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Annual Dues: \$20.00

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4182 Shady Lane

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PICNIC: 8/14/11

3:00PM

ANNUAL MEETING:

10:00AM, JULY 7, 2012

PINE VALLEY LODGE

8988 LAKE SHORE DR

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**President's
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location.
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President Dan Kuzlik
Running a tight meeting

HAPPY SUMMER TO Y'ALL

Through the generosity of George and Nancy Schroepfer at Pine Valley Lodge our annual Association meeting happened on July 9. . Precedng the meeting Sandy Wickman, from the DNR, and Dan Carlson greeted anyone that brought an aquatic plant or living organism from our lakes for identification. They were happy to report that no Invasive Species were among the questioned items. To date, no invasive species has been confirmed. The rusty crayfish has been reported but not confirmed. In that vain, traps have been placed throughout the chain to see if one can be caught and it's existence confirmed. If any property owner should find a crayfish and desires identification, contact Sandy at the DNR or call Dan Carlson.

Turnout was good - 77 folks enjoyed the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company's President, Tom Kipp, describe the hlstory and function of the Wisconsin Reservoir System as it relates to our lake levels and our dam. We all learned a lot and questions were appropriate and answered.

The committee reports came after the treasurer's and minutes were approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CB/CW chair D. Carlson and coordinateer Kathy Winkler disccsed the results of the years efforts in combating AIS. Kathy requested more help in staffing the boat launch site. Our volunteers accomplished a lot but more help from anyone (members or nonmembers) would decrease the number of times that one would have to be there and would provide better hourly coverage. Call Kathy: 715-369-1868 to "enlist". It's an easy activity and you meet some of your neighbors and make friends.

Bill Disbrow, the Website Chair, requested more historical items and/or more of the "goings on" about the chain. Bill has done a terrific job and the site is spectacular. If you haven't visited it, please do!

Gary Berweger gave an excellent presentation on fish habitat and stocking. The DNR says our waters are healthy and so are our fish and there is no need for stocking. That was a revelation since I have subsequently read that the DNR has recently stocked millions of walley in a number of lakes. Guess those lakes just aren't as good as ours. He also spoke on the Loon Watch program. If any of you would like more info on loons, contact Gary.

Input concerning the Association's future direction and activities was requested by Vice President Tom Cutler as his Long Range Planning Committee attempts to round out the next five year plan. If you want to have input, call Tom.

The results of membership chair Sue Ohman's recent letter to all property owners was discussed. New members are sought. In order for the Association to be effective we need all voices to be heard. If you are not now a member, please consider joining. The dues are minimal compared to the benefits received.

Program and event Chair, Sally Latimer, announced the date of the summer picnic at Dan and Sally's house is to be August 14th at 3:00PM. Informaton from Sally (362-1714) or me (369-9142). Be there!

Dan Carlson reported on the channel Marker situation. He is seeking a grant to purchase new materials. The pipe straightener worked well but the pipes were so old and rusted they snapped when straightened.

A "Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Calvin Weck for "unwavering energy, dedication and hard work" for over 10 years as an active Board of Director member as well as managing repairing and maintaining the channel markers on the North Pelican Lakes #4 & 5.

During the course of the meeting some fourteen door prizes were given out. They ranged from fishing gear, including one complete rod and reel set, to food and other gift certificates. Sally Latimer gave one of her beautiful framed photographs and Bill Bisbrow gave a rare placard of Smokey Bear. Thank you letters were sent to all donors: Mels, Besseys, the Bait shop, the Fishing Hole, Casa REal, Judy's Twin Pines and Trig's. Thanks to all!



President Dan Kuzlik presenting Calvin Weck's Certificate



Presentation must be good-Dave Hanson



For our next lesson.....
Dan Carlson



Sally Latimer: "AREN'T YOU GOING TO BUY SOMETHING?"



DON MEVIS:"IT'S ALMOST OVER!"

TROLLING FOR HISTORY

THE TOWN OF PINE LAKE

(Paraphrased from "Oneida County, Centennial History Edition", 1987)

Pine Lake was created in 1903 from portions of the Town of Pelican and Newbold. The new town got off to a running start. Two schools were built that same year and by 1906 four more were opened. In 1940 the Tom Doyle school was purchased from the town of Newbold and moved to Pine Lake Road where the Pine Lake school was built. The Tom Doyle school still exists today in the Rhinelander Pioneer Park Museum. It is a fully equipped example of a one room school of the late 1930s and early 1940s. The first multiroom school was built in 1953 and enlarged in 1954.

The town's schools were merged with Rhinelander when a new school district or Cassian-Woodboro, Crescent, Pelican, Newbold and Starks consolidated.

In those early days the Town was made up of family farms and sawmills, with the principle occupation of logging. The first greenhouse was built by Alfred Wittrock on Shephard lake. The tourist trade offered much employment and recreation. The Hodag "50" Park was acquired from the Mike Burkhart estate.

In 1937 the Pine Lake Welfare Club formed. Its purpose was to aid needy families with financial help, medical/dental and vision problems. Later the club became the Pine Lake Woman's Club and it affiliated with the Federation of Women's Clubs in 1946. A familiar subsidiary of the Woman's Club was the Pine Lake Homemakers Club that existed for over 50 years.

In 1947 Boy Scout Troop, Samoset Council, was formed and led by Edmund Lund. Wife Doris Lund was the first woman to receive the Special Service Eagle Feather Award as a non-Boy Scout member.

Using a 1947 Ford "Pumper" the Pine Lake Volunteer Fire Department was started in 1976 with Jim Smoczyk as Chief.

Many well known early Pine Lake settlers served as Town Chairman over the years. Here are some of them: Hayford, Berstein, Papineau, Ulrich, Moore, Baudhuin, Skinner, Stranberg, Miller and Rhode. One town civil servant served as the Town Clerk for 42 years - Carl V. Peterson.

One of the Town's more famous individuals was former congressman Alvin E. O'Konski. He founded Channel 12 in Rhinelander.

When the Rhinelander-Oneida county Airport was

created, Pine Lake resident Robert Heck helped develop the site within the Town of Pine Lake.

The Wisconsin River runs down the center of the Town. The dam at Pelican Rapids forms several lakes within the Town. The largest non-river lake is Moen.

the Town of Pine Lake's geography is made of Kettles and Moraines, thanks to the receding ice. The Scenery is easy on the eye and the living is great!

(Note: The Town of Stells is scheduled for the Fall Issue of *Moenbeams*) ed.

PLAYBALL

It's that time of year. Some guy throws a thing small and round at an oak stick in hopes he will miss it. Guys running all around the area with other guys throwing the round thing trying to hit them - and they call it a game.

Here are some famous quotes from **Yogi Berra**:

- "So I'm Ugly. So what? I never saw anyone hit with his face".
- "Ninety percent of this game is half mental".
- "The other team could make trouble for us if they win".
- "Slump, I ain't in no slump, I just ain't hittin'".
- "Little league baseball is a very good thing because it keeps the parents off the streets".

And **Bob Uecker**: "The way to catch a knuckleball is to wait until the ball stops rolling and then pick it up"

READERS TURN

This feature was introduced in the Spring Issue of *Moenbeams* and has fast outstripped the non-responsiveness of my request for reader input. In short, I haven't heard from anyone. No pet peeves, questions, recommendations or statements of any kind. Are you out there? Don't you have any criticisms? Let's hear from you! Please note that you needn't be a member to participate. No names, only initials and/or NO ID will be in print. 715-369-9142 or wegager@pol.net or 3302 W. Cottage Rd. ed.

DEER AND YOUR GARDEN PLANTS

Flowers, shrubs, herbs and more - all subject to be a "salad bar" for deer, rabbits, mice and more. Control? What? How? When?

There are three ways to combat animal destruction of your landscaping. First is the design of the landscaping itself. Second is the use of repellants. The third is barriers. After these three, there is very little help.

Before approaching the three preventative techniques you should try to identify what animals you are dealing with. Assessing the type of damage you are experiencing will aid in the identification. For example:

- Deer nibble vegetation down to the plant base leaving jagged or torn surfaces on twigs and stems. Deer are night animals and feed in the early mornings and evenings. Usually near woodland area for cover and nesting.
- Their preferences include tender new shoots of woodland

plants, corn, apples, the bark of recently felled trees, moss, mushrooms berries pine cones, evergreens, day lilies and oriental poppies.

- Springtime creates the greatest appetites for the bucks. The adult Doe eats more heavily in the early fall before the rut.
- In general, deer do not like oak, maple, juniper, spruce and most pines (except young white pines and box elder). They will feed on cherry trees, yews, basswoods, burning bush, mountain ash, pear trees, balsam and arborvitae.
- Of the smaller plants, deer mostly avoid ajuga, columbine, English Ivy, periwinkle, begonias, and impatiens. Further, deer avoid plants that are sticky, aromatic or have "hairy" foliage.
- Rabbits or rodents, on the other hand, leave a clean-cut stem surface. The height of the damage is important. In winter the damage is under the snow. Mice and voles eat about the base of a plant. Higher damage, above the snow, may be from a deer or larger animal.
- If roots are "rooted" out you should suspect a squirrel, gopher or groundhog.

DESIGN the area with the animals that you have in the area in mind. Plants they don't like if you can find them, Difficult. Be aware of:

- Mulching: Garden mulch provides a warmer cover for burrows and runways in the winter and cooler surroundings in the summer. Be sure to keep mulch away from the base of the trunks of shrubs and trees. Keep 1' to 3' circle clear of vegetation about the base of trees or shrubs. Never clear this area mechanically, do it by hand to avoid damage to the fragile root structure. Mowers and "Weed Wackers" can damage a young plant severely. Pull weeds by hand. If your cottage or home is bordered by woods, a mowed border at the woods edge reduces pest cover.

PREVENTION

Noisemakers: chimes, bells, noisy windmills, waving plastic strips and radios turned to talk shows may offer some protection. A noisemaker may not work over a long period. They should be rotated when possible. Untrasonic devices advertised as effective may or may not be. There have not been any studies to support the claims

REPELLANTS: In general, Apply before buds open, apply before and after light rain, apply at time of planting, apply before browsing times and in temperatures above 45 degrees F. Cloth or burlap strips attached directly to plant stems and soaked with the product is most effective. Another way is to place stakes 2' to 5' tall 12" to 18" apart with saturated repellent around the perimeter of plantings. Still another technique, depending on the area to be protected, is to place a post with an X from on top covered with saturated heavy strips of burlap, cloth or rope on the X.

- **NATURAL:** Home remedies such as pepper, cat litter, human or dog hair, blood meal, moth balls, soap, feather meal, cougar dung and urine of humans, lions, coyote or wolves and lastly tabasco sauce are either impractical or expensive and must be applied constantly. However, if you must choose one of the above, the unwashed dog hair of a standard poodle seems to be the most (not great) effective. It can last up to four months before replacement. Place a fist full in mesh type bags or used panty hose. Place 2' to 3' off the ground. If you are going to use other hair, it should be unwashed and non-shampooed.

- Soap bars, with drilled holes, also can be hung from trees etc. 3' to 4' apart. The best are Irish Spring, Dial Sweetheart, Fels naphtha and Ivory. Remember that rabbits love soap.
- **CHEMICAL:** There are several available. Probably the best one for the northwoods is **Deer Away-Big Game Repellent**. It is more effective than *Ropel*, *Magic Circle* and *Hinder*.

BARRIERS: Expensive and possibly labor intensive.

1. Electrical: costly but requires little maintenance. Best for large areas or teach deer or large animals to avoid your area with a "peanut butter" Fence". Surround the area for protection with a strand of electric wire about 4" above ground, attach strips of aluminum foil with tape smeared with peanut butter every couple feet. A mild shock is received when licking the peanut butter and they learn to avoid that area. Cost is reasonable, some labor involved.

3. Regular fence barriers must be 8" high. Increase effectiveness by slanting the fence outward from the area for protection.

4. A thin nylon mesh strung on stakes over plantings is another way.

All of the recommended techniques are effective, to a certain extent. None are 100%. Happy protection!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

*"Warm summer sun,
Shine kindly here,
Warm southern wind,
Blow softly here....."*

Mark Twain

Although it is not chronologically accurate, I have always thought of Memorial Day as being the first day of summer, July fourth being the mid-point and Labor Day as being the termination of this wonderful season. Perhaps it is because being a professional educator, that is the typical school calendar version of summer time. So, now that I have become accustomed to 5 AM sunrises, 9 PM sunsets, the verdant greens of the forest, the sky blue waters of our lakes and the puffy white cumulus clouds floating lazily by in the heavens; I am saddened to become aware as I write this article, that we are entering the final month of my favorite time of the year. The good news is that August brings some of the most pleasant days of summer and great summer time fun still awaits us.

One of those fun events is the annual Moen Lake Chain Association summer picnic scheduled for 3 PM on Sunday, August 14, at my and Sally's home at 3571 County Road C in the Town of Stella. Bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair if you have one. Sally & I will provide beer, wine & soft drinks. See additional details, as well as driving and boating directions to our place on the MLCA website (<http://moenlakechain.org/index.php>). This is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with your Moen Lake Chain neighbors and enjoy a fun summertime party. We hope to see you all there.

Dan Kuzlik



If the world were a logical place it would be men that rode side saddle!



Judy & Keith Carlson – Comfy?



Membership chair – Sue Ohman



Web Master – Bill Disbrow



Who yelled BINGO?



WWIC PRESIDENT – TOM KIPP

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

RHINELANDER ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

e-mail address: _____

DUES: \$ 20.00

DONATION: \$ _____

TOTAL: _____

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