

The Nebagamon Lake Association Newsletter

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Falling Leaves

by President Pat Sherman

The fall fragrance of leaves on the ground, docks and boats tucked away for the winter, and the sounds of children at the beach and Camp Nebagamon are a memory, reminding us that summer has passed and fall is here. Winter is just around the corner. Many of our friends and neighbors have locked their cabins up for the season only to return next spring to once again enjoy the lake and all that it has to offer. You will be missed, and we look forward to your return and the many stories you will share. Those of us who stay behind will prepare to enjoy the winter activities, such as snowmobiling, cross country skiing, hiking, and, of course, ice fishing. I can only imagine the stories we'll have for the snow birds next spring as they return.

There are many people who help support the lake during the summer, and I'm afraid I'll forget someone. However, on behalf of the Nebagamon Lake Association, I'd like to thank Joe Crain and Tony Coletta for placing and removing the buoys again this year. Thanks also to Carol Arthur for coordinating the village-wide garage sale (there were 32 participants this year) and to Jack Arthur for doing the water testing of the lake. Ann Parker, thank you for all your support to the board and to me this year. Ann continued to supervise the boat monitoring program and prepared the newsletters. During my first year as president I not only had advice from Ann but close supervision from Gail Levo, our NLA secretary. Thanks, Gail, for all your support and advice this year.

This year's annual meeting was not as well attended as in the past. We will try to do a

better job of getting the reminders out earlier next year. The presentation by Dan Dulinski on



Photo by Pat Sherman

the possible expansion of sewer around the lake was certainly thought provoking. The summer social—a tradition for many years-- was well attended with a record number of participants: 82 people. It was held at Bridge's this year, and we enjoyed a great dinner of hamburgers and brats with all the trimmings. Over seventy prizes were given away (compute the percentage). Thanks so much to local merchants for the prizes and to Dennis Raas and Ed Noltner for their work coordinating the event and getting the prizes.

Please note the updated list of board of directors in this newsletter. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to call or email one of us over the winter months so we can discuss your ideas at our next board meeting. The lake is everyone's responsibility and also one of the best opportunities to enhance your property value and family time. Whether you live on or off the lake, we have something very special here in Lake Nebagamon: THE LAKE!

Now, back to those leaves! Have a great winter, wherever you are!
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**Winter Limericks--or
Why I Don't Go South for the Winter**
(Author chooses to remain unknown.)

Though Taos & Phoenix have charm,

For those who want to stay warm,
I choose to stay here—
At least for this year.
When snow flies, I feel no alarm.

The snow on the trees sparkles prettily,
The crisp winter air smells so heavenly,
And the bugs will be gone
When snow covers the lawn—
Besides, how could I leave all my family?!?
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Photo by Ruth Denzler

2010 Lake Nebagamon Water Quality Report
By Jack Arthur

This summer was characterized by high water levels (stage) and high water temperatures in July and August. Not all of the 2010 chemical water quality results have been received from the DNR lab in Madison yet. Measurements are taken for water clarity (Seicchi disk), temperature, total phosphorus and chlorophyll during the months of May through October. Water clarity and chlorophyll results so far received show similar results to past years. (This means that the lake is not changing

much.) Our lake was stratified at about 18-24 feet during July-August. (Stratification affects oxygen concentration throughout the lake and is important for fish respiration.) No classifications can be made as to the lake's trophic state until all results have been received. (The trophic state refers to the level of enrichment or level of organic material in the water. High levels of enrichment lead to lower oxygen levels and a different fish community. High levels can also lead to higher amounts of algae.)

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Food for Thought

The eyes are blind to what the mind does not see. (Chinese proverb)

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4th of July Boat Parade by "Captain" Jack Sellwood

This year's boat parade was a huge success again. Starting at Honeymoon Point at 7 p.m., we reached the Village at about 7:30. In the process we were applauded, judged (always a 10) and water ballooned from shore (poor aim). Over forty brightly decorated boats, mostly pontoons, participated. Thanks to all!

The following pictures were taken by Erik Takkunen.



Boat Monitoring Report

by Ann Parker

Johanna Conrad once again did an excellent job of coordinating and scheduling our paid boat monitors. She has reported that they did **not** spot any violations this year—Yeah!—and that most boaters were aware of the issue and knew what they were supposed to do and that almost all treated our workers respectfully. She also indicated that the workers did feel safe without the adult volunteers—they all had vehicles and cell phones—and that they were able to schedule more flexibly (usually around the weather) without having to also notify and reschedule the volunteers. A total of 690 boats were checked this year—isn't that great?!? There's no way we can monitor all day every day without enormous expense, but I'm convinced that this program has had a considerable positive impact. Our other paid monitors were Isaiah Smith, Luke Mertz, and Nicolette Amber—a big "Thank you" to all of them! Also, thanks to Lois Pollari for allowing us to store our bucket of materials at her place near the landing.

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An Initiative to Improve the Walleye and Other Fishery in Lake Nebagamon

by Willard Kiefer

An expression commonly heard is: "Lake Nebagamon is turning into a Bass Lake. The trend now appears that it is easier to catch smallmouth bass, but harder to catch walleyes. Those of us who have fished Lake Nebagamon the past 20 to 40 years remember the excellent walleye fishery that existed in the past. Several Nebagamon Lake Association members have discussed this issue, and with Phil Takkunen and Will Kiefer taking the lead, met with Scott Toshner, DNR Fishery Biologist for our lake, and put together a plan to achieve an improved walleye fishery. This initiative has four goals:

- *Establish a more restrictive walleye harvest regulation,
- *Increase the walleye population by stocking extended growth walleyes,
- *Select 4 to 20 test properties to place trees (woody debris or fish sticks) in the shoreline water for a fish habitat restoration goal, and

*Gain the support of the Lake Association, the Village Board, and the entire community to create and enhance Lake Nebagamon's recreational resources.

This initiative was introduced at the September 15th NLA Board meeting. To thoroughly discuss this initiative, the board has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, October 20, at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium. Scott Toshner will present more information at this meeting. This is an open board meeting, and we encourage everyone to attend. As with improving our water purity, we believe that improving the fishery will also enhance our lake's value as a place to live and recreate.

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Quotable

I would feel more optimistic about a bright future for man if he spent less time proving he can outwit nature and more time tasting her sweetness and seniority. (E. B. White)

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Photo by Ruth Denzler

2011 Lake Activities Calendar

- Village-wide Garage Sale—June 18
- Annual Meeting—June 25 at 9:30 a.m.
- Boat Parade—July 4 at 7 p.m.
- Summer Social—Aug. 13 at Botten's Golf Course

Mark your 2011 calendars when you get them!

Membership Update

By Jack Sellwood

We currently have 210 members for the July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011, year, and dues are still coming in. Many members have paid ahead a total of 78 years (\$1170), which continues to help us get off the ground in the spring. To allow us to retain and possibly expand our programs, especially boat monitoring, our dues will be \$20 next year. If you haven't yet paid for this year, please do so soon! Thanks! (An application is attached!)

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Perfect Moment #3: Evening

By Tom Hegg

The tree-tops catch the last few rays of sunset's red-gold light. . .
 The lake's a liquid mirror, giving back the glowing sight.
 A big-dog bark is echoing. . .an outboard motor bawls. . .
 A loon elates the evening air with thrilling, mystic calls. . .
 Supper sizzles busily and kindles appetites. .
 The kids are playing—quietly—and steering clear of fights.
 A rap upon the screen door. . .our best friends have come to call!
 The rarest, dearest people. . .welcome anytime at all. . .
 A sense of purest pleasure fills the cabin through and through. . .
 A bit of life to treasure. . .moments perfect, moments few.

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Photo by Erik Takkunen

2010-2011 Budget Adopted at the Annual Meeting

Income:

Dues	\$3600
Garage Sale	350
Social	500
Donations	1000
Boat Monitoring	1500
Interest	<u>10</u>
Total	<u>\$6960</u>

Disbursements:

Projects:	
Boat Monitoring 2010	\$3000
Boat Parade	100
Fireworks	400
LN Swimming Class	150
Purple Loosestrife	50
Hazard Markers	300
Social	600
KIN—Christmas	75
Annual Meeting	75
Educational Materials	100
New Project	200

Other:

W. Assoc. of Lakes Dues	350
State Lakes Convention, etc.	500
Garage Sale Exp.	150
WEB site	250
Newsletters, Postage, Mtgs,	
Office Esp.	<u>600</u>
Total	<u>\$6900</u>

