



Spring NLA Newsletter

May 2016

2016 NLA Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 11, 2016

9:00am — Noon

Hayward Vet's Center

Agenda

- 9:00 am Coffee, Continental Breakfast
- 9:30 am Weed Control
- 10:00 am Clean Boats/Clean Waters on Nelson Lake
- 10:30 am Fish Sticks Update
- 11:00 am Annual Meeting Business
 - Approval of June 13, 2015 Minutes
 - Financial Report
 - Membership Status
 - Nominations and Elections
 - Other Business
- 12:00 noon Adjourn to June 10, 2017



Hayward Vet's Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

2016

- ◆ Annual Meeting 2016
Saturday, June 11, 2016
9:00-Noon
Hayward Vet's Center
- ◆ Annual Picnic 2016
Saturday, August 13, 2016
4:00-7:00pm
Nelson Lake Landing
Resort

2017

- ◆ Winter Rama 2017
Saturday, January 7, 2017
- ◆ Garage Sale 2017
Friday & Saturday,
July 7 & 8, 2017

Mark your calendar!

NLA Board Election

This year the offices of Vice President, Secretary, and two Directors are up for election. One of our long time Directors has decided not to run for re-election. If you are interested in running for any of the positions, please contact any of the Board members and we will add your name to the ballot to be voted on at the annual meeting.



Welcome Spring!



From the President: *Bill Wilcox*

As I write this on April 2nd the ice is gone, the earliest I have seen in the 20 years I have lived on the lake. There is snow on the ground, not unusual for early April, and I am looking forward to another active summer on the water.

Soon the NLA activities begin:

- Buoys need to be placed
- Annual meeting
- Spring shoreline inspections
- Annual picnic
- Fall shoreline inspections
- Marking trees for the fish sticks project
- Swapping the buoys for winter
- Perhaps stocking more white suckers

Throw in a few water clarity and water chemical tests, supporting *Fishing Has No Boundaries*, a couple of newsletters, a membership directory, and managing two boat launch inspection programs—no wonder the summer goes by fast! It's possible I have missed a few things.

Again this year we have received a grant from the DNR to help fund the boat launch inspection program. There will be inspectors at the two primary boat launches each Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer. Since it is impossible to inspect every boat that comes onto the lake, it is important that we all monitor the lake when we are on the water. Everyone needs to know how to identify curly leaf pondweed (grows early and then dies) and Eurasian water milfoil (grows late in the summer). If you suspect you have discovered some, mark the place, collect a sample and contact any of the Board members. Early detection is critical. A special thanks to the people who have signed up as shoreline monitors to do spring and fall inspections of 31 miles of shoreline.

See you on the lake.

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From the Treasurer: Casey Stangl



Our membership as of now is 255 members.

Welcome to the new members that have joined us this year, and thanks to everyone for their continued support.

Our Financial Report is as follows:

Peoples Bank account.....	\$ 2,581.55
Capital One MMC.....	\$39,800.84
General Funds.....	\$27,909.46
Fish & Wildlife Funds.....	\$ 3,148.85
Invasive Species Funds.....	\$11,326.23
Lake Project Funds.....	\$ -2.15



SPRING IS HERE...

and many of the roads around Nelson Lake are in need of trash clean-up. NLA members have most graciously volunteered to keep our roads clean year after year. If you see trash along our roadsides, please take the time to stop and pick it up.

Thanks for keeping our lake roads clean & beautiful!

NELSON LAKE General Fishing Regulations

Species	Season	Daily Bag Limit	Length Limit
Walleye	General gamefish*	3	18" minimum
Northern Pike	General gamefish*	1	32" minimum
Largemouth Bass	General gamefish*	5, both species combined	None
Smallmouth Bass	Catch and release only from first weekend in May to third weekend in June		None
Panfish (Crappie, Bluegill, Yellow Perch, Sunfish)	Open Year Round	10 combined	None

*General gamefish season runs from the first Saturday in May through the first Sunday in March

3-line motor trolling is allowed



Clean Boats/Clean Waters

by Rick Lindner

The fishing and boating season is now underway. We have been fortunate that our lake has not seen growth of invasive weeds like Eurasian Water Milfoil or Curly Leaf Pondweed. This is in part due to the fact that we staff boat inspectors at the public access landings during the high use periods of the year. In 2015 our inspectors spent 620 hours at the landings.

This year we have multiple inspectors sharing the duties at the landings. Gerlach landing will be handled again this year by Donna Ritter. The West Basin Landing near the Dam will be handled by Chuck and Deb Vind, Simon Terry, Andrew Evenson, Ron Kirchdoerfer, and Art Saxum. Please support all our inspectors by being courteous and cooperative any time you use the public landings.



Raffle



This year we will be raffling off a
Apple—iPad Air 2
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Product Features

- ◆ 64GB
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- ◆ Up to 10 hours of battery life
- ◆ Cellular data service on Wi-Fi + cellular models (sold Separately)

- **\$10 each ticket or**
3 for \$25
- **Total of 200 tickets to be sold**



Ticket sales will start at the NLA Annual Meeting, Saturday, June 11 at the Hayward Vet's Center and will also be available for purchase at resorts on Nelson Lake



Winner of the raffle
with be drawn
at the
NLA Annual Picnic
on
Saturday, August 13
at
Nelson Lake
Landing Resort



New family of geese on Nelson Lake!

Winter Rama Winners!

Chili Contest

- 1st Place — Craig Cottington
- 2nd Place — Jean Erickson

Dessert Winner — Lisa Clamer

Golf Winner — BJ Eytchenson

CONGRATS!



Winter Rama 2016

Another fun Winter Rama was held at Nelson Lake Landing on January 2, 2016. There was a good turn out for the event and a good time was had by all.

A huge thank you to John and Linda for hosting this event again this year!



NLA Invasive Program... *Bill Wilcox*

Prevention

The first priority of the NLA Invasive Program is to prevent any invasives from entering the lake. We are doing this with signage that reminds boaters to clean, inspect and drain.



The second line of defense is the boat launch inspections at Gerlach Landing and the West Basin Landing. The inspections not only make sure the boats are OK, but the people get a reminder that this is important.



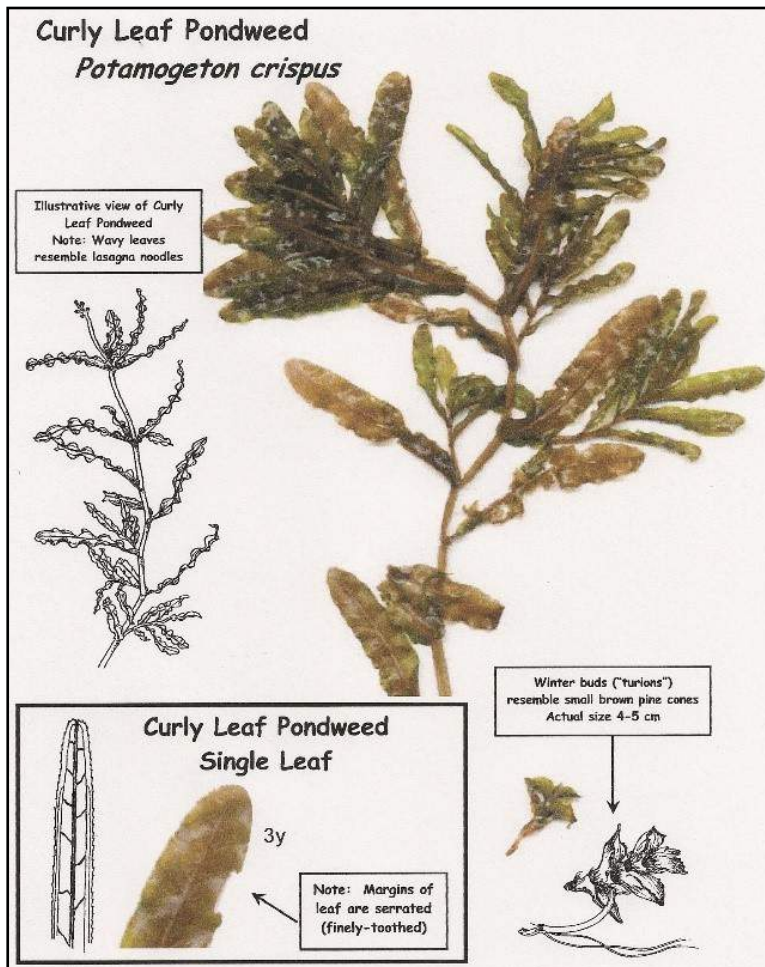
<u>2015</u>	<u>Boats Inspected</u>	<u>People Contacted</u>
Gerlach	927	2,261
West Basin	<u>408</u>	<u>877</u>
Totals	1,335	3,138

Early Detection

Since it is not possible to inspect every boat that enters the lake, it is important we detect any introduction as early as possible. To do this, we have divided the lake shore into 31 segments of approximately 1 mile each and have solicited members to check a section twice a year.

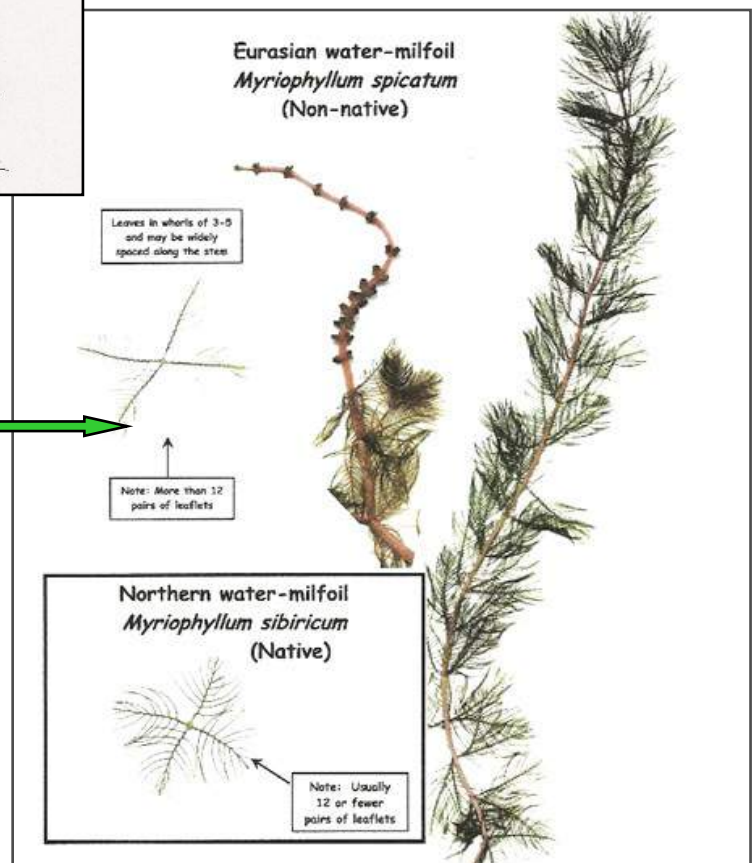
NLA Invasive Program... Bill Wilcox

In addition to prevention and early detection, we want every member to know how to identify Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Watermilfoil, be alert while on the water, and report immediately if they suspect they have found any.



← **Curly Leaf Pondweed**

Eurasian water-milfoil →



Fish Sticks - 2016

by Rick Lindner

On January 20th, 2016, a group of volunteers from the Nelson Lake Association (NLA) combined with five employees of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) completed the work on the 2016 Fish Sticks project. The work on this phase resulted in about 80 trees being cut and cabled to the shoreline along the south shore of the Big Island from Birch Point to Bennie's Bay.



Again this year, we used the approach where trees were cut and cabled at approximately 50ft intervals. This approach minimizes the expenses of the project because it avoids the cost of removing trees from forest land with a backhoe, plowing roads onto the ice, dragging trees to the shoreline, and placing them with a bobcat. The only expenses the NLA incurred were the cost of the cable and clamps. The DNR provided the saws, gas, and technicians to cut the trees.



The success of this project has gathered some attention from other lake associations in the area and at the state DNR level. Several other associations have started or are planning Fish Sticks projects. While the work was progressing we were visited by the Fisheries Supervisor, Al Blizel. After observing the work Al indicated that he intends to return during the summer and view the results after the ice goes out.



Our appreciation is once again extended to Max Wolter, DNR Fish Biologist, who obtained the permit and coordinated the overall effort, and the chainsaw crew from the DNR including: Scott Braden - Fish Technician
Russ Warwick - Fish Technician
Jimmy Kujala - State Forester

The NLA members who participated included:

Bill Wilcox, Casey Stangl, Steve Bilitz, Rick Lindner, Gordy Christians, John Welter, Harold Burton, Keith Cottingham, George Uschan



Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust, Inc.

by Gordy Christians



Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust is a local non-profit 501(c)3 land conservation organization working in Sawyer County to protect and promote the natural environment. The landscape of northern Wisconsin, with acres of forests, wild wetlands and scenic shorelines, is the reason so many of us are drawn to the area, and is the real character of the Northwood's you love.

Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust provides the opportunity for the preservation of open space, clean water and wildlife habitat in our community. Landowners may wish to work with the land trust to protect their property permanently through a conservation easement. Conservation easements can protect lands with exceptional biological diversity, natural habitat, historic significance, and sustainably managed forests for the benefit of present and future generations.

Other opportunities for land protection include: land donation, financial stewardship, and membership support. The land trust also seeks to educate and promote a positive connection to the natural environment through unique and interesting experiences.

For more information about Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust, please visit www.couderaywaters.org. You can also follow the [Facebook page](#) for the latest news about upcoming events.



Bears!

by Hank LeMay



Last fall we were out cleaning up the woods and I slipped and fell. As I was getting up I glanced into an old fox hole and saw these two black eyes staring at me. I yelled to Tom “I think there is a bear in here!” He came and looked, and sure enough, it was. We talked to the DNR and they said it was probably a young male that was kicked out by the Mom and he was hibernating by himself. We would check once in a while during the winter and he was still there.

One day this Spring we were out walking around the yard and we saw something moving down by the den...TWO BLACK BALLS OF FUR, we had twins!!! So much for a male hibernating! Tom ran into the house to get the camera and by the time he got back we discovered we had quadruplets, four baby cubs! How exciting. Bill Wilcox came over and put his trail camera out so we could get better pictures of them when we were not around. We would watch them play out there; they would wrestle with each other, and one would climb up a dead tree, and the other 3 would follow... before long all 4 cubs were on the tree. So cute! Momma bear would come out once in a while, but then we had to leave.

One day we went out to see what they were doing, but they were gone. Mamma must have decided it was time to head out into the wild. It is lonesome without them, but that is life in the woods!



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