



Letter from the MLCA President

I hope you enjoyed the first spring newsletter we sent out in May! We had so much we wanted to share with you and needed to put out a Spring/Summer Part 2 communication.

In this edition you will read about the history of The Birchwood Lodge, we will be recognizing the support our members have given to the boat landing, and you will read more about how outside artificial light is affecting our birds and insects as well as your neighbors.

Our volunteers were able to get the channel markers in before the walleye opener. Thankfully the weather cooperated and they were able to safely put them out. This is hard work and their efforts are appreciated. If you notice a marker has been pushed off its designated spot this season, please reach out to Rocky Gust (248) 672-3247 asap.

Our annual meeting will be held at Twin Pines on Saturday, July 8 at 10:30 am. Join us to learn more about what is happening on the chain, meet your neighbors, and see what opportunities are available to help on the chain!
~ Nancy Sattler, MLCA Board President

Annual Meeting Reminder

Saturday, July 8, 10:30 am
Twin Pines
4051 Hwy County C
Please join us!

MLCA Membership Directory

A directory of all dues-paying MLCA members will soon be available. Keep an eye on your email inbox for an email with Directory information.

If you're not sure we have your email on file and you've paid your 2023 dues, please send your email with your name and lake address to [us here](#).

MLCA Merchandise



Photo: Julie Gust and Susan Broadbridge took advantage of the nice weather to have an MLCA merchandise sale at the Birchwood on the Sunday before Memorial Day.

A new shipment of apparel from Rhinelander's Metro Printing will be arriving soon. And a reminder, you can now also order MLCA apparel through Lands End. The MLCA logo has been uploaded and can be used on a variety of different items. Use

A useful guide for outdoor lighting

LIGHT TO PROTECT THE NIGHT

Five Lighting Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting

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1 Useful		Use light only if it is needed All light should have a clear purpose. Consider how the use of light will impact the area, including wildlife and their habitats.
2 Targeted		Direct light so it falls only where it is needed Use shielding and careful aiming to target the direction of the light beam so that it points downward and does not spill beyond where it is needed.
3 Low Level		Light should be no brighter than necessary Use the lowest light level required. Be mindful of surface conditions, as some surfaces may reflect more light into the night sky than intended.
4 Controlled		Use light only when it is needed Use controls such as timers or motion detectors to ensure that light is available when it is needed, dimmed when possible, and turned off when not needed.
5 Color		Use warmer color lights where possible Limit the amount of shorter wavelength (blue-violet) light to the least amount needed.

A History of The Birchwood Lodge



The task of summing up the Birchwood Lodge is a difficult one, especially when asked to be brief. When the dam was built in 1909, the Moen Lake Chain was primarily used for moving timber to sawmills, but as the land was harvested of timber, the Chain transitioned to residential and recreational purposes. The Birchwood Lodge was established in 1926 between Moen and Third Lakes by Charles Zizow.



There have been several owners since Zizow, and all have left a lasting mark. If you listen to the voices around the bar, you will hear the mention of Dick Stevens often. He ran the resort in the 60's and 70's and was known for his giant toboggan slide that launched young thrill seekers out on to Third Lake.

However, no individuals left a bigger mark than Larry and Barbara Worth. They tandem-owned the Birchwood from 1971 to 2005 and their fingerprints are all over the resort. Not only does their legacy include the property on the Chain, but across the community. Larry was involved in organizations in Rhineland including the Oneida County Board and Chamber of Commerce. His skill as a builder and talent in construction and woodwork can be seen in the bar today.

During some of his final years at the Birchwood, he leased the bar to Judy Koczka who operated the bar for many years. Her warmth and humor are also often spoke of among the clientele, as well as her daughter Cheryl, who now owns the Twin Pines bar.

If you sit down at the Birchwood on the right afternoon, you might hear even more history of the establishment. It has overcome the test of time and development of our shores and remained a resort. It is often described as "my bar" by so many patrons that feel a connection and history to its four walls. Hopefully there will be a resort, bar, and grill between Moen and Third Lakes for many years to come.

Tell us your story! We'd love to publish more historical memories of life on the Moen Chain. Send your brief

Channel Marker Update



Thanks to the volunteers who help place the channel markers on the Moen Chain! **Photos:** New volunteers John Hansis and Steve Michlig



helped with the buoys on Moen Lake and also the ones in the channel between Moen and Second Lake this spring. Don Broadbridge, Rocky Gust and Tim Grove helped with the rest of the chain.

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Moen boat launch repaired

Top: photo of Moen landing before repair.

Bottom: after the contractor fixed the concrete pad



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