



SPRING NLA NEWSLETTER May 2017

2017

UPCOMING EVENTS:

◆ **Annual Meeting 2017**

Saturday, June 10, 2017
9:00-Noon
Hayward Vet's Center

◆ **NLA Garage Sale**

Friday July 8, 2017
(8:00am—3:00pm)
Lenroot Town Hall
Parking Lot

◆ **NLA Annual Picnic**

Saturday, August 12, 2017
4:00-7:00pm
Nelson Lake Landing Resort

2018

UPCOMING EVENTS:

◆ **Winter Rama 2018**

Saturday, January 6, 2018
Nelson Lake Landing Resort

2017 NLA Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 10, 2017

9:00 A.M. — Noon

Hayward Vet's Center

Agenda

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| 9:00 am | Coffee, Continental Breakfast |
| 9:30 am | Northern Waters Environmental School |
| 10:00 am | Fisheries Status & Plans |
| 11:00 am | Annual Meeting Business |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of June 11, 2016 Minutes• Financial Report• Membership Status• Nominations and Elections• Any Other Business |
| 12:00 noon | Adjourn to June 9, 2018 |

Join us at the Vet's Center!



NLA Board Election

There are three Director positions and the Treasure position up for election this year. John Welter, Kelly Plote, and Casey Stangl are on the ballot for the Director positions but currently we do not have a candidate for Treasure. This is a critical position and we need a good candidate. If you are interested in running for one of the Director positions or the Treasure position, please contact Bill Wilcox or any of the Board members and we will add your name to the ballot to be voted on at the Annual meeting.

**NLA
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715-638-2553
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715-699-1213

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- ◆ Ruth Lindner
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- ◆ Art Saxum
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Fishing Regulations

**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



Thank You For Adhering To The Fishing Quotas!

BOARD MEMBERS



Bill Wilcox



Harold Burton



Casey Stangl



Steve Bilitz



Rick Lindner



Gordy Christians



Tom LeMay



John Welter



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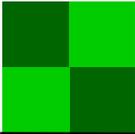
Kelly Plote



Art Saxum



Ruth Lindner



From the Treasurer:

Casey Stangl



**The Nelson Lake Association has
251 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:

As of March 31, 2017 we have the following in
our accounts.

Peoples Bank checking.....	\$ 6,370.72
Capital One MMC.....	\$37,416.18
General Fund.....	\$27,505.44
Fish & Wildlife Fund.....	\$ 4,683.53
Invasive Species.....	\$11,220.47
Lake Projects.....	\$ 377.46

*I want to thank our membership for their prompt
response to renewal this spring.*



Thank You!

NLA members have most graciously
volunteered to keep our roads around
Nelson Lake clean year after year. Again
this season, we will need your help to keep
Nelson Lake roads looking beautiful. If you
see trash along our roadsides, please take
the time to stop and pick it up. Thank you.

We appreciate YOU!



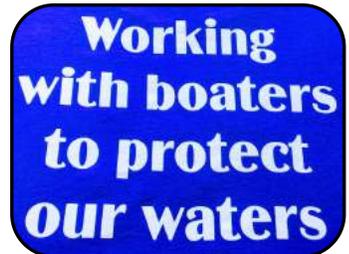
by Rick Lindner

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 2016 our inspectors spent 635
hours and inspected 1,302 boats at
the landings.

Again 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, Andrew Evenson and
Ron Kirchdoerfer.

Please support all our inspectors by
being courteous and cooperative any
time you use the public landings.



DNR FISHERIES MANAGEMENT — Nelson Lake

In 2017, DNR Fisheries Management will be conducting an estimate of the total number of walleye in Nelson Lake. Generating this kind of estimate is useful for evaluating stocking success, setting harvest limits, and adjusting regulations, if needed. The process is commonly referred to as a “mark-recapture” survey. The first step is to set nets on the lake to capture spawning walleye. The nets do not harm the fish, but rather they trap them by creating an area that they can swim into but cannot find their way out (similar to a large minnow trap). Each day, DNR crews empty the fish out of the nets. Each fish is measured, the sex of the fish is determined, and the fish is given a “mark”. In the case of Nelson Lake in 2017, the mark was right ventral fin clip (one of the fins on the belly of the fish). Don’t worry, the fish does not experience pain from this clip and can still swim effectively, it’s similar to clipping a fingernail. The fin will regrow typically within a month or two.

The fish are all then released back into the lake.

The next step is an electrofishing survey that is conducted a few days later. This year, the shocking survey was conducted on April 11th, if you saw lights out on the lake that night it was likely us. The entire shoreline of the lake is surveyed with 5 total electrofishing boats. Each captured walleye is then examined to see if it had a clip or not. The relative proportion of clipped to unclipped fish is then put into an equation that generates the total population size along with “confidence intervals”. This estimate, and the corresponding confidence intervals, are used to set safe harvest levels for both tribal and sport fishing anglers. Complete data from the survey will be available this summer, but there were a few notable catches. We were able to recapture a lot of clipped walleye, which is great for estimating population size, but not a great indicator of a large population. We did see a few of the clipped suckers stocked by NLA over the last two years. I’ll have a more detailed summary of that at the June meeting. And we got a smallmouth bass! Our surveys indicate that smallmouth are exceptionally rare in Nelson Lake so we were very excited to see this lone smallmouth. It was captured near the mouth of the Totogatic River.

Another electrofishing survey will be conducted a few weeks later when the water temperature warms up more. This survey targets bass and bluegill and allows us to make comparisons of how those populations have changed over time and how they stack up to other lakes. We will be very interested to see how largemouth bass have responded to the “no minimum length limit” regulation that has been in place for a number of years.

Throughout the summer a creel survey will be conducted on Nelson Lake. The main creel clerk is from Hayward and his name is Matt. He’s a veteran at doing these kinds of surveys. If he stops you on the water please be cooperative and friendly and Matt will return the favor. His goal is to get the data we need and get you back to fishing as soon as possible. The data collected as a part of this survey is invaluable to understanding the fishery and managing the lake.

The results of all these efforts will be compiled into a report that will be distributed to NLA and posted to the DNR website.

 *Max H. Wolter*

Fisheries Biologist
Hayward Service Center
Bureau of Fisheries Management





Raffle



This year the winner of the raffle will have their choice of and ***iPhone7*** or a ***Samsung Galaxy S8*** with their color options and choice of service provider.

Ticket sales will start at the NLA Annual Meeting, Saturday, June 10 at the Hayward Vet's Center and will also be available for purchase at resorts on Nelson Lake.

A total of 200 raffle tickets will be sold at **\$10 each or 3 for \$25.**



The winner of the raffle will be drawn at the NLA Annual Picnic on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at Nelson Lake Landing Resort.

iPhone7 128GB



iPhone7 features an all new 12MP camera with an f/1.8 aperture for great low-light photos and 4K video. Optical image stabilization. A 4.7-inch Retina HD display with wide color and 3D Touch. An A10 Fusion chip for up to 2x faster performance than iPhone6. Touch ID. Faster LTE. The longest battery life in an iPhone. Immersive stereo sound, splash and water resistant, and IOS10.

Samsung-Galaxy S8 65GB



Samsung—Galaxy S8 captures dynamic images with the 12MP dual camera. Curved 5.8-inch Super AMOLED display. Equipped with advanced facial recognition technology and a fingerprint sensor on the rear to help protect your personal information.

Winter Rama 2017

Our 2017 Winter Rama was held on Saturday, January 7 at Nelson Lake Landing. A fun filled event with a Chili contest, Dessert contest and Golf Putting contest!

WINNERS:

CHILI winners:

Burnie Bell
Harold Burton

DESSERT winner:

Cara Goldman

GOLF winner:

Glen Rolloff



GARAGE SALE



NLA Garage Sale
Saturday, July 8, 2017
8:00 AM—3:00 PM
Lenroot Town Hall
(Hwy 63 just north of Nelson Lake Road)

- **BRING DONATIONS Friday, July 7**
(9:00 AM—3:00 PM)
 - ♦ **DO NOT Donate:**
 - ⇒ Clothing
 - ⇒ TV's or Computers
 - ⇒ Large Appliances
 - ♦ **PLEASE DO bring items like:**
 - ⇒ Good Furniture
 - ⇒ Working small appliances
 - ⇒ Bikes in good condition
 - ⇒ Other Sporting Goods
 - ⇒ Usable Tools
 - ⇒ Books, tapes, CDs, pottery, bowls, good dishes, etc.
 - ⇒ Items that you know are in fairly good condition and will sell!
- **EARLY SHOPPERS** can arrive Friday, July 7 at 5:00pm for a \$5.00 fee to shop early.

Workers Needed!!

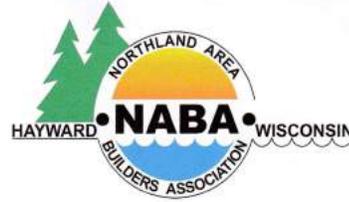
If you can volunteer to help work the Garage Sale please call to get your name on the list:

Bill or Marlene Wilcox — 715-634-7128

We need lots of help to set up, price, and sell items. Come join us for a fun time!.

**All profits from the sale go to NLA for projects to improve our lake!*

A THANK YOU FROM THE NABA



February 8, 2017

Dear Nelson Lake Association,

On behalf of the Northland Area Builders Association (NABA), we would like to thank you for your contribution to our 7th annual ice fishing event.

Your donation and support helps us continue in our mission and to assist those in the building industry. The generous support of individuals like you makes it possible for our organization to exist and to make the community a great place to live.

Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,

The Northland Area Builders Association

President - Steve Longtine
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Jason Sjostrom
Jack Sjostrom
Tom Jones
Tom Smedley
Brian Duffy
Jason Olsen
Kevin Miller



2016-2017

NLA SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Guidelines to qualify for the NLA Scholarship state that the scholarship is available to a graduating Hayward High School student who will be attending an accredited college or vocational school, has a GPA of 2.0 or higher and is enrolled in a Natural Resources or Environmental studies program. This year we did not have candidates that met these requirements. Therefore, no scholarship will be awarded this year.



FISH STICKS

The Nelson Lake Association did the first Fish Stick project in 2012 and in the five years that we have been putting trees in the lake for fish habitat we have placed roughly 800 trees. This past winter the DNR organized a chain saw training class for DNR foresters and dropped 113 trees on the ice for NLA volunteers to cable back to the shoreline so they would not become navigation hazards. It took the DNR a full day to drop that many trees and it took a day and a half for the volunteers to cable them all back. This has been a great habitat project.





Thank You
For
Supporting
Our Lake Association!

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