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**On January 1, 2010
Annual Dues: \$20.00
Mail to:**

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4182 Shady Lane
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54501**

ANNUAL MEETING:

**10:00AM, JULY 10, 2010
PINE VALLEY LODGE
3980 LAKE SHORE DR**

ELECTRONIC MLCA NEWSLETTER

The **FIRST** electronic mailing of the MLCA Newsletter (in grand *Technicolor*) was successfully launched. The winter issue was sent by our talented Secretary, Bonnie Montgomery. This is the first time that we have been able to provide color economically. Former newsletters were printed in black and white because of the cost of the color print. We now send the N.L. to 140 members (from 387 property owners). The Association continues to grow. Thank you all for your support.

This spring Newsletter is sent to ALL property owners annually. We're always looking for new member signups. Can we entice some of the future members to join now? I hope so. Annual dues are only \$20 every January first. In order to achieve our mission we need every voice with thoughts, comments, direction and active participation. Please join and be part of YOUR lake's future. **All** property owners are invited to the annual meeting. Come see, you might be pleased.

If you are a member or a future member and want to receive the Newsletter electronically but haven't given us your address, you may send it to Bonnie or to me anytime. Your address will NEVER be released to any organization. Personal privacy is number one. You also will have an opportunity to register it with us at the annual meeting on July 10, 2010 at Pine Valley Lodge - 10:00 AM. Come early, register, have a cup of java and pastry and speak your piece.

WHAT'S INSIDE?

-Part 2 of the series "**Ground Water**"

-This year we invite anyone to attend our "**Clean Sweep**" program beginning prior to the annual business meeting at 8:30 AM .

See the article by our Kathy Winkler in this issue for details.

-Clean Boats/Clean Water and Adopt-a-Shoreline news.

-Our **speaker** this summer is MLCA member and author **Victoria Houston**. Ms. Houston is gifted writer and speaker and will discuss her books and how she became a successful novelist. .

-Participate in the Newsletter naming **contest** for prizes. See details.

-A summary of the current new Shoreline Development rules (**NR115**)

-What are the new **Slow-NO-Wake** rules?

-Become a "**Loon Ranger**"

-In Memorium

GROUND WATER

(Part 2)

In the winter N.L. we talked about ground water, ground water flow, water tables and polluted water runoff. So, what is the relationship of ground water and land use? Surface water becomes subsurface ground water and carries its pollutants with it. Underground liquid storage tanks (gasoline, oil, etc.) can leak, landfills can leach contaminants, chemical spills (fertilizers, pesticides, etc. - pinpoint sources), as well as intentional or non-intentional) dumping of liquid waste plus others. All can affect water quality.

The quantity of water is mostly impacted by enlarging communities. The pressure of well installations increases the demand for water and natural subsurface ground water flow is interrupted. Aquifers are depleted and the remaining water supply can become contaminated because the normal water flow is altered by loss of shoreline plantings that normally slows the flow and allows absorption and filtration. Impervious surfaces (buildings, roads, driveways, parking lots, etc.) increase with development and the natural absorption of surface water flow is decreased and the pollutants enter lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands. Three things happen:

1. Groundwater recharging decreases.
 2. Flooding increases.
 3. Pinpoint source pollutants affect downstream water quality. Polluted runoff now affects 40% of our streams, 90% of our inland lakes, many coastal waters, and much of our groundwater.
- This leads us to the question of what should we and can we do about it? Consider the following article. These rules are not meant to penalize but protect our natural northern environment.

NR115

The last Shoreline Development Rules change was in 1968. On Nov. 13, 2009 new rules were enacted and will be official this spring. These new rules will protect our rivers and lakes and allow property owners more flexibility on how to handle their land. The rules are intended to reduce runoff pollution by limiting hard surfaces. These surfaces are limited to 30% of

the lot. Owners can keep buildings they now have. The standard 75' setback from the water is unchanged. Only when a major change in a structure is planned will the new rules kick in, ie: remodel/expansion and surface paving. Spending limits on existing "non-conforming structures within the 75' setback is gone. Expanding a structure in the setback area is now allowed. Vertical expansion is possible if currently 35' from the water. Expanding the "footprint" of a non-conforming building closer than 75' to water is possible but will require mitigation to offset the environmental impact, eg: eliminate some grass, adding plantings, construct rain gardens, etc. Individual counties will develop their own mitigation guidelines.

The new standards are meant to limit the total amount of impervious surfaces (roofs, pavement and decks). This limitation applies to properties within 300' of lakes or rivers. They do not relate to existing owners unless major changes are proposed that cover more land. If the impervious surfaces do not exceed 15% of the total lot size, there are no limitations. If changes proposed are between 15% and 30%, mitigation would be required for a permit. Minimum lot size requirements remain at 10,000 for lake frontage of 65' if served by a sanitary sewer and 20,000 sq. ft. for 100' of lake frontage NOT served by sewer. For more information contact Gregg Breese or Kathi Kramasz, Shoreland Team Leaders at: 608-261-6430.

MURKY WATERS

On a blackboard an English Professor wrote this sentence:

"Woman without her man is nothing"

Then asked his students to punctuate the sentence correctly.

Men wrote: "Woman, without her man, is nothing"

Women wrote: "Woman! without her, man is nothing"

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Board member Tom Cutler has been charged with creating and chairing a Long Range Planning Committee. The Association needs to look at where we are today and where we will be tomorrow and beyond. The Committee's mission is "find/develop methods that ultimately help (the Association) preserve/restore the lake system and habitat". Future challenges must be met with anticipation and we must be prepared. This committee will have an important impact in the future for all property owners on the chain. Tom Cutler welcomes at least three (or more) volunteers from both the membership as well as from future members. All property owners have a vested interest. Step up, contribute and feel good about yourself and YOUR lake.

BECOME A "LOON RANGER"

A lead jig is swallowed by a fish. The fish is ingested by a bird (loons, eagles, osprey, etc.). Dead bird. Loons are the most at risk. Tackle is made from alternate materials. Loon Watch (northland.edu/loonwatch) maintains a list of businesses where substitute tackle can be found. Dispose of lead with the Haz/Mat folks. Become a "Loon Ranger". Monitor and protect our loons. Contact Mike Meyer PhD, Wildlife & Forestry Research, Rhinelander. 715-365-8858. or our website: moenlakechainassociation.org.

SPRING BOARD MEETING

The meeting was held on April 12. at the Gager home. Committee reports reviewed the past year and looked to summer activities. Dan Kuzlik reviewed our current grant application status. Kathy Winkler reported on activities for AIS monitoring. (see Kathy;'s communication on CEAN SWEEP next in this Newsletter). Dan Carlson was welcomed as the Chair of the channel markers committee. Newsletter Member and business advertising was discussed. The new (2010) Slow-no-wake law, shoreline protection (NR115) were updated.

WORMY THOUGHTS TO FISH BY

If pro is the opposite of con, what is the opposite of progress?
It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

CLEAN SWEEP

If you have ever wondered what those aquatic plants (or animals) are in your lakefront waters, now is the time to find out. Your Lake Association is sponsoring the first **CLEAN SWEEP to identify them for you on Saturday, July 10 beginning at 8:30 AM. at Pine Valley Lodge** before our annual meeting. Collect and place the sample of any water plant or animal you wish to identify in a Ziploc bag and a little water, with the following information taped or written with permanent marker on the outside: Name, address (permanent address if different), lake name and phone number. Bag contents will be examined and identified by DNRs Sandy Wickman and trained Association member volunteers. Aquatic plant and animal samples will be available for your examination. You will receive a list for your reference and the information will be logged to identify the plants and animals from the Chain.

NOTE: If you are not available on July 10, you can collect a specimens up to two weeks prior and ask a neighbor to refrigerate them in some water- or, you can call Walt Gager at 369-9142 to arrange for specimens to be kept after June 26 and/or to arrange to have them picked up if you cannot make the date.

A very interesting program, don't miss it.

CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATER (CB/CW)

Boat landing inspections will begin on May 1st through the 3rd week of Sept. Expect calls from Kathy Winkler seeking your help. Two hour blocks of volunteer time are allocated on Fri. 4-8 PM, Sat. 6 AM to 2 PM and Sun. 8 AM to 2 PM. If you are not trained, that can be accomplished by our Association, or if you prefer you can attend a free Oneida County program from 9 AM to Noon in Rhinelander on 5/14, or Minocqua on 6/11. Call 365-2750 for more information or to register. Our vounteers have had good experiences attended the boat landing. The training and monitoring are easy and the time pases quickly.

Contact Kathy Winkler at 369-1868 to volunteer. We need you!

ADOPT-A-SHORE (AAS)

This is the third season for this program. We ask each property owner to simply record the time you spend checking your own shore looking at plants, animals, weeds, water quality or anything unusual lurking about your dock or shoreline. Rake samples of water plants, collect snails or whatever interests you. Have them identified. Record the date and the amount of time spent. Every minute of time donated this way by owners provides matching volunteer hours required by state grants. Look for the explanation that will be sent to all property owners in May along with the form for recording your volunteer time. Even if you are a future member, Please help us with this important monitoring program. Call Kathy Winkler at 715-369-1868 with any questions about CB/CW, AAS; or CLEAN SWEEP. Be proactive!

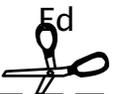
“GET THE LEAD OUT

Spring! Summer fishing season! Ah, the anticipation. Replacing lost lures, repairing tackle, removing lead tackle.....WHAT? Yup, lead is a poison for animals as well as for

humans. Think of it this way. A small lead jig is swallowed by a fish. The fish is ingested by a bird - dead bird! Loons are the most at risk but eagles, osprey, ducks and others are close behind. According to Marge Gibson of the Raptor Education Group, Inc. 15 bald eagles, and 5 common loons were treated for lead poisoning last year. X-Ray study of the Loons identified lead present in all. Sinkers and jigs are made from alternate materials like tin, steel, ceramics and more. Loon Watch (northland.edu/loonwatch) maintains a list of businesses where substitute tackle can be found. Dipsose of the lead @ Haz/Mat depot.

SLOW-NO-WAKE

The 2009 state budget included a revision of the S-N-W regulations for all lakes and flowages. In summary, Personal watercraft (PWF) must operate S-N-W within 100' of ANY other water craft and within 200' of shorelines. All watercraft must mind the 100' limit (including Islands). This includes the Pine Island channel on Fifth Lake! Be aware!



PENNANTS: \$11.00
(Mounting clips &/or posts at Shoeder Marine # _____ @\$ _____ TOTAL _____
See Casey

SILK SCREENED APPAREL: (Large MLCA logo on front with Red M and Black Chain)

ORDER (CIRCLE):	COLOR	SIZE	QUANTITY	\$\$\$	\$ TOTAL
Tee shirt:	GREY	YOUTH	13.00		
Long Sleeve Tee Shirt	WHITE	SMALL		16.00	
Crew Neck Sweatshirt	KHAKI	LARGE		23.00	
Hooded Sweatshirt		X LARGE		28.00	
		XX LARGE			

DARK COLORS:
REQUIRE DIFERENT MLCA LOGO COLORS
CHECK WITH METRO FOR MATERIAL & LOGO COLORS, PROVIDE LIZ WITH CHOICE FOR ORDER
**NOTE: METRO REQUIRES A MINIMUM ORDER OF 12 WITH THE SAME LOGO BEFORE PROCESSING DARK COLORS

MODIFICATIONS AVAILABLE:
LARGE LOGO ON BACK ONLY
SMALL LOGO ON FRONT ONLY
SMALL LOGO ON FRONT, LARGE LOGO ON BACK (EXTRA CHARGE PER SIRT): \$3.00
MAY REQUEST DIFFERENT LIGHT COLORED MATERIALS WITH STANDARD RED "M" & BLACK "CHAIN"
COLOR REQUESTED: _____ ORDER TOTAL: \$ _____

SEND TO: Liz Richmond, 1840 W. Placita del Zacaton, Green Valley, AZ 85614
HAVE ?? AZ:520-393-1967; WI: 715-362-3426 OR SALLY LATIMER: 715-362-1714

BE A WINNER

Names, names, it's all in a name. And what name do we have for our Newsletter? NONE! So, here's what we're gonna do - Have fun!

HAAAAVE A CONTEST!!!

Win prizes! First, Second and third place wins! You do NOT have to be a member (we hope you will be a future member) to enter and win.

First prize is \$50.00

Second Prize is \$25.00

Third prize is an MCLA cap and "T"

All you have to do is send a postcard or letter with your suggestion via USPS to:

MCLA Newsletter Contest
3302 W. Cottage Road,
Rhineland, WI 54501

Or: bonniesmetanoia@aol.com

There is no hurry but the sooner the better. The contest ends July 10. Judging will be announced and prizes distributed at the Annual meeting. (I've already sent in mine!)

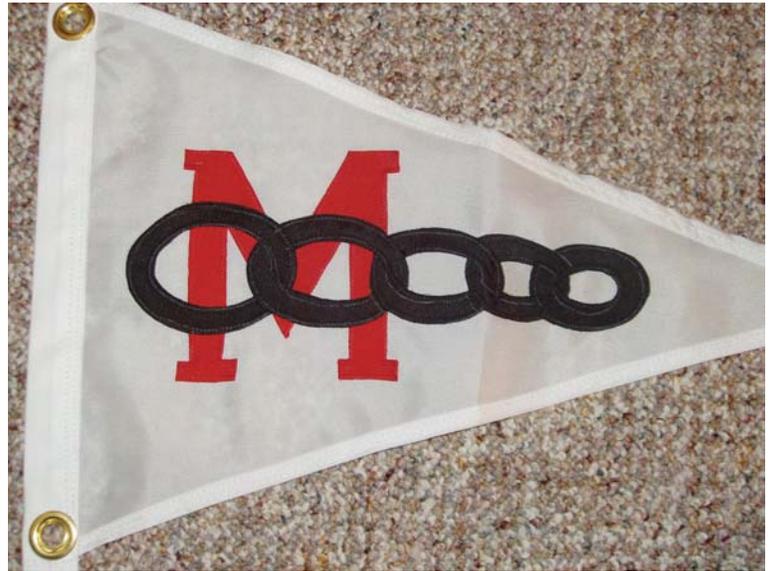
By the by, did you know that the MLCA pennant represents six lakes, not five?

As I close this Newsletter I want to thank all the volunteers and members of the Association for their time and support in so many ways.

Walt Gager

IN MEMORIAM

Sadly, Lloyd Richmond, a charter member of the Association, and an innovative voice, passed away on March 13, 2010. He will be missed. Lloyd was born on March 26, 1937 in Kansas City MO, graduated as an electrical Engineer from Princeton University and got an MBA from the University of Chicago. He & Liz lived in Northbrook IL. for 35 years before moving to Green Valley AZ in 1998. The Richmond family were Fourth Lake residents for many years. Lloyd & Liz met attending summer camp. Memorials should be directed to the Camp Deerhorn Scholarship Fund. ed.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS for USPS MAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

e-mail address: _____ DUES: (\$20) \$ _____

DONATION: \$ _____

NEW RENEW UNSUBSCRIBE

TOTAL: \$ _____

MAIL TO: EL FELTON, TREASURER, 4182 SHADY LANE, RHINELANDER, WI 54501