

MUSKELLUNGE SUNSHINE GAL Judy Petersen

As I write this we have had Winter, Summer, and now a cool Spring. It's nice to see that the snow has vanished and the Spring greenery appearing.

A Get Well card was sent to **Ron and Justine Richards** for their speedy recovery. Both had hip surgeries on the same day and are back home recovering on Musky Dam Ln.

Frank and Dorothy Borkowicz on Evergreen Ln. celebrated their **65th** Wedding Anniversary, Feb. 8th

SOCIAL COMMITTEE Mimi Johnston

Although it feels good to be looking at Spring, many of us were drawn to the Winter Social Dinner. On February 4th a total of 49 people gathered at Eagle Waters, ate well and enjoyed catching up on all the news around the lake. Big winners, adding to the evening's fun were: **Gayla Newmeister** - the lake mug, cash winners **Ron Richards, Peggy Dosemagen, Beth Dunning and Gene Klingaman**. While our raffle winners were: **Janine Menden** and **Ruth Cerull** received a copy of a cof-

AERATOR Robert Hodkiewicz

After replacing the aerator pump in January, we had a very good year of running it. With the warm weather we were able to turn the pump off early in March.

Saturday, March 24, a perfect day, no wind, and warm, **Ray Rinehart, Dave Larson, Don**

2012. Congratulation wishes were sent to them. May they have many more years together!

Dave Masiakowski a long time resident of Muskellunge Lake and now resides at Milestone Senior Living in Eagle River, recently received a **Purple Heart** after waiting nearly 60 yrs. Local Veterans from Eagle River gave the presentation. A congratulation card was sent to Dave.

Please, If you know of anyone who needs a little Sunshine please let me know !

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fee table book created by **Bill Raboin** (filled with the many nature pictures he has captured of wildlife around our lake) **Evora Rappold** won a loon print by **Roberta Barg donated by Connie Maines, Jeanine Menden** won a \$40 gift certificate for the **Paint Bucket**, donated by the Maines and **Jeanine Menden** won a wonderful framed poem and sunset picture created by **Dennis Rydzewski**.

The social committee wants to thank all those who supported us, making this a special evening.

DeCastaker, Frank Borkowicz, Dave Menden and myself, gathered in the areater fencing.

If anyone finds orange stakes or reflectors, please return them to the aerator shed.

Thank you

Bob Hodkiewicz

Muskellunge Lake Association, Inc.

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President Tom Cerull

Wow!!! What an early Spring and such a mild Winter. Are we sure that we really live in Wisconsin? The good news from a cost standpoint is that we probably saved our association about \$400 in electrical costs by not having to run the aerator so much. Regarding the aerator, some of you may not be aware that we experienced a bearing failure on the aerator blower in early January. The Board voted to replace the blower with a new blower for a cost of about \$1500 rather than have the existing blower overhauled. I talked to Steve Gilbert from the DNR and suggested that the DNR share in the cost as we were maintaining the fish population for the general public as well as ourselves. He agreed and we should have a check for \$700 in our post office box by now.

The website is now a reality and you can visit it at **www.muskellungelake.org**. See **Jeff Rappold's** comments for more details. There is some sensitive information on the website that includes things like names and addresses of property owners. When you see **Kathleen Pallardy** and **Jeff Rappold**, please thank them for all of the work they have put in to make our website a reality.

Last year we participated in Ted Ritter's program to hire 50 hours of boat landing inspection time by University of Wisconsin Oshkosh interns at a cost of \$600. The Board voted to again participate in the program at the 50 hour level. However, the Board felt that fifty hours of inspection time really is not adequate and we still need a substantial number of inspection hours by lake residents. To help motivate the number of lake residents performing inspections, the Board voted to purchase two \$50 gift cards from Trigg's. Based on the boat landing inspection log, an inspector will be given a ballot to go into the ballot box for each inspection shift that they perform. The winning ballots will be drawn at the end of the season after the boat landing inspections have been

discontinued.

At the last Board meeting we discussed potential speakers for our upcoming annual meeting in July. It was agreed that we wanted **Tim Hoyman** from **Onterra** to discuss their findings relative to Muskellunge Lake at our next meeting even though we will have to cover his costs for the visit. This is not something he normally does but he agreed to do it because of **Justine White-Richards** very active involvement in the entire Cloverland Township project. Thanks Justine. During a discussion that I had with Tim I agreed to accumulate some of your questions so he could be better prepared to answer them. We also felt that many of you might have the same or similar questions. To help Tim, please forward your questions to me at **tomcerull@new.rr.com** and I will group them and forward them to Tim prior to our annual meeting. Questions from the floor will still be acceptable so don't worry if you may have missed something.

Regarding our **Saturday July 21** annual meeting this year, we ran into a scheduling conflict. As a result the meeting will now be held at the **Eagle River VFW hall** which is located on **highway 70 on the west side of Eagle River right near the Flour Sack**. Please mark your calendars and remember the **VFW hall** and not the Kalmar Center.

Now that we have a website it obviously needs to be maintained on a regular basis to make it a useful tool. As you know, **Jeff Rappold** has agreed to be our webmaster. Because it is an important position and because most other lake associations that have websites make a webmaster a voting Board member, we will be revising our by-laws and voting on this change at our annual meeting in July.

Speaking of July, please remember the **July 4** first **Annual Boat Parade**. See more details about the parade in the newsletter.

Annual Meeting Notice

Please be aware that the July 21 annual meeting will now be held at the Eagle River VFW Hall which is located on highway 70 on the west side of Eagle River near the Flour Sack.

Ships Ahoy! Get Ready, Get Set, Let’s Go!
First Annual Muskellunge Lake 4th of July Boat Parade!
Theme: PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

1. All residents of our lake are encouraged to decorate their boat and enter the **Boat Parade**.
2. Winner (only 1) receives a coveted **Muskellunge Lake Mug** to keep **AND** a **Traveling Trophy** that he/she can proudly display in their cottage for the following year before happily passing it on to the next year’s winner.
3. All boats entering the parade will meet at the boat landing at **2:00 pm on Wed. July 4th**. Each boat will be given a number to be displayed on the front starboard side of the boat.
4. Parade **“Marshalls”** will assist in lining up all boats participating.
5. To register your boat, fill in the attached form and return by mail to P.O Box 2203, Eagle River, WI. 54521, or email it to Ruth Cerull, trcerull@new.rr.com. Boats may enter the parade without preregistering by just SHOWING UP! However, if you know you are entering we would appreciate your registration.
6. We will make 2 complete laps of the lake—single file – evenly spaced. All boats will meet in the middle of the lake, following the parade, to socialize in whatever style you like, food and beverage to share would be welcome.
7. Following the parade, boats wishing to tube or ski or whatever, may do so on the exterior of the lake, in a counter clockwise direction.
8. Judges will be from other lakes, so there will be no favoritism shown.
9. VERY IMPORTANT...if you are not entering a boat in the parade, please come to the end of your pier and lend encouragement, cheering and occasional jeering to make this a fun event that includes everyone.
- Other questions or suggestions? Planning committee – John and Maureen Kurhajec, Dennis Schumacher and Pat McKean, and Tom and Ruth Cerull.

Do’s

- Do:
- Be different
- Be Colorful
- Following the theme “Proud to be an American”.
- Be visible
- Involve your family and friends
- Decorate only the starboard side of your boat
- We will travel counter clockwise

Dont’s

- Don’ts:
- Pass other boats in the parade
- Place your number where the judges can’t see it
- Drive too fast.
- Follow the boat ahead of you too closely.

Boat Owner_____

Cell Phone No. _____ Cottage Phone No. _____ Email _____

Lake Address _____

“Skipper” in charge _____

Boat’s individual theme for this year’s parade: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

The winner will be notified following the parade and their name will be published in the newsletter and on our web page.

WEBMASTER
Jeff Rappold

www.muskellungelake.org

Check it out and add it to your Favorites. Well I’m glad to say the website for our lake association is now live. After a few start up bugs, everything seems to now be working. Mostly the troubles were about me trying to figure out what I did wrong.
Take a look around. You will find plenty about the history of our lake management as well as the work-

BOAT LANDING
John Kurhajec

Time to start thinking about boat inspections for **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)**. As in the last couple of years, I will be doing the volunteer scheduling each week. And, as in the past, I will be communicating with you via email. If you have changed or acquired a new email address, please let me know so that your messages don’t end up in cyber space.
This year with the blessing of the Board, working from an idea submitted by **Ruth Cerull**, we have added a little twist to the program. As an incentive for greater participation at the landing, the Board has purchased two \$50 gift certificates to Trig’s to be awarded at the end of the boating season. The rules are these for each 2 1/2 hour shift worked, you will receive one ballot in the ballot box at the end of the season, ie. five shifts

ROAD CLEAN UP
Bob & Judy Petersen

Bob and I checked the road Cty. N section Monday March 26th and there was no snow or ice, but plenty of water in the ditches.
We would like to set up a date in April. Either the weekend of the 15th or the weekend of the 22nd.

ings of our association and its committees. I’ll try to keep the news current and add a few new links occasionally to keep you coming back. Don’t forget to send me your lake pictures and any news you would think others on the lake might be interested in. Let me know of any problems you may be having.
Jeff Rappold
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volunteered=5 ballots. Number of shifts will be derived from the Watercraft Inspection Report completed by you on your shift. The ballots will be kept in a mayonnaise jar on Tom Cerull’s front porch until the day of the drawing at which time an independent source will draw the winners of the two gift certificates.
The weekly schedules will be made for the week-ends only, but I encourage you to pop down to the landing any time during the week as well. I realize weekends can be very busy for many of us and weekday shifts could be a workable alternative. The weekly schedules will be made for the weekends only, but I encourage you to pop down to the landing any time during the week as well.
John Kurhajec
CBCW Coordinator

Please let us know if you are available.

Leave a message if by phone.
1-715-479-2555 or e-mail
bob67judy@frontier.com

Please note on your lake map an update.
Parcel # 6-430 was John Besgrove. It now belongs to Carrie and Chris Berg from Franklin, WI.

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