

The Nebagamon Lake Association Newsletter

Spring/summer 2013

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Reflections on Spring

By President Ed Noltner

The sun is finally shining after a spring we will all remember. . . The Spring of 2013 was like no other. Instead of April showers, we had snow that wouldn't stop which continued into mid-May, followed by a crippling area fire which impacted some 8,000 neighboring acres in Douglas and Bayfield counties, and downpours which provided record rainfall. This all on the heels of a cold, gray winter which impacted our deer herd and many a mood and spirit. But back to the sunshine, this day along the shore of beautiful Lake Nebagamon.

As I look out my window, the grass is really green—or does it just look like that after so many months of icy glare and brown? This is a special day, and I am going to keep it that with positive comments because as I type out my message to you, it is the second anniversary of the death of my wife, Bev, and I have so many loving thoughts of her. Tonight there will be a special Mass, followed by a get together with friends at the Waterfront. Someone asked me the other day how it was going, and I could finally respond, "Pretty good." Notice I didn't say, "Great," but, "Pretty good." And it is. I can finally sit at the table alone without tears. I can finally enter our home after a meeting without wanting to turn around and leave.

As I traveled back and forth this past winter between California and Wisconsin and through all those states in between, I enjoyed the detours of the national parks. I reconnected with friends along the route, and even met up with a few in a couple of experiences that rejuvenated my heart and soul. But it's funny, no matter where you go, or who you meet up with, nothing is quite like the feeling of coming back to the lake.

From a distance we watch everything from birds at the feeders to deer along the paths, boats rowing by, and the distant sounds of laughter. Nothing touches the senses quite like the smell of a campfire or neighbors walking hand in hand. It seems like I am more conscious now of friends and their value—anyone who has a handful of good ones knows they mean more than all the money in the world. And our kids and their kids bring much joy to our lives. I am truly blessed to be here today to enjoy this link to your door. . .

Until next time—get out there and make a memory. Trust me, you will retrieve it and relive it over and over again! Don't forget great events in June from the Village-wide garage sale and the lake association annual meeting (see schedule in this newsletter) to Giggles and Library fundraisers to a special benefit in town for Mark McGillis, who is an amazing example of courage and the value of family, friends, neighbors, and FAITH. And on that note, I am going to find the fishing pole.



Yes, summer really IS on its way!!!

Summer Schedule—Mark your calendars! Look for more complete information further on in this paper.
June 19-20--Boater Safety classes for 12-16 yr. olds at Auditorium.
June 22—Village-wide Garage sale, 8 a.m. -3 p.m.
June 29—Annual Meeting at Auditorium: 9:30 a.m. social hour, 10 a.m. business meeting
July 4—Boat Parade—7 p.m. at Honeymoon Point
August 10—Summer Social, 5 p.m. at Botten's.
August 28—Fall Board meeting—7 p.m. at Auditorium
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Boater Safety Class for 12-16 year olds

The Nebagamon Lake Association and the Douglas County Fish and Game League will again co-sponsor the Boaters Safety Class at the Village of Lake Nebagamon Auditorium. Thomas Blundell, Fish and Game League member and certified instructor will again conduct the class.

The Class will be held June 19th & 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The fee for the class is \$10.00. Registration and fee payment can be made the first day of the class. To allow us to plan for the class, please call the Village office to

register. (715-374-3101) Successful completion of the class will allow youth 12-16 years old to legally operate a power boat in the state of Wisconsin.

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The trillium—one of our first spring wild flowers. I saw large areas of them on the way to visit my sister in MN last weekend. (AP)

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Spring is nature's way of saying,
"Let's party!"
(Robin Williams)

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Get ready for the Village-wide Garage Sale

Come one, come all to the village-wide garage sale on Saturday, June 22, 2013, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. To get a map of the sale locations, stop at Ole's Market after 7:30 a.m. To get your sale on the map, contact Carol at jarthur@charter.net or 715-374-2529 or Gail at levos@mindspring.com or 715-374-2185 before June 16. The \$10 fee covers advertising costs and something to identify your site. This is the NLA's only fund raising activity, other than our dues.

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Annual Meeting set for June 29

Don't miss this chance to learn about the NLA's activities and projects, as well as to find out about and discuss issues of importance to us and the lake. This is also a great time to reconnect with some of our members who aren't here year round. The **social hour with goodies begins at 9:30 a.m.**, with the **business meeting at 10 a.m.** Invite your neighbors & friends to meet us and find out about our association! Board member Jane Dolter is willing to contact new owners.

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Proposed Budget for 2013-2014

Income: Dues	4000
Rummage sale	300
Social	600
Donations	500
Boat monitoring	5500
Insurance rebate	
Interest	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	<u>10905</u>

Disbursements:

Projects:

Boat monitoring—2012	
Boat monitoring—2013	7000
Boat Parade	75
Fireworks	400
LN Swimming class	200
Purple Loosestrife	
Hazard Markers	300
Social	600
KIN—Christmas	200
Annual Meeting	75
Educational Materials	100
Walleye stocking	1000

WI Association of Lakes dues	350
Douglas Co. Lake Assoc.	50
Lakes convention/conferences	250
Rummage sale expense	50
WEB site	200
Newsletters, postage, meetings, office expense	<u>500</u>

Total: **11350**

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Fourth of July Boat Parade

Join Captain Jack and First Mate Sandy Sellwood at Honeymoon Point at 7 p.m. on the 4th for a great time seeing the lake and all the holiday fun. This activity

seems to grow every year, and the decorated boats and costumed occupants are definitely better each year!

Summer Social August 10-by Erik Takkunen

The NLA summer social will be at 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 10th at Botten’s Green Acres. The cost is \$8 per person (new this year—half price for kids 10 and under!) for chicken, potatoes, side, and dessert. As usual, drinks will be available at the cash bar. Also, as usual, there will be many drawings for prizes!!!

Something new this year is a fundraiser raffle for a beautiful handmade Lake Nebagamon lake carving (see picture). The carvings are hand-routed at 5 foot depth intervals into a piece of solid wood, trimmed perfectly in a birch bark frame. This piece is sure to compliment any cabin or lake home décor! The artist is Todd Ronning of Ronning’s Lake Carvings (visit www.lakecarvings.com). He is a long-time supporter of Aquatic Invasive Species eradication and prevention programs on the Great Lakes. Todd graciously discounted his artwork for our fundraiser. The raffle tickets will be \$5 each. ALL proceeds from the raffle will go to support our Lake Association’s continued efforts to monitor and prevent Aquatic Invasive Species from changing and destroying our treasured lake. Remember, purchasing multiple raffle tickets increases your chances of winning and increases our ability to protect our beautiful lake! Contact Adam Riutta to buy tickets if you cannot attend the Annual Meeting or Summer Social.



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- Adam Riutta—317-407-5395
- David Sprowls—715-374-2023
- Phil Takkunen—715-374-3047

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Spring

The world is mud-luscious
And
puddle-wonderful.
(e.e. cummings)

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Firewise Tips

After the recent scary fire in Douglas and Bayfield Cos., we should all be aware of a few tips to protect our property: Your driveway should be wide enough for a fire truck to reach your home/cabin. Your fire number should be visible from the public road. Make sure there is ample turn around space by your home for a fire truck. Clear enough space around your home for a fire fighter to drag a hose around the structure to put out a fire.



Marsh marigolds (cowslip)—another early wild flower now in bloom in ditches and near water.

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Wisconsin Legislature is working to prevent citizens from challenging high capacity wells that may impact their lakes and ground water. For more information, go to www.wisconsinlakes.org.

2012 A Banner Year For The Walleye Enhancement Initiative In Lake Nebagamon by Willard Kiefer

In 2012, we started the “fish sticks” project – whole trees were put in the shoreline at 9 lakeshore property owners for a total of 1875 frontage feet. These “fish sticks” provide protection and habitat for the young fish and other aquatic species, an important part of the aquatic environment needed in Lake Nebagamon. Fishsticks are placed on the ice in a specific complex design with two butt ends anchored to trees on the shore with the tree tops bound together to maintain them in a permanent location. As the ice melts, most portions will sink underwater providing this water-wood habitat necessary to all aquatic species in the lake. These fishsticks mimic what would be a natural habitat setting if trees that naturally fall in the lake are not removed. The largest portion occurred on the west shoreline of the Nebagamon Boys Camp. Thanks to Ken Lundberg, Anita Figalo, Al Yoshimoto, Dan Takkunen, Dennis Raas, John Woodbury, Warren Nelson, Adam Kaplin-Negagamon Boys Camp, John Salmela, and Jeff Beck for participating in this 2012 fish sticks project. The fish sticks project is funded by the DNR and carried out by Scott Toshner and the fisheries crew from Brule. The major portion of the work was contracted out to Rick Gruel Landscaping and Design of Cable. In February 2013, about 160 full-length trees were hauled to Lake Nebagamon, where they were placed at 13 specific locations. The 13 sites are at lakeshore properties where the owners agreed to participate in the placement of these trees as “fishsticks”. This added 2000 frontage feet of habitat.

The second component of the initiative, the stocking of a large number of extended growth walleyes (EGW), was also begun in the fall of 2012. It started when the Red Cliff Band Conservation Unit committed one of their three walleye rearing ponds to stock Lake Nebagamon. They stocked 1000 extended growth walleyes on September 12. Unknown to us, the DNR Fisheries had a surplus of 3000 EGW which they brought to Lake Nebagamon October 4. Through the generous support of individuals, organizations and businesses in the Lake Nebagamon area, \$9000 was donated which allowed us to purchase 4,750 EGW, which were stocked Oct 25. This brings the total stocked last fall to **8,750** extended growth walleyes. We appreciate and thank the **Red Cliff Conservation Unit** and the **DNR** for their stocking contributions. (A list of other contributors is at the end of this newsletter.) The Douglas County Conservation Hearings in April 2013 included a proposal to change the walleye regulation in Lake Nebagamon, raising the minimum harvestable size from 15 to 18 inches. This has two goals: 1. to allow the female walleyes at least one chance to spawn and 2. to qualify Lake Nebagamon for stocking extended growth walleyes from DNR fish hatcheries. The Walleye Enhancement Initiative is planned to continue for the next three years at which time the DNR Fisheries will make a very detailed investigation and analysis of the walleye population and the stocking success.

Posters at the Boat Landing—This year the NLA, as part of our walleye restoration project, will be putting up posters at the boat landing asking for voluntary compliance by all fishermen to **release walleyes over 20”, to keep a maximum of 2 walleyes, and to take a legal limit of bass**. These measures should help our walleye population to increase. Thank you to all who help!!!

Lake Nebagamon Walleye Enhancement Initiative

RECOGNITION and THANKS to the following contributors to our 2012 walleye stocking project for Lake Nebagamon. Through this generous support we were able to order about 4, 800+ extended growth walleyes for stocking in 2012.

Individuals

Ron & Robin Anders
James Bong
Barbara & Donald Bublitz
Curt & Sharon Goltz
Ted & Becky Harasyn
Randall & Sandra Jonasen
James & Sandra Johnson

Organizations

Douglas County Fish & Game League
Kids In Lake Nebagamon
Lake Nebagamon Lions Club
Lake Nebagamon Village Board
Nebagamon Community Association
Nebagamon Lake Association

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The Walleye Enhancement Group
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