

NELSON LAKE ASSOCIATION

Fall 2026

From the President

As summer comes to a close, we can look back on a wonderful season filled with beautiful weather, family time, and plenty of opportunities to enjoy everything Nelson Lake has to offer! From boating and fishing to swimming, relaxing by the water, and visiting our favorite lake establishments, it was a summer to remember. Now, as autumn arrives, we are treated to the spectacular colors of the trees surrounding our beautiful lake. We are so fortunate to call this special place home!

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Members

First, I want to extend a sincere thank-you to all our Nelson Lake Association members for your continued membership, support, and commitment to our lake community. Your involvement helps make our association strong and allows us to continue supporting the lake and the people who make it such a special place.

Annual Meeting and Scholarship

The Nelson Lake Association Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, June 20th with great representation from our membership. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated! Please see the attached Annual Meeting Minutes for a recap of the meeting and important updates.

We were also proud to continue our longstanding scholarship tradition, awarding $1,000 to our annual scholarship recipient, Mckayl Taylor, a graduate of Hayward High School. For many years, the Nelson Lake Association has supported students pursuing environmental studies at a college or vocational school, helping invest in the next generation of environmental stewards.

Mckayl plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, where he will major in Conservation and Natural Resources. We congratulate him on this wonderful achievement and wish him every success as he begins this exciting next chapter!

The 2026-2027 scholarship submission deadline is . February 27, 2027. Please see scholarship information on page 8.

Independence Day Fireworks and Annual Summer Picnic – Fun for All!

Our Independence Day fireworks shows were spectacular, as always! A big thank-you to Revelle's Resort and DJ's Dockside for continuing to bring so much fun, excitement, and summer magic to Nelson Lake. We appreciate all you do to make this a special tradition for our lake community!

Our annual summer picnic was held on August 15th, bringing lake neighbors, friends, and families together for a fun-filled day! We enjoyed delicious food from Park Island Resort and Lynn's Meats, and the younger lakers had a blast participating in the ever-popular minnow races while friends and family cheered them on.

The raffle and door prizes added to the excitement, making it a wonderful day of laughter, good food, and great company. Our annual picnic is one of the best ways to meet fellow lake neighbors, catch up with friends, and celebrate the community we share.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the picnic a success. These gatherings remind us that Nelson Lake is about more than just the water—it's about the wonderful people who make our lake community so special!

Wishing everyone a beautiful fall season filled with colorful views, crisp mornings, and plenty of reasons to enjoy Nelson Lake. Thank you for being part of our lake community, and I look forward to another great year together!

Warmly,
Lisa Wied
President, Nelson Lake Association

NLA Board of Directors



Lisa Wied, President



Michelle Tripp, Vice President



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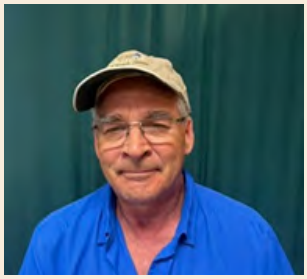

Kelly Flanagan



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Danielle Harvey



Mark Schaenzer



Steve Bilitz



Scott Wied



Gordy Christians

Sept 30, 2026 Treasurer's Report

General Fund	$ 5,798.41
Certificate of Deposit	$ 15,898.39
Total Funds	**$ 21,696.80**

Large Expenditures (financial year to date)

· Walleye stocking	$ 7500.00
· Boat monitoring (invasive species)	$ 7750.00
• **Thomas Whelan** Memorial Garden (from donations)	$ 2400.00
· Fireworks distribution	$ 2565.50
· Picnic Expense	$ 2,229.38

Outstanding Items

· Boat Monitoring	$ 2500.00

Nelson Lake Events

1/16/27	Winter Rama
6/12/27	2027 Annual Meeting
8/21/27	Kayaking around the Lake
8/21/27	NLA Annual Picnic

Fishing Has No Boundaries

By Mark Schaenzer

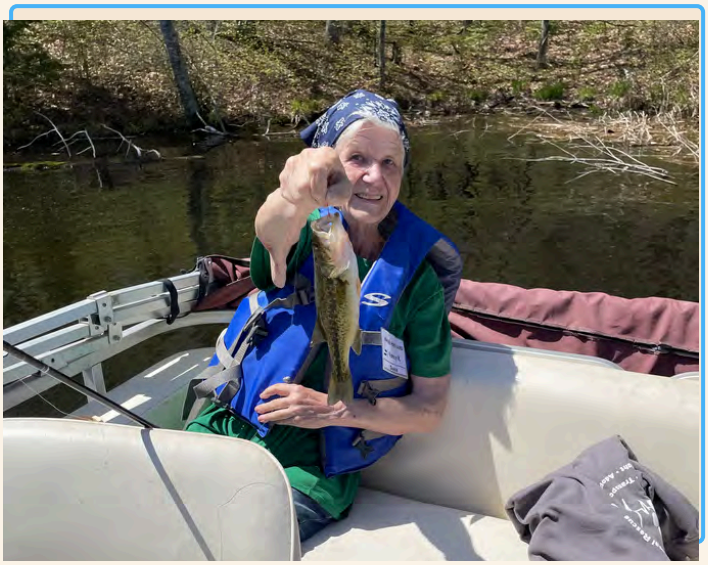
Once again Nelson Lake board members were active with Fishing Has No Boundaries (FHNB). On May 15th & 16th FHNB (Hayward division) hosted the main event at the Chippewa Flowage. There were hundreds of volunteers and participants.

The weather was quite nice warm and sunny. On Saturday the wind did kick up closing ½ of the fishing area. The participants enjoyed catching fish both days. One of the participants was a very active fisherman.He brought a selection of rods and reels. He caught the most fish including several small mouth bass which were released (the season was not open yet). Our guide Kathy, was new to fishing on the Chippewa flowage she did a nice job helping the participants with baiting hooks and removing fish. Everyone caught fish both days.









2026 Walleye Stocking Report

By Gordy Christians

2026 was the third year of the four-year stocking plan. 16,900 walleye (3.38" average) were stocked July 8th. The increase in numbers this year was because the Nelson Lake Resort Association agreed to contribute an additional $7500 which doubled our order. Stocking was done at Revelle's boat landing, in front of Revelle's resort (added because of the increase in walleyes), the access off of Small Road, and the access off end of Tagalder Road.

This stocking plan (described in last fall's newsletter) is to cover year to year variations in weather, prey availability, and predator numbers.

Compared to natural reproduction, the numbers we plant are pretty small so change may not be evident for a number of years. The long-term goal is a more balanced fish population which should begin to show a smaller number of crappie of larger average size and increased numbers or of walleye.

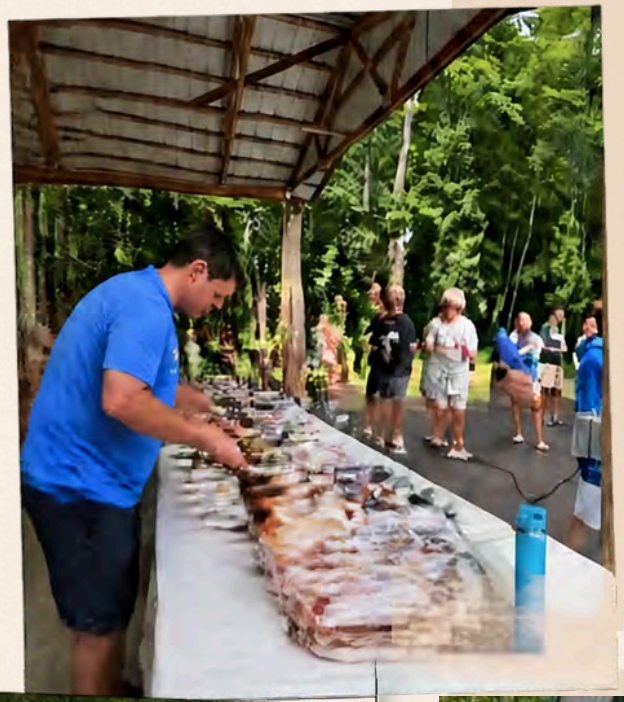


Walleye Fingerlings Plus stocked on July 8th



Walleyes stocked at Revelles Resort

Nelson Lake Annual Picnic
August 15, 2026











A Special Tribute to Tom Whelan and His Love for Nelson Lake

For 23 years, Nelson Lake held a special place in Tom's heart. In 2015, Tom and his family purchased a park model at Nelson Lake Landing, becoming seasonal residents so they could spend as much time as possible enjoying everything the lake had to offer.
Tom's days were filled with fishing, watching loons and eagles, and appreciating the peace and beauty of nature—even when the weather didn't cooperate! Time on the water brought boating, sunshine, music, drinks, and wonderful memories with friends and family. One of his most special traditions was welcoming his great-nephew, Kayne, who first visited the lake at just two years old. Now 13, Kayne shares Tom's love and appreciation for Nelson Lake.
Tom also enjoyed gathering with friends at the lake's many resort bars for good food, drinks, laughter, and, of course, a little time at the gaming machines!

Nelson Lake was where Tom was happiest. In creating the memorial garden, his wife, Beth and Tom's family and friends hope to keep his spirit and memory alive while honoring his deep love for the lake and the many friendships formed along its shores.
May this beautiful garden serve as a lasting tribute to Tom and a reminder of the special memories, friendships, and love that make Nelson Lake so meaningful to so many.

The Tom Whelan Memorial Garden is located at the Nelson Lake Park
in front of the park shelter









Calling all High School Seniors!!!

The Nelson Lake Association offers a scholarship every year to one graduating senior. To learn more about this opportunity check out this link from the Hayward Area High School The 2026-2027 scholarship submission deadline is February 27, 2027. Please visit this link **- Hayward High School Local Scholarship Program**

The purpose of the Association is to preserve and protect Nelson Lake and its surroundings, to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of Nelson Lake as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations while respecting the interests of property owners and the public and to provide the opportunity for fellowship among Association members.

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