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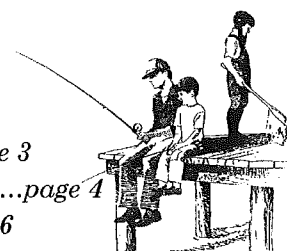
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Nelson Lake Association a 501(c)3 Non-profit Organization

Annual Meeting

June 13, 2009

9:00 AM – Noon

Hayward Veterans Center

You will not want to miss this annual meeting. We are focusing on three important topics to the lake; water quality, invasives, and fishing. The various committees will also have valuable information to share.

Agenda

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| 9:00 AM | Coffee, Continental Breakfast |
| 9:30 AM | Water Quality – Dan Vertanen |
| 10:00 AM | Invasives: How to Identify – Kristy Maki |
| 10:30 AM | Creel Survey Results – Frank Pratt |
| 11:00 AM | Annual Meeting Business
Approval of June 9, 2007 minutes
Financial Report
Membership Status
Nominations and Elections
Committee Reports |
| 12:00 Noon | Adjourn to June 12, 2009 |
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Important Dates

Annual Meeting

Saturday June 13

9:00 AM - Noon

Hayward Veterans Center



NLA Garage & Bake Sale

July 10th 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

July 11th 7:30 AM - Noon

Lenroot Town Hall



Annual Picnic

Saturday August 8th

4:00 PM

Park Island Resort



Winter Rama

Saturday January 2, 2010

12:00 Noon

The Landing



FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Bill Wilcox

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Once again, the coming year is shaping up to be a very active year for the Association.

This is the fifth year of the Fishery Management Plan and we have placed an order for 10,000 extended growth walleyes for stocking this fall. A lot of time and money has gone into this program and I'm hopeful that it will be successful, time will tell. We will get a report on what was learned from the creel survey that was conducted last year by the DNR at the annual meeting.

The introduction of an aquatic invasive species remains the number one risk to the lake and we fell a little short of what we wanted to do last year. We will spend time on the subject at the annual meeting to help all of us become more knowledgeable and there will be opportunities for you to volunteer to help. So far we have avoided the introduction of any invasives with the exception of rusty crayfish which do not seem to be causing any problems.

Water quality is the number two risk to the lake and there are many factors that can affect water quality; the big three being fertilizers, run off from shorelines, and septic failures. The state has finally passed a law banning the use of phosphate in lawn fertilizer and that will be a great help but we need to focus on the remaining factors. We are now the next lake in line for a septic survey by the County but staffing and finances prevent it from happening this year, perhaps next year.

Our newsletters are available today on our web site for anyone who may have thrown theirs away but would like to refer back to one. We are working on a way to notify you by e-mail when the newsletter is available on the web so those of you who would prefer to get it online can do so and we could avoid the cost of printing and postage. We have some details to work out yet but you can expect to hear more about this in the future.

NLA Nominations for Board Positions

The office of President and three Directors at Large will expire in June and an election to fill these positions will be held at the annual meeting on June 13th. The Nominating Committee will recommend candidates for each position. If you are interested in running for one of the positions please contact a member of the Nominating Committee:

Hank Koch	634-2594	Harold Burton	634-2909
Gordy Christians	634-3156	Dan Vertanen	634-6780

Visit our website at www.nelsonlakeassociation.org

WINTER RAMA

Once again Winter Rama provided the opportunity to get together and share some stories, some great chili and deserts, and have some fun on the ice. Bernie Bell provided the People's Choice Chili and he won the men's golf. Shelley Bell provided the People's Choice Desert.



NEW TREASURER MANAGING THE FINANCES

As of March 31st, 2009, the end of our fiscal year, ending Balances were as follows: Checking account \$7,274.99 and Investments (Capital One Money Market account) \$9,660. for a total of \$16,935.50. Funds in our major fund accounts were:

General Fund	8,336.50
Fishing & Wildlife Fund	2,859.32
Invasive Species Fund	<u>5,739.68</u>
Total	16,935.50

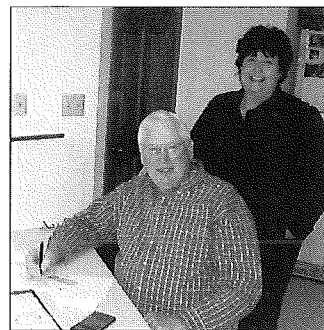
Many members have already sent their dues and very generous donations for our new year (which are not accounted for above). **Thank you!**

Being your treasurer for the past 13 years has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience. I know Casey Stangl will be a fantastic addition to the Nelson Lake Board, as well as being a great treasurer.

I hope to see you at the annual meeting!

Char Weissmuller

After thirteen years of dedicated service to the Association, Char Weissmuller turns over the books to Lavern "Casey" Stangl. Casey and his wife Diane moved onto the lake in August of 2008. Prior to moving to Hayward they lived in Emmetsburg, Iowa where Casey was the High School Industrial Education teacher and Diane was a Clinic Nurse.



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NLA ANNUAL GARAGE & BAKE SALE



Donations are needed for the 4th annual NLA Garage & Bake Sale that will be held on Friday, July 10th and Saturday July 11th. This has been a very successful fund raising event the past two years and we anticipate it will be again this year.

Goods such as tools, books, DVDs, toys, dishes, furniture, and all other usable household items can be dropped off on Friday July 11th at the Lenroot Town Hall parking lot from 9:00am to 3:00pm. If you have items to donate but cannot drop them off on Friday, contact Bill Wilcox at 715-634-7128 and arrangements will be made to store them until the sale.

Bakery items must be dropped off Saturday morning by 7:00am.

This year we are going to have a pre-sale on Friday July 11th from 4:00PM to 7:00PM. There is a charge of \$5.00 to participate in the pre-sale. The sale on Saturday July 12th will begin at 7:30AM and run until everything is gone (or the workers are too tired to continue). There is no charge to participate in the sale on Saturday.

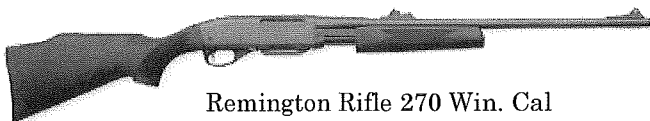
The Garage & Bake Sale funds will be used for many of the valuable projects that keep Nelson Lake a premier lake in Sawyer County.

Please be generous. While spring cleaning, save those unwanted or unused items and donate them to the garage sale. Your donations are tax deductible.

Nelson Lake Association, Inc. Raffle

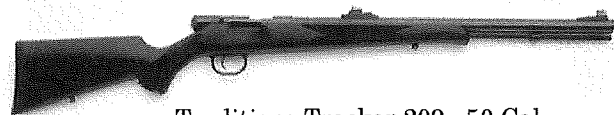
All proceeds benefit the NLA walleye restocking program on Nelson Lake

Raffle # 1



Remington Rifle 270 Win. Cal
Model 7600 Synthetic

Raffle # 2



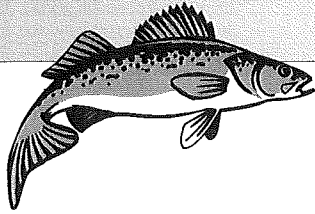
Traditions Tracker 209 .50 Cal
In-Line Muzzleloader

TICKETS ARE \$10 EACH PER RAFFLE (LIMITED TO 200 EACH)
WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Tickets are available at all Nelson Lake Resorts, the Annual NLA Association Meeting and the NLA Annual Association Picnic

WI State Raffle License No. R0024386A-00327

Only 200 Tickets sold on each Gun Drawing on August 8, 2009 at Park Island Resort
During Nelson Lake Association Picnic 4-7 PM



WALLEYE STOCKING

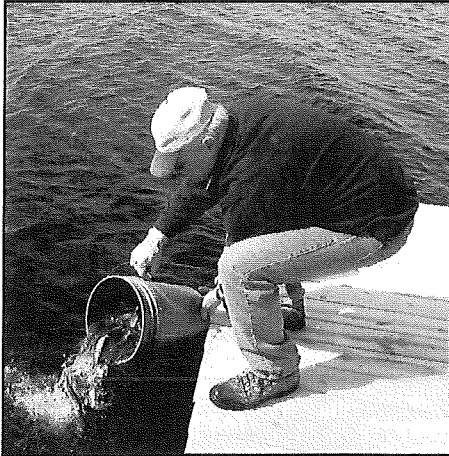
In 2004, the Nelson Lake Association adopted the Nelson Lake fisheries management plan prepared by the DNR (the Nelson Lake fisheries management plan can be reviewed on the NLA website).



Extended growth Walleye are added to Nelson Lake in 2008

The major part of the management plan includes stocking the lake with 12,500 extended growth walleyes (average size 6-9 per year for calendar years 2005 thru 2009, an aggregate goal of 62,500 walleyes. Through calendar year 2008, the DNR stocked the lake with 21,472, the NLA stocked the lake with 24,199 fish, and the Red Cliff Tribe stocked the lake with 1,861 fish. The actual to date walleye stocking is 47,532 fish. During calendar year 2009, the Nelson Lake Association will complete the 5th and final year of walleye stocking. Currently, the NLA has placed an order with Gallow Fish Hatcheries, Dodgeville, WI, for 10,000 EGW to be delivered in October, at a cost of \$1.55/ fish. The NLA is also hopeful the DNR will provide 2,500 EGW this year.

The final anticipated total walleye for the five stocking years is projected to be 60,000 fish. We are guardedly optimistic that once we complete the extended growth walleye stocking in accordance with the fisheries management plan, the walleye population within Nelson Lake will be sustainable naturally. The Nelson Lake Association appreciates the financial support provided by the DNR (DNR hatchery fish), Nelson Lake Resort Association, Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin, the Town of Lenroot, and Nelson Lake Association members making donations and volunteers working fundraising initiatives.



Financial assistance is needed in 2009. We enter the final stocking year. In 2009 we are committed to purchase over \$15,000 for extended growth walleyes. While fundraisers are planned for the year, we will need donations from the membership and others. Please consider making your tax deductible contribution to the walleye restoration fund. The NLA is a 501c3 tax exempt organization.

← Dan Vertanen helps add the new walleye to Nelson Lake

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NEW LAWS

Phosphorus lawn fertilizer bill passes Legislature

The Clean Lakes Bill (AB 3) has passed both houses of the legislature and awaits the Governor's signature to become law. Passage of this bill has made Wisconsin a national leader and a model for other states.

The bill creates a statewide law regulating phosphorus in lawn fertilizer and will prohibit the display, sale, and use of lawn fertilizer containing phosphorus, with certain reasonable exceptions. The Wisconsin Association of Lakes member lake associations, lake districts, and concerned citizens from across the state worked together to advance this bill, which is modeled after Dane County's existing and successful county ordinance.

Nutrients like phosphorus—a common ingredient in lawn fertilizer—are degrading 90% of Wisconsin's inland lakes. Plants don't absorb more phosphorus than they can use, and excess phosphorus from lawns washes directly into our lakes and streams, causing smelly algae blooms, fish kills, and declining water quality.

This bill is a small, but significant step forward in the efforts to curb the avalanche of nutrients that pollute our public lakes.

Slow-no-wake bill passes Legislature!

A bill (SB 12) that will establish a statewide slow no wake zone for motorboats within 100 feet of a lake's shoreline awaits the Governor's signature to become law. This bill is a positive step forward to preserve water quality, prevent shoreline deterioration, and improve public safety for citizens who are fishing, swimming, and paddling on our shorelines.

Boating too close to shorelines can contribute to shoreline erosion problems, reduce water clarity by stirring up lake bed sediments, release phosphorus—the nutrient responsible for algae blooms—from lake bed sediments, and harm fish habitat when propellers uproot shore land plants.

A provision within the bill allows local boating ordinances to extend slow-no-wake zones farther away from the shore (for example, 200 feet as Dane County has done). Local boating ordinances may also specify slow-no-wake zones that are less than 100 feet from the shoreline. This provision recognizes that there are some locations where a more localized approach may be desirable to accommodate recreational use. An exemption is also included for water-skiers pick up and drop off zones.

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What's in Your Tackle Box?

Get the Lead Out!

You can prevent lead poisoning in wildlife:

- Replace lead jigs and sinkers with non-toxic equivalents made of tin, bismuth, steel, tungsten or ceramic.
- Ask the businesses where you purchase fishing tackle to carry non-lead products.
- Dispose of old lead sinkers and jigs properly at your local hazardous waste collection site.
- Instill strong conservation ethics in your kids by outfitting their tackle boxes with non-lead tackle.
- Use non-lead ammunition for hunting.

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11 families spent time on the lake inspecting for any aquatic vegetation that accidentally found its way into the lake and started growing. Early detection is the best hope for getting rid of them once they start. There are 30 sections of the shoreline that we need to have checked twice a year so we will be seeking additional families to help this effort at the annual meeting. 26 Boats were inspected at the resorts and public landings in 2008 and of the 26 inspected, 4 had vegetation that was removed before launching. Boats coming from other lakes with vegetation attached are the greatest risk to the lake.

During the summer of 2008 the Association made and distributed 1000 key chains to area boat dealers to raise awareness of the threat of invasive species.

Help Wanted: To expand our boat inspection program, we are looking for people who could spend 4 to 8 hours inspecting boats at the public landings on Saturday and/or Sunday during the months of June, July, and August. We pay \$8.00 per hour and will provide the necessary materials and training. If you are interested, contact Art Saxum at 715-634-5073.

WATER QUALITY REPORT

The illustration shows what the water clarity has been over the past eight years as measured with the black and white secchi disk. The stained water of the Totagatic limits the clarity but as we all witnessed last summer, a late summer algae bloom really made a difference from what we had become use to the last three years. Last year was a more "normal" rainfall summer which increases the flow of the Totagatic and brings with it natural phosphorus which fuels the algae.

We can't do anything to limit the amount of natural phosphorus coming into the lake, but we can make sure we do not add to it in any way. So what can we do and what should we not do?

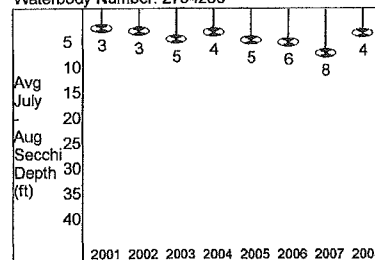
Do:

- Maintain a shoreline buffer
- Make sure your septic system is in proper working order

Don't:

- Use lawn fertilizer with phosphate in it
- Put leaves and other lawn waste in the lake

Nelson Lake (Totagatic Flow)
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Past secchi averages in feet (July and August only).

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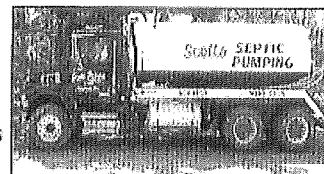
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NLA Annual Meeting

Saturday June 13th

*Join us for a great time! Meet your neighbors
and find out what's new on Nelson Lake!*

More information in this issue.