting on July 12th at the Pine Valley Lodge to hear John Kobisiak from the DNR fisheries section present the results of last years fish survey on the chain. We thank George and Nancy Schroepfer for their hospitality. Also, elections will be held for President, Secretary and board members.

A volunteer appreciation gathering for Clean Boats/Clean Water is tentatively scheduled for June 28. Watch your mail for details. These folks did a lot on our behalf. How about you?

Swimming forward, Linda Wilkins, our current secretary, has been the Association secretary for at least 10 years, serving during my seven years plus those of Wally Kunde and Greg Moyer. Linda has been an active participant in several of our programs. She and Vicki Houston got the Clean Boats/Clean Water program off the ground. The Newsletter goes to each of you through her efforts. She has attended every board and annual meeting and recorded the minutes meticulously. Linda's enthusiasm is infectious. She has influenced everyone around her to believe in what activity is in progress at the time.

Thank you Linda for your very active support and encouragement over the past ten years of the Association's growth.

As president for seven years, I have been surrounded by active, enthusiastic supportive individuals. MCLA is a viable, growing organization. I encourage all property owners to become members and support the new officers and board. Thank you all, it's been great.

In reference to the Newsletter, it will continue with me as editor, but in an effort to economize, we would like to send the Newsletter via e-mail. We promise privacy. We will never share your e-ddress with anyone. For those that do not have an e-ddress, snail mail will have to suffice. We will ask you for your e-ddress on July 12th.

On another tack (get it?) the "Float-nic" will be held in the center of Moen Lake on August 10, 2008 at 1:00PM. August 17 will be a rain date.

Jibing (heh, heh) into another subject, this summer we are launching the "Adopt-a-Shoreline" program. Since all of us already inspect our property regularly, if we would record that inspection for debris, erosion and alien species and complete a simple report, we will be able to justify the grants we apply for. When Kathy Winkler calls for volunteers for the boat launch site times - sign up for the Adopt-a-Shoreline. A more complete description of the program, a sign up sheet and the simple records will be available at the annual meeting. Watch for a special mailing.

## YOUR MLCA OFFICERS

President—Walt Gager—369-9142  
Vice Pres. — Pete Boettcher—369-9267  
Treasurer—El Felton—369-0662  
Secretary—Linda Wilkins—369-5511  
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Cal Weck—369-9065  
Tom Cutler—920-338-1553  
Sue Ohman—369-1480  
Jim Pederson—369-3420  
George Schroepfer—369-0505

## WORMY THOUGHTS TO FISH BY: (FROM CHURCH BULLETINS)

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on Water". The sermon this evening "Searching for Jesus"

Don't let worry kill you off, let the Church help.

The Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. (please use the back door)

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?". Come early and listen to our choir practice.

## BE AWARE

Don't be a "sediment jetter"! Wha's zat? Well, it's really a kind of dredging! Many folks have complained about the deep hole just off the concrete spill way at the boat launch site. That deep hole is made by "sediment jetter's". When the day's done, the fish caught and the boat returns to the launch site, they back the trailer into the water.

The next step is nosing the boat onto the back end of the trailer and then giving the motor full steam forward which causes the bow of the boat to rise up on the trailer and the stern of the boat to sink deeper into the water. The prop wash blows the lake bottom into the lake and forms a sandbar 30 or forty feet out. In the case of the Moen Lake launch site, the lake bottom there is now down to the gravel and even that is being blown out into the lake.

Well, now, lit's not just the launch site where this is occurring. Boats taking off from shallow shoreline waters pulling a skier or just blasting out for a ride are stirring up lake bottom.

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Why should we be concerned about this practice? According to Jim Grafelman\*, from the DNR, 90% of the lakes' productivity takes place near the shoreline. Blowing away the lake bottom's surface sediment removes the microscopic animal and plant life that lives there. This in turn removes the foundation of the food chain. Plants and other organisms die and our bottom feeding friends lose their source of nourishment. The result is a sterile lake bottom plus, the re-suspended sediment gets into the gills of fish causing illness and/or smothering smaller fish. Once the lake bottom is disturbed, you can never get it back.

The lesson here is to motor away from the shoreline slowly until you have reached a depth where the propeller can't stir up the bottom. For folks pulling skiers, stay at least 200 feet from shore (that's the law). Also, remember that the state has a 100-foot no-wake zone near shore (200 feet for personal water craft). Lastly, if you are considering doing sediment jetting on purpose to deepen the your shoreline, don't—it's against the law. Penalties range from \$500 plus court costs to \$10,000 per each day of violation.

\*Paraphrased from "Living on the Lake", July/August, 2007

**FYI\***

The Three Lakes Waterfront Association spent \$12,100 on 414 hours of officer patrol, with 157 contacts and 25 citations written. TLWA has 6,000 owners and 41% (414) members, 3% (50) volunteer for Clean Boats/Clean Water duty and 3% (40) volunteer for Adopt-A-Shoreline. Eagle River has 11 Associations on their side of the chain and they spent \$80,000 in 2007 to clean up AIS!

\*From the TLWA Newsletter

Are you a member? Dues Paid? Got the Annual Meeting on your calendar (July 12, 2008)? Are you a volunteer? Contact me if you wish to have your name removed from the mailing list. And related, do any of you have a new neighbor that would like to become a member and receive this Newsletter?

**TRIVIA CONTEST**

C'mon y'all, Let's have a few guesses. Am I making them too hard? Tsk,Tsk!

Here are the answers to the winter quiz:

1. What is A. A. Fair? Earl Stanley Gardener's pen name
2. Who was Woozy Winks? Plastic man's partner
3. What were the names of Popeye's nephews? Pipeye, Pupeye & Poopeye
4. Who (not the computer) was the first Mac? Charles Atlas' ad weakling
5. Who was the athlete that scored 100 points against the N. Y. Knicks in March, 1962? Wilt Chamberlain! (I knew you knew that)
6. What hotel received the first Gideon's Bible? Superior Hotel, Iron Mountain, MT
6. The first motorcar used in the USA by a police department was in Boston, MA in what year? 1903

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Then, here are the Spring Trivia challenges:

1. The name of Steve Allen's wife was?
2. The milk bottle was introduced by N.Y. Echo Farms Dairy Co. in what year?
3. Who was Margo Lane?
4. What country manufactured the first commercially produced cigarettes?
5. The song "Dipsy Doodle" was the theme song of whose orchestra?
6. How many Oscars did Walt Disney win?
7. The name of Dagwood Bumstead's boss was..?

**ANNUAL MEETING—JULY 12**

Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Pine Valley Lodge  
Speaker: John Kibisiak, DNR fisheries

**JULY 12, 2008 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER - Walt Gager  
Treasurers report: El Felton  
Secretaries report: 7-12-07 minutes - Linda Wilkins

MCLA Board Positions to be filled-  
President—Walt Gager  
Secretary—Linda Wilkins  
Board of Directors members—  
Sue Ohman and Tom Cutler

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Fish stocking/cribs: Lenny Gescheidle
2. Water Quality: Donna Gager
3. CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATER: Dan Kuzlik and Kathy Winkler
4. Channel markers: Lloyd Richmond and Cal Weck

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Float-nic 1:00PM August 10, 2008, middle of Moen Lake
2. Newsletter - suggestions ?

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Adopt a Shoreline Program
2. Loon Watch Program
3. Volunteer appreciation gathering
4. New committees - need member involvement

**ELECTIONS:** Nominations: President, Secretary, two BOD members

2009 ANNUAL MEETING - JULY 11, Put that date on your calendar.

**ADJOURN**

**UPCOMING SUMMER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

What effects can we expect from our recent drought?

What is a "Spiny Water Flea"?

NR115, Where are we now?

Review of recent new pier regulations.

Answers to the Spring Trivia quiz. A guffaw or two.

Walt Gager  
President

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**MOEN LAKE CHAIN ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

Rhineland Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to serve on the Moen Lake Chain Association Clean Boats Clean Water Committee

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Moen Lake Chain Association  
c/o Linda Wilkins  
3786 Port Aurora Road  
Rhineland WI 54501

Yearly dues are \$20.00