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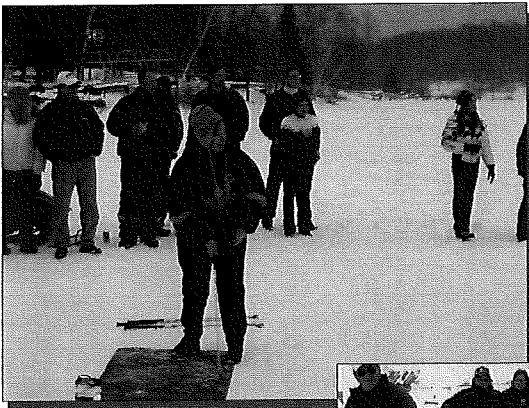


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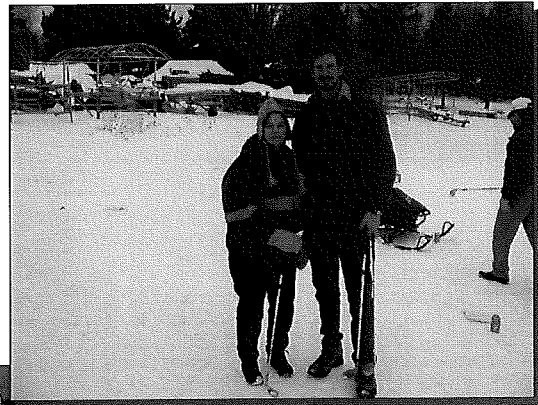
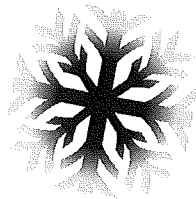
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## WINTER RAMA 2008

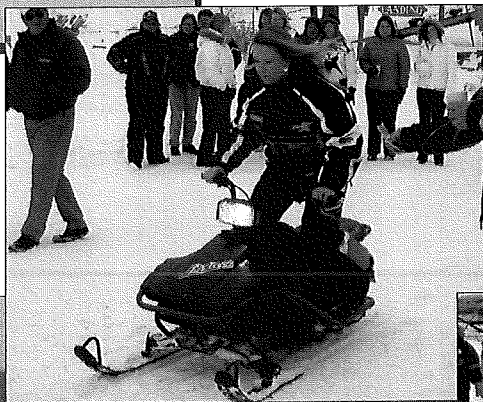


Linda Solomonson tried her skills at the golf pitching contest

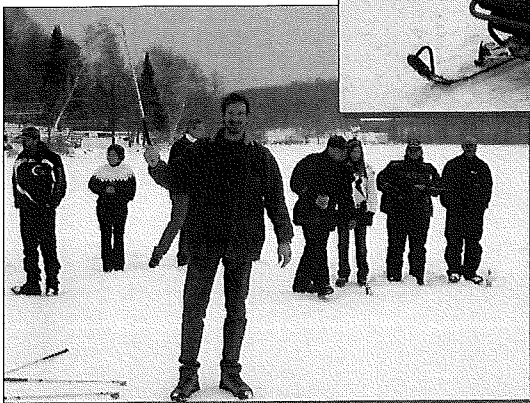


And the WINNERS are.....  
Linda Solomonson and Phil Cooper for the golf pitching contest.

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Cathy Button was the ladies WINNER on the Sno-Scot



Phil Cooper shows his golfing style on ice during the golf pitching contest.



The Sno-Scot men's WINNER was B.J. Eytcheson



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From the President

Bill Wilcox

On August 16, 1983 Jeanne Nelson held an organizational meeting of the Nelson Lake Property Owners Association at the Ranch Supper Club in Hayward "to ascertain if there is interest in forming such an organization in the first place". 106 signed in at the door, about 40 couldn't get in, and she received an additional 29 letters of interest. 14 people volunteered to draw up a set of bylaws. That was the start of what today is the Nelson Lake Association with 273 families as members. During the 25 years that have passed since that first meeting a lot of water has gone over the dam (please excuse the pun) and we are planning to celebrate this milestone both at the annual meeting June 14<sup>th</sup> and at the fall picnic on August 9<sup>th</sup>. We don't have all the plans in place yet but I can assure you that you will not want to miss either event.

Aquatic invasive species are number one on the lake association priority list again this year and we have an aggressive plan to try to prevent any invasive species from entering the lake. We will have several opportunities for you to learn what you can do to help and I encourage all of us to become knowledgeable and do our part to protect Nelson Lake.

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## *Celebrating 25 Years*

### The Nelson Lake Association Celebrates 25 Years

Diane Cooper

This year the Nelson Lake Association will celebrate 25 years. We plan on having a celebration at our annual meeting in June. We would like to display old pictures and maps and are welcoming anyone who would like to come to the meeting to talk about the history of Nelson Lake.

If anyone has any information that would be useful or know of anyone who would like to talk with us, please contact Diane Cooper at 715-634-2800.

Visit our website at [www.nelsonlakeassociation.org](http://www.nelsonlakeassociation.org)

## BIG FOOT SIGHTED ON NELSON LAKE ??

### Big Foot

Recently we received reports that there were two creatures moving along the shores of Nelson Lake. Some thought it might be big foot which was recently reported in the Seeley hills. Upon closer examination the creatures were identified as Dan Vertanen and Eldon Johnson who were cleaning out the duck houses and recording information



Eldon Johnson cleans a duck house.

about what kind and how many egg shells were in the houses. Eldon, who will

turn 80 this coming summer, has been doing this since he started helping Rich Lillienberg in 1990. He has carried on since 1992 with the help of his children, grandchildren, and other Nelson Lake neighbors such as Dan. He is currently keeping records on over 60 duck houses.



Big Foot?? No it's Dan Vertanen.

## SEPTIC SURVEY by Bill Wilcox

During the past summer we sent information to 445 property owners on Nelson Lake with information about a proposed septic survey and asked them to respond if they approved or disapproved of conducting a septic survey. We received 293 (66%) responses and of the responses, 263 (90%) voted yes and 30 (10%) voted no. We will send this information to Sawyer County Zoning and ask them to put us in the queue for a future survey. The earliest a survey could be conducted is 2009 and in all probability it will be later than that. Before anything happens on this subject we will have additional information meetings and provide additional written notification.

Board of Directors meetings are held the second Wednesday of the months of January, March, May, July, September and November at  
The Lenroot Town Hall, 6:30 PM.  
NLA Members are welcome to attend.



Pat Clauss was the desert judge



Marlene Wilcox won for BEST DESERT



Diane Larson won BEST CHILI



There was a chili to please everyone's taste



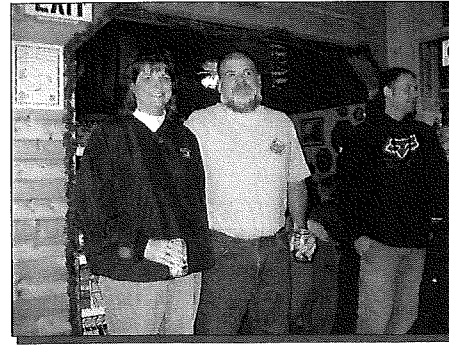
And plenty of it to keep everyone warm on a chilly day



PEOPLES CHOICE award to the Welters



Cindy and Dale Anderson visit with Bill Wilcox.



Chili Judges Lisa and Bud Nault enjoyed their job.

## Winter Rama---A Fun Winter Social

Thanks to Scott Flynn and John and Linda Welter, this year's Winter Rama was once again a fun break during the winter cold. It was a time to socialize, sample a wide variety of chili and deserts, compete in a golf pitching contest, and take a spin on a Sno-Scoot.

Our judges for the chili contest were Lisa and Bud Nault and this year we also let all the attendees sample the chili entrees and vote for the People's Choice chili award. The judges picked Diane Larson's as the best chili and the People's Choice award went to Linda and Julie Welter.

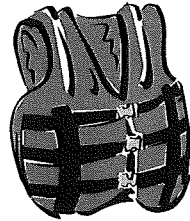
Our desert judge again this year was Pat Clauss and her favorite desert this year was called Mama's Date Cake entered by Marlene Wilcox (the recipe was handed down from Marlene's Mama).

The golf pitching contest was won by Linda Solomonson and Phil Cooper while the Sno-Scoot contest was won by Kathy Button and BJ Eytcheson.

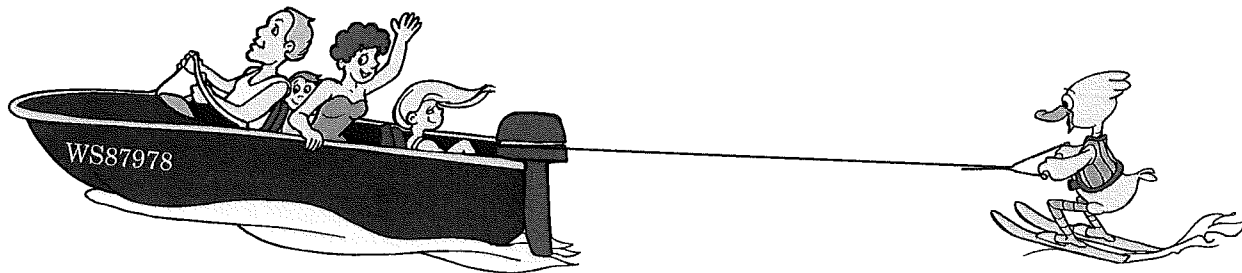
## NEWS FROM THE DNR

### 10 Most Common Boating Violations

- Failure to provide an adequate number of life jackets
- Personal watercraft violations
- Operating a boat without a valid certificate of number (begins with "WS")
- Local ordinance violations
- Operating a motorboat while under the influence
- Operating a boat in excess of the speed limit or in a prohibited area
- Operating a boat at night without the required lights
- Operating a boat that is towing a water-skier without a required observer
- Failure to display proper registration
- Failure to have a certificate of number on board (plastic card titled "Wisconsin Boat Registration Certificate")



--Source: Wisconsin DNR



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## Aquatic Invasive—Report on NLA Activities Dale Anderson

### Aquatic Invasive Species - 2008 Plan

The Nelson Lake Association has a history of initiatives to fight the spread of aquatic invasive species. This has been accomplished by a combination of financial assistance from the DNR, donations, and dedicated NLA volunteers. We are planning on continuing in 2008, and in fact, want to expand the effort. The emergence of viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) as a potentially catastrophic agent highlights the need for continuing vigilance.

We have applied for a DNR cost share grant of \$11,400 (25% for NLA and 75% for DNR) to help fund the project that focuses on three areas - education, prevention and early detection. First, the key chains we have made have been a very popular education tool and we will again make and distribute them in the region. Second, to prevent infestation of the lake we want to significantly expand the Clean Boat/Clean Water program that was initiated in 2007. We will use paid and volunteer inspectors to staff launch ramps and will hire a coordinator to oversee the program. We want to have extensive coverage at resort and public boat ramps. Finally, we will continue lake monitoring to ensure early detection should an invasive plant slip through the prevention efforts.

The proposal is aggressive and will require a lot of volunteer work to make it successful. Also, it is important to know that volunteer time is credited at \$8 / hour as part of the costs that are the responsibility of the Nelson Lake Association. We can nearly pay for our share of the cost through volunteer hours - every volunteer hour is worth \$8 to NLA.

We will know in early April if we got the DNR grant. If we do not, we still will have a STOP INVASIVES program! It will be less comprehensive, but will still include actions to protect the lake.

*Stop Invasives...*

*Through Education, Prevention  
and Early Detection*

## FISH AND WILDLIFE NEWS

### MINNOWS AS BAIT

#### Preventing the spread of VHS Fish Virus New Rules, November 2007

New statewide emergency regulations ban moving live fish and water between lakes.

##### Under the statewide rules:

You may not leave the bank or shore of any water with any live fish or live fish eggs, including leftover minnows.

You must drain all water from bilges, ballast, live wells, bait buckets and other containers before you leave the bank or shore of any water.

You may not use or possess live fish or live fish eggs as bait if bought outside Wisconsin.

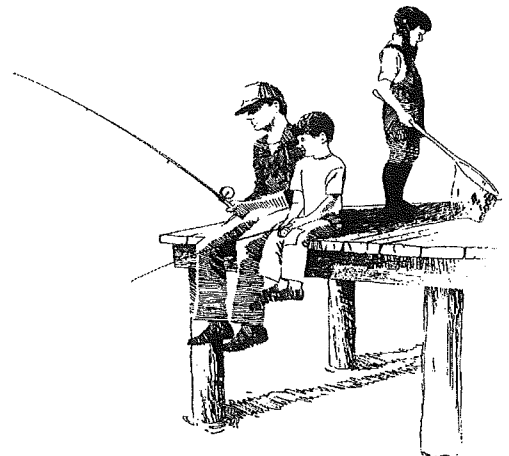
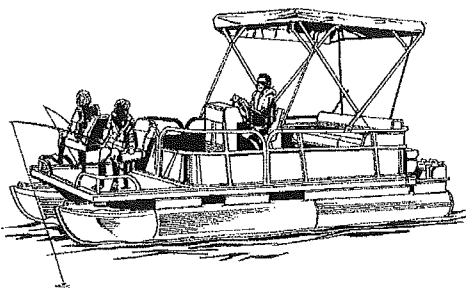
You may not use dead fish, fish eggs, or fish parts for bait. Exceptions: if you are fishing in the same water where the bait was collected, or if the bait was preserved by a method that does not require refrigeration or freezing.

You may not transport by land into Wisconsin, any water in boats, boat trailers, boating equipment or fishing equipment, including water in any bilge, ballast tank, bait container or live well.

Also, because all water is required to be drained from equipment and containers used for fishing, this includes water in containers that may contain leeches or aquatic insects, or melted ice water in coolers used to keep dead fish fresh.

Another suggestion from the DNR, buy only enough minnows to use every day, or leave the bulk of minnows in your vehicle at the landing and take a few minnows out on the lake at a time so you will not have to kill all of them at the end of the day. Any minnows not brought onto the water, its shores or banks, can be taken home at the end of the day and used elsewhere.

**For specific regulations and additional information on the VHS (Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia) stop by the DNR office for literature, or visit the DNR website at [fishingwisconsin.org](http://fishingwisconsin.org).**



## NLA 25th ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

### SECOND NOTICE

### 25TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2008

Thank you for all the wonderful recipes that we have received so far (58), but we need a whole bunch more ( 200-400 ) before we can go into publication. Type or print each recipe on an 8 1/2 X 11 sheet of paper or use the form that is attached. REMEMBER: the deadline for receiving recipes is May 1, so for those of you who have been deciding which are your favorites recipes to send, please get them to Marlene or Hank by the deadline.

Send your recipes to: Nelson Lake Association

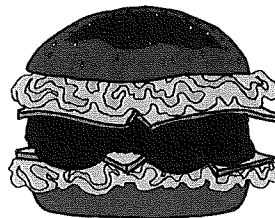
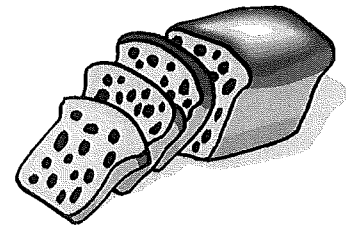
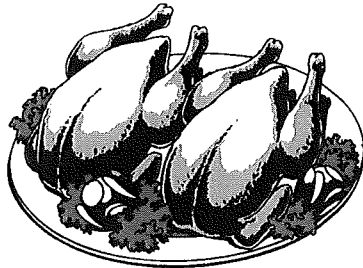
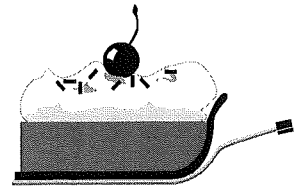
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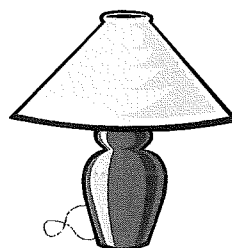
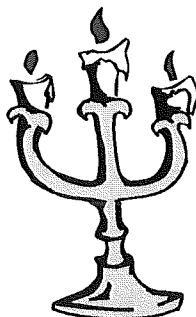
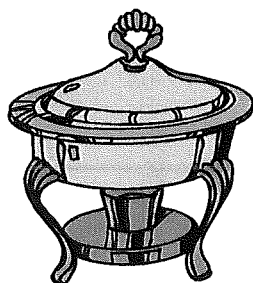
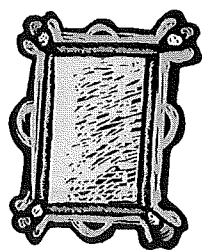
### NLA Calendar of Events 2008

April	Spring Newsletter
May 1	Deadline for 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook recipes
June 14	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting
July 12	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Garage Sale
Aug 9	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic
October	Fall Newsletter & Directory

### 3rd ANNUAL NLA GARAGE SALE

#### Mark Your Calendar....Third Annual Garage Sale

The NLA annual garage sale has turned out to be a very successful fund raising activity and it will be continued again this coming summer. As you run across things that you no longer use or have been replaced with something new or you just don't have room for anymore, don't just throw them away, put them aside in the garage or in the basement for the **Third Annual Garage Sale** to be held on **Saturday July 12**. More details will be included in the Spring Newsletter, but in the meantime, start setting things aside.



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### Do Your Part to Stop the Spread

**Clean boats mean clean waters.** The DNR reminds you to take these steps to prevent the spread of invasive species every time you leave a launch:

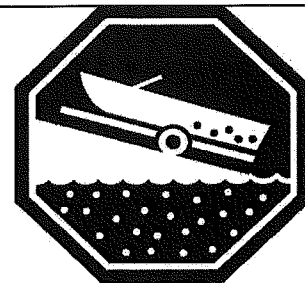
Inspect your boat, trailer and equipment and remove visible aquatic plants, animals and mud.

Drain water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells and bait containers.

Dispose of leftover bait in the trash, not in the water or on land.

Wash your boat and equipment with high pressure or hot water, or let it dry for five days before heading to another water body.

Visit [dnr.wi.gov/invasives/](http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/) to learn more about what you can do to keep Wisconsin waterways clean and prevent the spread of invasive species.



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**TREASURER REPORT****Treasurer's Report.....** Char Weissmuller, Treasurer 715.634.3590

As of December 31st, 2007 which was the end of our 3rd Quarter fiscal year, our ending Balances were as follows: Checking account \$4,938.54 and Investments (Capital One Money Market account) \$14,189.23 for a total of \$19,127.77. Funds in our major fund accounts were:

General Fund	\$5,114.50
Fishing & Wildlife Fund	\$9,921.64
Invasive Species Fund	<u>\$4,091.63</u>
Total	\$19,127.77

Last year's donations by members were greatly appreciated! **Thank you!** Please support the needs of your lake again this year. Membership dues will be due by April 1st. You will find a separate renewal blank below. Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have relating to finances or membership.

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Nelson Lake Association Member Renewal & Update - Due by April 1, 2008

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if all information is the same as last year, E-mail addresses are needed !

**Mailing Address:**(street) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Lake area address:** (if different from above ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership Dues \$20.00

Additional Donation to:

Invasive Species Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

General Fund \_\_\_\_\_

F/W Walleye Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed:

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