



NEWS

Spring 2014

Nelson Lake Association a 501(c)3 Non-profit Organization

2014 Annual Meeting

June 14, 2014
9:00 A.M. – Noon
Hayward Vet's Center



Agenda

- 9:00 AM Coffee, Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM Clean Boats/Clean Waters on Nelson Lake
10:00 AM Fisheries Status & Plans
11:00 AM Annual Meeting Business
Approval of June 8, 2013 minutes
Financial Report
Membership Status
Nominations and Elections
Committee Reports
- 12:00 Noon Adjourn to June 13, 2015

Important Dates

On the Lake

Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 14
9:00 AM - Noon
Hayward Vet's Center

Garage Sale

July 2015

Annual Picnic

Saturday, August 9th
4:00 PM
Park Island Resort

Winter Rama

Saturday, January 3, 2015
12:00 Noon
Nelson Lake Landing

Hayward Vet's Center

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By: Bill Wilcox

Recently a group of us met with Max Wolter to review the data the DNR has on the walleye stocking that we and the DNR have done over the years. I wish I could say that the data was encouraging but it was not. Max has an article in this newsletter and will be at the annual meeting to share what they are planning to do and present some theories as to why the survival of the extended growth walleyes has been so limited. You won't want to miss his presentation.

Some Random Thoughts;

1. We appear to have escaped any invasive species finding their way into Nelson Lake again last year. Public awareness has improved greatly and our Clean Boats/Clean Water inspections at the boat launches has helped (see article for some statistics) but we need to keep on the alert. Please take the time to learn how to identify Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curley Leaf Pond Weed and report any suspicious plants to any one of the Board members. Early identification is key to getting it under control before it gets too large.
2. We were able to complete another fish sticks project this winter before the snow got too deep even though the temperature was well below zero (see article in this newsletter). We have a project for the South side of the Big Island that we will start on this summer.
3. We should have a great spring for pan fishing this year since there weren't many taken through the ice. In the 17 years that Marlene and I have lived here I have never seen so much snow and slush on the ice. By the time you get this newsletter that will all be behind us and we will be enjoying some time on the lake.

NLA NOMINATIONS

This year the Treasurer position and three Director positions are up for election. Casey Stangl and John Welter will be running again for the position of Treasurer and Director respectively but Kathy Preuss and Jon Mostrom have determined that they can no longer be on the Board of Directors. Our thanks to Kathy and Jon for their service to the Board and the lake but that leaves us with two vacancies on the Board. If you would like to run for a position on the Board please contact one of the nominating committee or any of the Board members.

Nominating Committee:
 Bill Wilcox 715-634-7128
 Rick Lindner 715-634-4290
 Diane Cooper 715-634-2800
 Mike Murry 715-0169

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FROM THE TREASURER By: Casey Stangl

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of March 31, 2014 we have \$7,049.35 in our checking account. The Capital One Money Market has \$24,580.70. We have a total of \$31630.05.

General Fund	\$ 17,676.69
Fish & Wildlife Fund	\$ 1,322.08
Invasive Species Fund	\$ 12,779.21
Lake Projects	\$ 147.93

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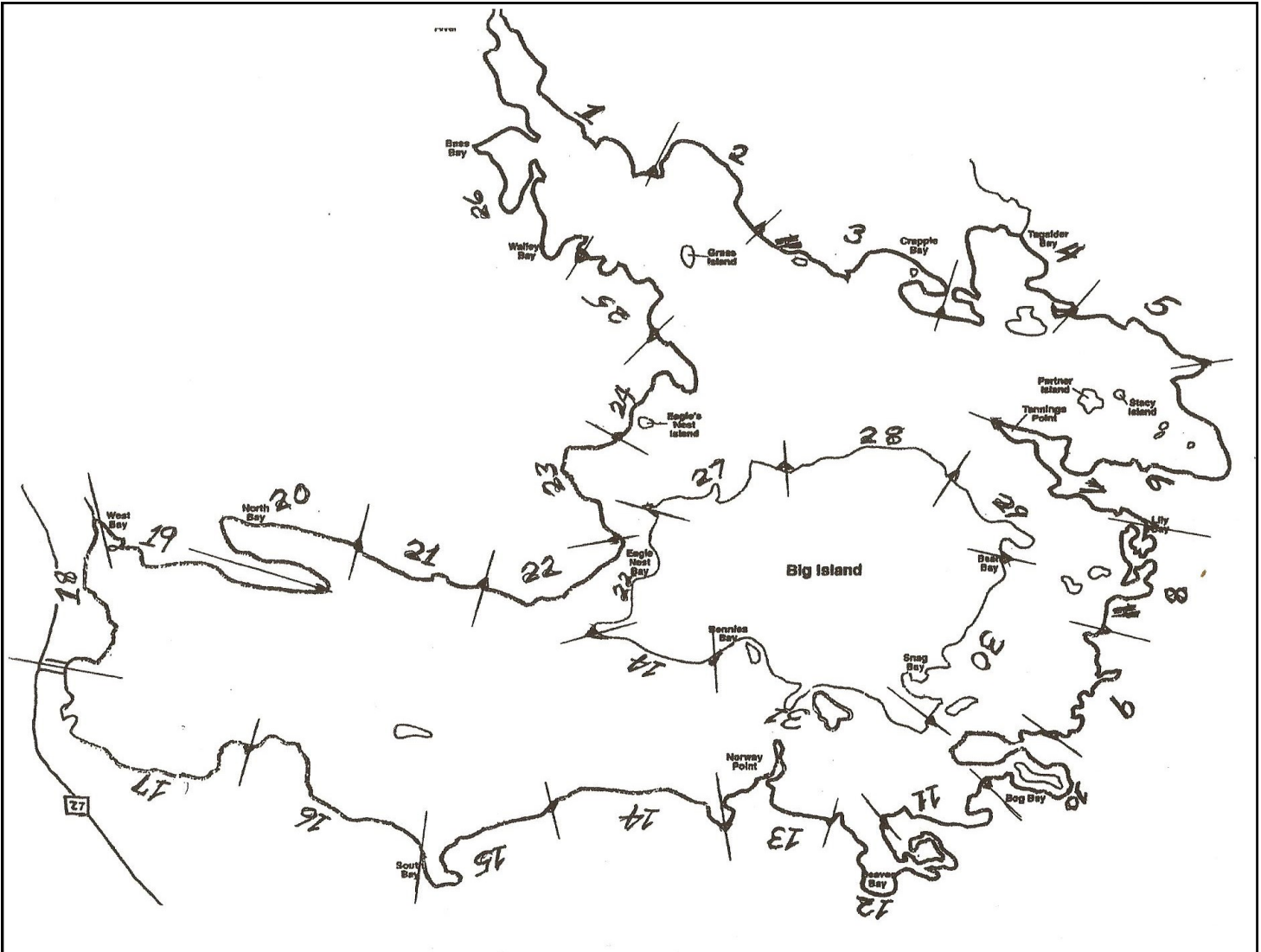
On Beautiful
Nelson Lake

Open Year Round

Shoreline Monitoring

By: Diane Cooper

Again this year we will be monitoring the shorelines of the lake for invasives in the spring and fall. Diane Cooper will be contacting the monitors from last year to see if they will be able to monitor again this year. If anyone is interested in being a shoreline monitor, please contact Diane at 715-634-2800. The map shown shows how the lake is broken down into sections. Remember, as residents, we are all stewards of the lake and should always be on the lookout for invasives. We look forward to a fun season on the lake. See you on the water.



Boat Launch Focus

Diane & Phil Cooper

Reiske's
Birch Point
Revelle's

Jim & Cindy Thoreson

Sunrise Bay
Nelson Lake Landing
Nelson Lake Lodge

Bob & Mary Walker

Four Seasons

Bill & Marlene Wilcox

Small Road
Tagalder

Fall Electrofishing Survey and Upcoming Plans

By: Max Wolter, DNR

On September 19, 2013 the Wisconsin DNR and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) teamed up to do a survey of juvenile walleye on Nelson Lake. The survey had two goals: to determine if there was a natural year class of walleye produced in 2013, and to look at survival of the 12,515 extended growth walleye stocked by the DNR in 2012.

In total 19.1 miles of shoreline on Nelson Lake were surveyed by 3 electrofishing boats with transects spread throughout the lake. Water temperature was 64F at the time of the survey.

The results of this survey were not particularly encouraging. In the 19.1 miles of shoreline surveyed there was only one age-0 (born that year) walleye captured meaning that there was not a natural year class of walleye produced. With that one fish the "young of year per mile" estimate was 0.1, the average for northern Wisconsin walleye lakes is around 33 per mile.

Perhaps more troubling is that the walleye stocked in 2012 seem to have very low survival. There were 8 fish captured that were estimated to be one year old (meaning they were stocked in 2012). That comes out to 0.4 one-year olds per mile of survey. This is a relatively low figure when compared to other lakes that are stocked at the same rate as Nelson (5 extended growth fingerlings per acre).



When the ice goes out this spring DNR crews will be on Nelson Lake doing a survey of all fish species using netting and shocking. There will be special attention put on walleye to gather more data on the effectiveness of extended growth stocking which has been ongoing since 2005. There will likely be another fall electrofishing survey in 2014 to look at the survival of the 12,515 walleye stocked in 2013. This information will be used to guide future stocking decisions for Nelson Lake.

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Adopt-A-Highway

by Bill Wilcox

Many of the roads around Nelson Lake are kept clean of trash by members who want to keep our roads free of litter. If on your travels, you should happen to spot a can, bottle, or other litter, please take the time to stop and pick it up. Thanks.

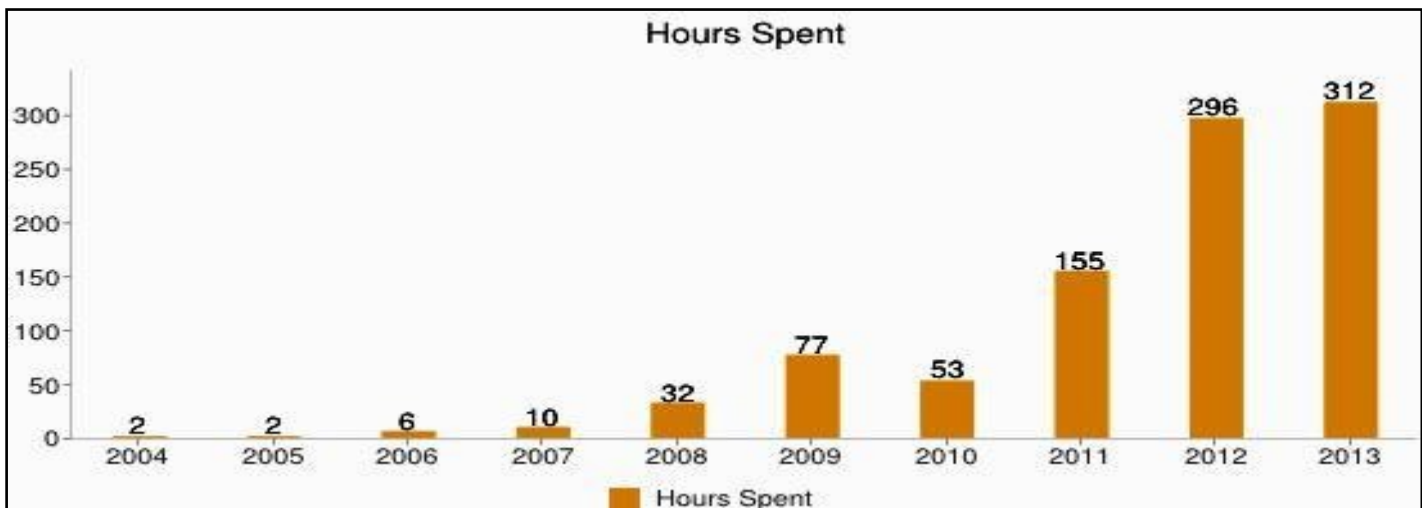
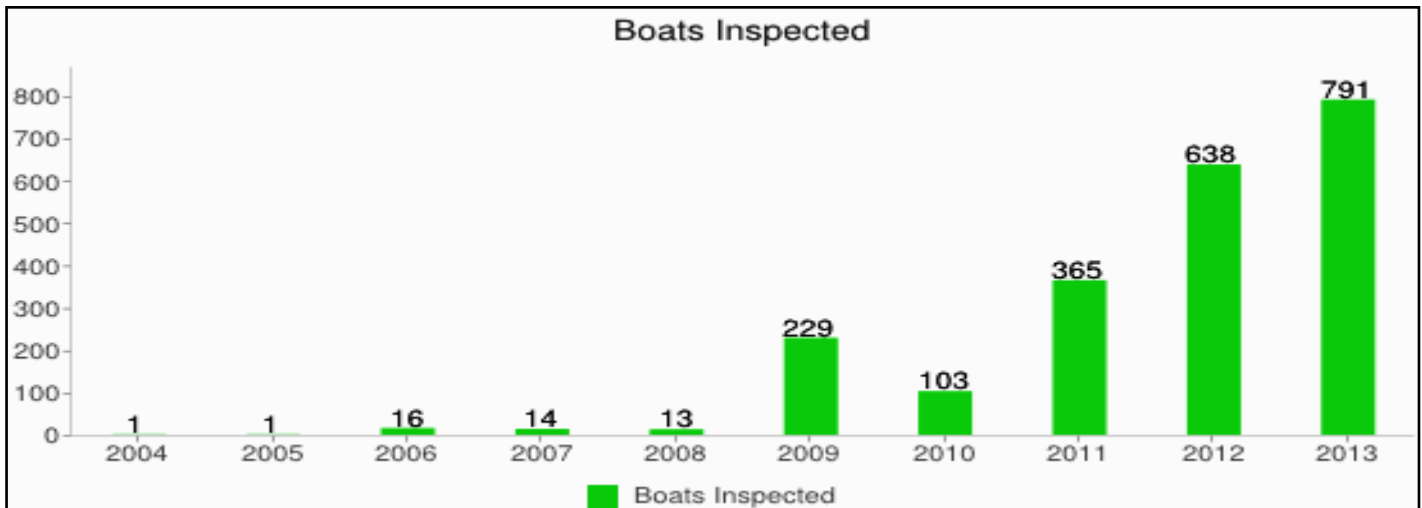


Clean Boats/Clean Water

By: Bill Wilcox

Clean Boats/Clean Waters

2013 was a good year for the Clean Boats/Clean Waters program on Nelson Lake. We were able to inspect boats at Gerlach Landing on almost every weekend last summer and also almost every weekend after the new landing at the dam opened. Following is some information on Gerlach Landing.

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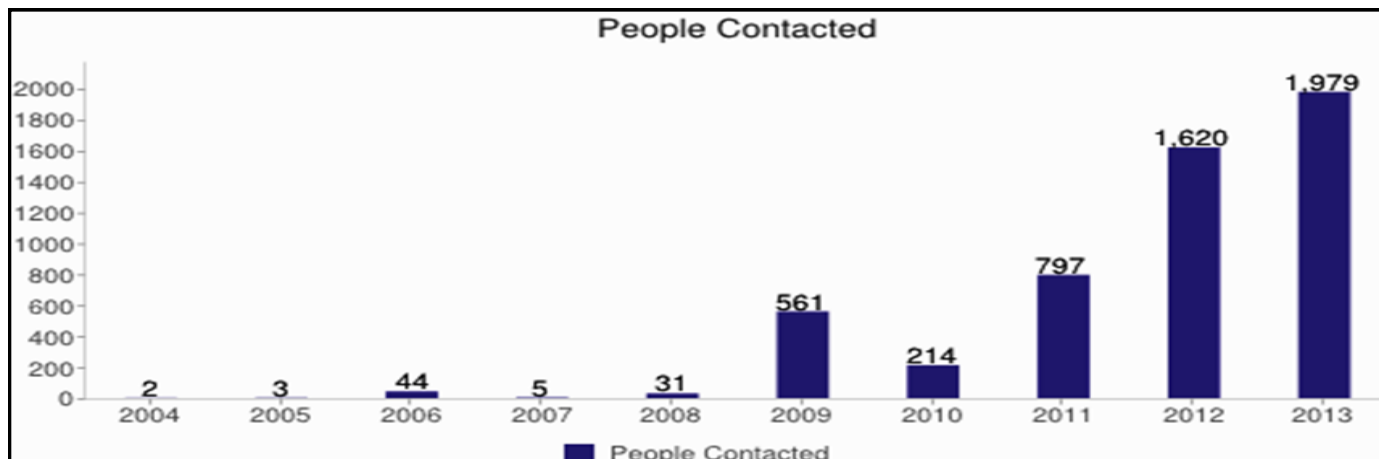
A FULL MENU

SPECIALS INCL.-FISH FRY, CHICKEN AND RIBS



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Clean Boats/Clean Water Continued



**2 GREAT RAFFLES,
1 GREAT EVENT!**

Northwood's Quilt
52" X 73"

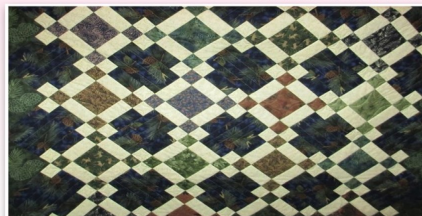
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Fish Sticks – Phase 3 Completion

By: Rick Lindner

Phase 3 of the Fish Sticks project was completed this winter despite the snow and cold weather. This year we completed about 1000 feet of shoreline along the south side of North Bay. The snow was plowed off the trail from Jolly Fisherman Road to North Bay, across the bay and along the shoreline where the trees were to be placed. On January 31st trees were cut and placed along the shoreline.

The 50 ft hardwood trees were donated by Sawyer County and marked by the Sawyer County Forester. The Wisconsin DNR provided resources to cut the trees. Trees were cut from the County Forest Land on the north side of Jolly Fisherman Road. A backhoe from J-R Excavating was used to pull trees out to the road.



With excellent participation by a group of high school students (who flagged tree locations on the shoreline) and volunteers from the association we were able to hook and drag trees to the ice as fast as they were cut. Two volunteers were positioned to attach cables to the trees and hook them to the tow vehicles. About 6 volunteers used their pickups and SUVs to pull the trees down the trail and out onto the ice. Two more volunteers were on the ice to unhook the trees.

Fish Sticks Continued



Trees were placed in an “A” pattern on the shoreline by Gruel Landscaping using a bobcat. This pattern provides anchor points on the shoreline and a stable structure to resist movement by wind and/or water current. On February 11th the trees were cabled to the shoreline.



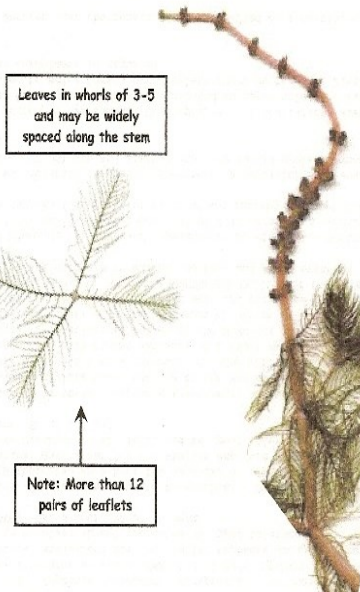
Due to prior planning and all the volunteer help the project was completed in two half-days. The first half day completed all the cutting, dragging, and placement. The second half day completed all the cabling to anchor the trees to the shoreline and tie them together. The total cost of the project was \$1676.78. The cost was shared by the Nelson Lake Association, Town of Lenroot, Nelson Lake Resort Owners Association, Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin, and the Northwest Area Builders Association.

Next year we are planning to work along the south shore of the Big Island from Bennie’s Bay to Bean Bay (identified on the Nelson Lake Resort map). In this area single trees will be cut and cabled along the shoreline in areas with sufficient water depth.

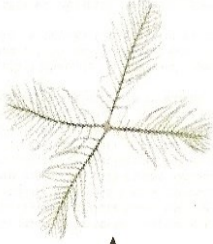
Thanks to all the participants in the phase 3 project this winter.

Invasive Refresher

Eurasian water-milfoil
Myriophyllum spicatum
(Non-native)

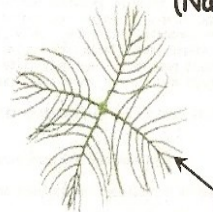


Leaves in whorls of 3-5 and may be widely spaced along the stem



Note: More than 12 pairs of leaflets

Northern water-milfoil
Myriophyllum sibiricum
(Native)



Note: Usually 12 or fewer pairs of leaflets

Curly Leaf Pondweed
Potamogeton crispus



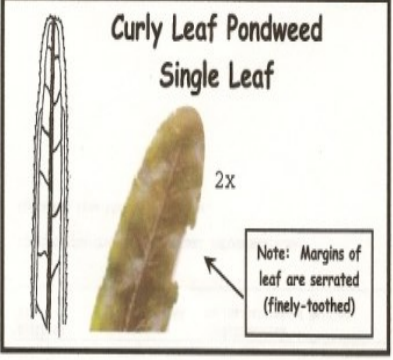
Illustrative view of Curly Leaf Pondweed
Note: Wavy leaves resemble lasagna noodles



Winter buds ("turions") resemble small brown pine cones
Actual size 4-5 cm



Curly Leaf Pondweed Single Leaf



Note: Margins of leaf are serrated (finely-toothed)

Invasives Rapid Response Procedure

What to do?

- Place marker at location
- Or mark with GPS
- Contact a Board Member

Cycle for Invasives

Curly Leaf Pondweed

Eurasian Water Milfoil

Purple Loosestrife

May - June

June - September

July - September

Winter Rama...Winners!

Phyllis Hennen, Chili Winner!



Hank Koch, Dessert Winner!



Scott Flynn, Putting Game Winner!





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See details inside