

WAUPACA CHAIN O' LAKES ASSOCIATION

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*Dedicated to preserving these unique spring-fed lakes
and their surrounding environment for present and
for future generations of residents and visitors.*



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WISCONSIN'S LAKE LEADERS INSTITUTE

In 1998 Wisconsin began a program called the Lake Leaders Institute to enhance Wisconsin's lake resources through leadership, training and civic engagement. This program was created to develop a pool of committed and prepared people who could assume leadership roles in policy development and citizen advocacy through county and State lake organizations and municipal governments. The Institute assists in developing and enhancing technical and people skills of citizen leaders. It also encourages participants to learn from each other and to develop networks for sharing experiences. Eleven different crews and some 300+ individuals have graduated from this program. In 2009 the Institute was the recipient of the National Fish Habitat Achievement Award in support of Habitat Conservation.

Institute seminars are designed to explore new ideas about lakes and to manage human usage of them. The core curriculum is delivered every other year during even-numbered years since its first two years, 1998 and 1999. There are three two-day seminars held spring and fall at retreat centers in Wisconsin lake areas. These seminars are led by a variety of highly qualified speakers, including organization leaders, academicians, DNR staff and other government representatives. During seminars participants take field trips, enjoy lake and aquatic environments, exchange ideas, network with each other and presenters, and develop resources for future lake projects.

The Wisconsin Lakes Partnership is able to cover most of the operational costs of the Institute so that participants invest only \$350. This fee covers lodging, meals, field trips, equipment and materials. Participants may secure financial support from local lake organizations or other sponsorships. In 2016 the Association nominated and sponsored Board member Phil Peterson, who became a member of Crew 11 along with 25 others representing 19 Wisconsin counties.

Seminar 1 – Society and Environment: Philosophy and Ethics of Lake Management

Seminar one offered introspective and networking opportunities with an emphasis on team building. An exercise called *Discover the Color of Your Personality* focused on the leadership style each individual is most likely to use. It provided crew members with an effective tool for understanding basic behavior, for uncovering motivators specific to each temperament and for improving communication skills. Participants were grouped based on *personality color* and each group had to develop a solution to a particular situation.

*Crew 11 at an outdoor lecture,
courtesy of Kim Becken*



Seminar one was held in May at the Pilgrim Center, located on the southeast shore of Green Lake. The Center has meeting facilities and a variety of housing from cabins in the woods to the Oak Mound Lodge. Before the Center was established, this was a special place for Native Americans. There are several sacred areas on the property, including Effigy Mounds.

Seminar 2 – Aquatic Ecology and Watershed Management: Impact of Development on Lakes

The second seminar provided an opportunity for crew members to enhance their knowledge of aquatic ecosystems, lake ecology and human impacts to lakes. It focused on the science side of lake issues. The morning was devoted to classroom sessions led by various outside experts. The afternoon revolved around field work examining a variety of water and habitat quality issues. There was considerable boat time designed to illustrate elements of lake management and aquatic ecology.



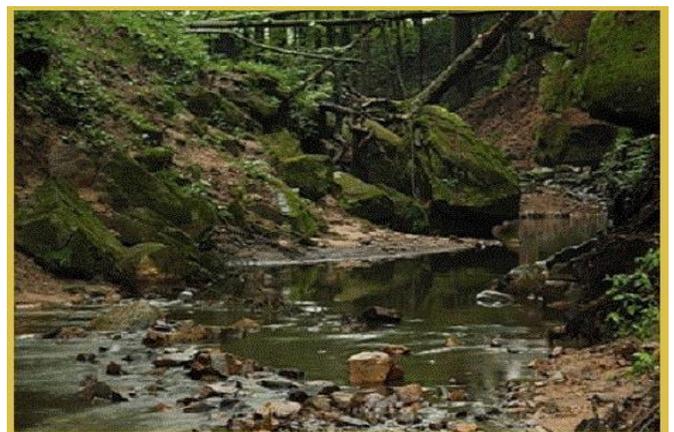
For the September seminar participants met at Kemp Natural Resources Station in Woodruff. This research and teaching facility is operated by the University of Wisconsin's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. The 235 acres contain some of the last remnants of old-growth forest, lake coves, bogs and more than one mile of shoreline along Tomahawk Lake. This varied environment supports a diverse wildlife population of mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, fish and invertebrate.

Kemp Station Lodge, courtesy of kemp.wisc.edu

Seminar 3 – Organizations, People, Politics

The final seminar addressed how organizations and people could work together on a political front. Professionals and lobbyists involved with lake conservation and protection at town, county and State levels spent time with crew members, giving them glimpses as to how lake issues are addressed at various points of government interaction. Crew members were encouraged to begin forming regional advocacy networks.

Seminar three was held in October at Durward's Glen Retreat and Conference Center in Baraboo. The Glen is named after the Bernard Isaac Durward family. Durward purchased the property in 1862 and moved there with his wife and children. The Center is dedicated to the preservation of its unique natural beauty, historic past and spiritual heritage. The pristine 40-acre site offers hiking trails, picnic areas, a pond, a rambling brook and a white oak tree over 350 years old. Durward's Glen is on the National Register of Historic Places.



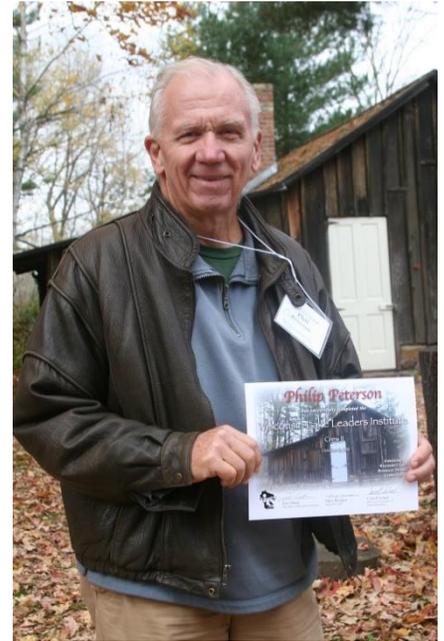
Glen at Durward's Glen, courtesy of durwardsglen.org

The final afternoon was spent touring the Aldo Leopold Shack near Baraboo. The day ended with taking group pictures, handing out certificates and having participants provide a statement of how they intend to lead efforts at their respective locations. After completion of the final session, Crew 11 became graduates of the Lake Leaders Institute. Congratulations to Association member Phil Peterson!

Phil Peterson received his Institute certificate at the Aldo Leopold Shack, courtesy of Kim Becken

Advanced Lake Leaders training for Institute graduates began in 2005 and occurs in odd-numbered years. Advanced training is usually a one-day fall workshop. The intent is to continue to increase the knowledge and confidence of Lake Leaders to be more effective advocates for lake conservation.

Thank you to Association member Phil Peterson and to Kim Becken of UWEX Lakes Partnership for sharing their experiences at the Institute. For additional information, contact Peterson whose information is in the *WHO's HOO*, kbecken@uswp.edu, or visit the website: <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/programs/lakeleaders/default>.



WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT WELLS

I wish everyone a belated Happy New Year. Another year on the Chain has come and gone and the lakes are currently under their winter layer of ice, a far cry from the hustle and bustle of summer days. It has been a relatively quiet year for the Association. If any of you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me and I will do what I can to help. I can be reached either by email, thewells@charter.net, or by phone, 715-459-6955. In addition, Association members are welcome to attend any Board meeting. The Board members are a good group of people with a common goal of protecting the lakes. You can rest assured you have a team in place that will do its best to take care of the very special Chain O' Lakes.

The Executive Committee will be changing. Executive Secretary Kay Ellis will be leaving effective the end of the Annual Meeting. She has been a tremendous asset to the Association for 18 years, 13 as Executive Secretary. I personally thank her for her time and dedication. The Board is currently looking for someone to assume the Executive Secretary position. Susan Gaastra is the new Treasurer, replacing Jed DeYoung. Marilyn Dixon remains as Secretary and Bob Underberg, as Vice President. Serving as your President is an interesting and educational experience and I thank you for your continued support.

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the Chain O' Lakes Foundation. The goal of the Foundation is to assist in efforts to protect and to improve the Chain. Checks should be made payable to Chain O' Lakes Foundation and mailed to Bob Ellis, Treasurer, E1228 Pine Tree Point, Waupaca WI 54981.

All members are invited to the Association Annual Meeting on June 17, 2017 at 9:00 am in Marden Memorial Center of the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King. Coffee and sweet rolls will be available. I look forward to seeing you at this Meeting.

Here's to looking toward another beautiful season on the Chain O'Lakes. See you on the water!

Mary Ann Wells

BOARD NOMINATIONS

Association By-Laws state that election of Directors shall take place at the Annual meeting and that the Board shall nominate candidates to fill Board vacancies. Nominees for the 2017-2020 term are: Dick Conover, John Hebbring and Margie Metzger. Any five Association members may nominate an additional candidate by submitting a written nomination to the Executive Secretary before May 3. If nominations are contested, candidate names will appear on ballots provided at the Annual Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NEEDED!

The Executive Secretary is in charge of the Association master list, the newsletter and the *WHO's HOO* directory. Following is a list of basic qualifications for this position: excellent organizational, grammar, writing, editing, communication and computer skills; flexible schedule; attention to details; ability to meet deadlines and background knowledge of the Association and its mission, bylaws, committees and neighborhoods.

If you are interested in serving as the next Executive Secretary, email your resume to President Mary Ann Wells, thewells@charter.net. This is a salaried position.

SIGN COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

Sign committee members maintain the name/address arrow signboards around the Chain and replace names and signs as needed. If you are interested in sign work, contact Mary Ann Wells. Sign committee members earn an hourly wage.

CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED!

Chairpersons are needed for two neighborhoods: **Columbia Lake – N2500s Cleghorn, Snug Harbor Lane, County Q and Indian Hill Trail and Taylor Lake – Otter Drive, Otter Channel Drive and Hidden Otter Trail**. Contact Kay Ellis or any Board member to volunteer. Contact information is in the *WHO's HOO*. You will be invited to the Chairpersons Appreciation breakfast in May and will receive your neighborhood packet. There will be ample time to deliver the *WHO's*

HOO to your neighbors before the June Association Annual meeting. The time commitment is a few hours per year, depending on how long you talk with your neighbors, plus the annual Appreciation breakfast. Chairpersons help reduce annual expenses.

If no one volunteers for these neighborhoods, members may pick up their *WHO's HOO* at the Annual Meeting.

LAKE DISTRICT NEWS

Lake Management Plan - The District is required by the DNR to create a Lake Management Plan for the entire Chain. Onterra, LLC of De Pere was contracted to develop this Plan during 2016-2017. **This spring the District will be mailing a lakes survey with paid return postage. Please respond as this survey is part of the Lake Management Plan requirements. The District is seeking members to represent Round and Columbia Lakes on the Lake Management Plan Committee.** To volunteer, contact any Lake District Board member: Bob Dixon, Bob Ellis, Rick Hammen, John Hebbring, Caroline Murphy, Jerry Murphy or Cathy Raynor.

In February the District applied for an Aquatic Invasive Species three-year treatment and monitoring grant. The District will treat invasive species in accordance with new DNR best management practices. In 2016 beetles that eat only Purple Loosestrife were placed in several infested Chain areas and will be used again this summer. The District thanks Sue Eiler and her volunteers for their expertise in raising purple loosestrife plants, for collecting beetles and for placing them around the Chain.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters Inspections - In 2016 the Lake District hired a Waupaca High School graduate as the summer CB/CW coordinator. In addition volunteers spent weekends at the Taylor Lake boat landing inspecting boats. Inspection hours are a critical component of any future DNR grant awards. Volunteer hours are 9:30 - 12:00 or 12:00 - 2:30 on weekends and holidays. For every inspection hour, the District receives a \$12.00 credit from the DNR as an in-kind payment. In addition to boat inspections, volunteers hand out Association/Lake District pamphlets containing

AIS information, a Chain map and boater safety regulations. The District thanks the boat landing volunteers for their support!

CHAIN SANITARY DISTRICT REPORT

The End of an Era – Ruth Woodward retired in December 2016 after serving for over 40 years as District Administrator of the Chain O'Lakes Sanitary District. Woodward has been the only Administrator since the District was organized in 1974. Throughout all the years she provided leadership and support to Board members and she worked most effectively and successfully with customers. The District Board thanks Woodward for her tremendous contribution to the District and welcomes Julie Prahel as the new Administrator.



Attention! Wipes Warning!
Wipes may be labeled “flushable,” but they do NOT degrade in the Chain sewer system and can cause problems in your plumbing. If wipes are used in your house, put them in the trash, NOT in the toilet!

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES UPDATE

Effective September 1, 2016, DNR permits are needed for various waterfront activities. Following is a list of items that might need permits: boat shelters, boathouse repairs, habitat structures such as fish sticks, lake shore erosion controls, piers/lifts, submergent vegetation removal and swim rafts. Visit the DNR website, <http://dnr.wi.gov/Permits/Water/>, for complete information and electronic applications or contact Scott Koehnke, DNR Water Management Specialist, scott.koehnke@dnr.wisconsin.gov.

WHEN ARE BURN PERMITS NEEDED?

Burn permits are required January 1 through May 31 in Wisconsin. To obtain the no-cost annual burn permit, go online to dnr.wi.gov/wisburn or call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876). The code for Waupaca County is 69. Permits are also available at the Wisconsin Veterans Home and at Hartman Creek State Park.

On burn day, you must check on the internet or via phone after 11 a.m. for daily fire restrictions in the County whether planning to burn debris on the ground, in a barrel, or in a fire ring. On permitted days, fires must not be started until 6 pm. Have tools and water available and make certain your fire is completely out before leaving.

PATROLLING ON THE CHAIN

Dayton and Farmington Townships purchased a new patrol boat with a center console and a Mercury 115 for the Chain. Patrol hours on the Chain totaled 702. 280 Gallons of fuel at a cost of \$971 were used. There were 334 contacts/inspections, 34 citations, 89 written and 337 verbal warnings. Arrests for OWI involved blood alcohol results from .14 to .201. Officers assisted a highly intoxicated individual in a kayak, six intoxicated individuals in canoes, a husband suffering from vertigo and his wife unable to operate the boat, and two kayakers being struck by a pontoon boat in a no-wake zone, fortunately with no serious injuries. The most frequent violations involved speed, distance, personal flotation devices, registrations and navigational lights.

DNR Wardens also observe activities, fish and shorelines and respond to safety issues and complaints. If you have concerns about any Chain activities, call the Water Patrol at 715-258-4466, DNR Warden Dremel at 715-258-4951 or the anonymous DNR tip line, 1-800-TIP-WDNR. Thank you to the Water Patrol Officers and DNR Wardens for their continued efforts to keep the Chain O'Lakes safe!

For safety on the Chain, be aware that it is unlawful to allow any person or dog to ride or sit on the gunwales, tops, backs or sides of seats or on the bow decking while the boat is underway, unless such person or dog is inboard of guards or railings sufficient to prevent being tossed overboard.

Are you aware of this regulation? Slowly pulling a person behind a motorboat on any equipment, such as an aquaplane or inner tube, on any no-wake Chain lake is illegal. Pulling is permitted only on Rainbow, Round, Columbia and Long.

NEWS FROM THE PAST

Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Power Boat Club

Waupaca Republican, April 19, 1907- The above is the title of a new boat club just launched in this city and the Chain o' Lakes. The officers are Roy Holly, Commander; J.E. Cristy, Vice Commander; C.M. Hall, Secretary; A.L. Larsen, Treasurer. The object of this society is for the betterment of the pleasure boat business and to make the social features of boating more pleasant, arrange for parades, banquets, etc. The annual dues are \$3 which pays for a cap to be uniform for all members, and to be worn during the season.

Waupaca Record, July 18, 1907-All members of the Waupaca Power Boat Club are requested to meet at 7:45 Monday night, July 22, in the center of Rainbow Lake in their launches to transact important business. In case of too much wind will meet at Larsen's cottage on Rainbow Lake. Roy Holly, Commodore.

Waupaca Post, May 14, 1908-The members of the above club recently met and re-elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Commodore – Roy Holly, Vice Commodore – J.E. Cristy, Secretary – C.M. Hall, Treasurer – Albert Larsen. The club has a membership of thirty-eight consisting of those owning, operating, or interested in boating. The initiation fee is \$3.00 which pays the first year's dues and also pays for a cap for members. Dues after first year, \$2.00. The Club cap was made expressly for Waupaca Power Boat Club with W.P.B.C. worked in monogram over the fore piece.

The Object of the Club-To promote interest in boating, to emphasize and promote interest in the Chain o' Lakes, to inculcate a knowledge of rules of navigation, to encourage harmony among members and to promote and conduct races, parades, etc. The Club has secured passage of a law by the last legislature to govern navigation on the Chain o' Lakes. Will install and maintain lights and buoys at channels and shallows and endeavor to have channels opened wider and dredged to proper depth. Will hold races and illuminate parades frequently during the summer. It is the desire of the Club that everyone interested in boating become a member.

PLEASE NOTE

The Association Board would like to know if you would prefer to receive future newsletters via email or regular mail. Note the special section at the end of the membership form where you can choose your preference.

FIVE-YEAR OR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Annual dues are \$25 per year for a family or co-owner. A property owner may choose a five-year membership for \$100, a savings of \$25 over the five-year period. For those who own more than one lake property and want an additional membership and *WHO'S HOO* directory listing, dues are the same, \$25 for one year or \$100 for five years per additional property. Indicate your choice on the membership form. Checks should be made payable to **Waupaca Chain O' Lakes Association**.

Membership dues are used for publishing the newsletter and membership directory, updating and replacing name/address arrow signs and lake signs, funding a scholarship for a Waupaca High School student entering environmental studies, and implementing various lake projects.



Five-Year Members and Wingspan Property Owners – The five-year members list is enclosed for your reference. Wingspan is listed as a group, not individually, as your Association pays your dues. Those of you whose five-year memberships expired at the end of 2016 are also listed.

With current five-year memberships, return your membership form **ONLY** if your information has changed or if you want to receive future newsletters via email. With no returned form, it will be assumed you have no changes and want to continue receiving hard copies of the newsletter.

WHO's HOO Directory – Before completing the enclosed membership form, review your current *WHO'S HOO* information. If any of it is new or changed since last year, highlight, underline or otherwise indicate it on your membership form. Do not cut the form. Directory information generally includes lake address, two phone numbers, lake where your property is located and an email address or two.

You may choose to exclude any portion of your information by circling it. Your email address will NOT be shared with any other organization or business. *WHO's HOO* will be distributed to members by Neighborhood Chairpersons in late spring.

Sign Request – This section of the membership form is for new members and for current members who have changes in ownership names. If you have a correct sign, DO NOT fill out this section. Membership and sign information must be received by **April 1** for *WHO'S HOO* inclusion and for summer/fall sign installation.

Name/Address Arrow Signs – As signboards deteriorate, the Sign Committee is replacing them with more durable boards. Signs scheduled for replacement are: Butternut Road, Birchwood Drive/Country Lane/Pine Tree Point, three signs at Whispering Pines Road/W Columbia Lake Drive, Hicks Lane, E Taylor Lake Lane/County QQ and White Pine Lane.

Each property will have one address arrow, and **ONLY Association Members' names will be placed on new signboards.** Co-owners may have two last names. If more than one name is requested, each co-owner must be a current Association member.

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

Any Association member is eligible to join an Association committee. If you are interested in volunteering for a committee, contact any Board member. Committees vary based on lake issues. Following is a list of currently active committees.

History Committee continues to research the history of the Chain and the surrounding areas. If you have an interest in the history of Waupaca, consider joining this Committee.

Neighborhood Chairpersons' Committee is an important link between the Association members and the Board of Directors. Chairpersons represent 32 Chain neighborhoods and deliver the *WHO's HOO* directories to current members, saving the Association a substantial annual postage expense.

Newsletter Committee aids the Executive Secretary in writing, editing and proofreading the annual newsletter that is published each spring and sent to Chain property owners.

Lake Signs Committee maintains the white lake signs located at lake borders.

Name/Address Arrow Signs Committee maintains the green arrow signs. This Committee keeps the signs updated with current information and repairs damage that may occur throughout the year.

Safety Committee provides and promotes educational and safety awareness for residents and visitors and serves as a liaison to the Water Patrol/Sheriff's Department and the DNR.

Shoreland Zoning Committee keeps up to date with changes in County and State regulations regarding lakes and waterfront properties. It may attend County Board of Adjustment and Zoning public hearings related to Chain properties.

Water Quality Committee members are trained volunteers who monitor water quality on the lakes by doing secchi and chemical testing at various locations and by reporting findings to the Association, the Lake District and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Website Committee gathers current Association information and enters it on the website.

SHORELINE ASSESSMENT UPDATE FROM WAUPACA COUNTY

Waupaca County completed the Chain's shoreline assessment. This assessment can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/hybdefg>, where you can view your property's assessment. Assessment charts by lake will be posted on the Association website. All lakes were assessed except for Ottman and Youngs.

2017 ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Association Annual Meeting of Members will be held at **9 am on Saturday, June 17 in Marden Memorial Center at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King**. All members are encouraged to attend. The proposed budget will be presented and the scholarship recipient will be recognized. The meeting will include elections project discussions, an opportunity to receive concerns of the Members and, if possible, an educational program. The agenda will be posted 30 days prior to the Annual meeting on the Association website, waupacachainolakesassociation.com. Other matters not on the agenda may be considered at this Meeting on an advisory basis.

 **Next ASSOCIATION BOARD Meeting – 8:30 am, Saturday, April 8, Dayton Town Hall** 

ANNUAL MEETING DATES

Dayton Township	Tuesday, April 18, 6:00 pm	Dayton Town Hall
Farmington Township	Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 pm	Farmington Town Hall
Chairpersons		
Appreciation Breakfast	Saturday, May 20, 8:30 am	Clearwater Harbor Boathouse
Association	Saturday, June 17, 9:00 am	Marden Center, Veterans Home
Lake District	Saturday, August 12, 9:00 am	Marden Center, Veterans Home

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ASSOCIATION BOARD - Dick Conover, Marilyn Dixon - Secretary, Kay Ellis - Executive Secretary, Jack Fulcher, Susan Gaastra - Treasurer, John Hebring, Margie Metzger, John Miller, Phil Peterson, Sharon Peterson, Joe Udoni, Bob Underberg - Vice President, Mary Ann Wells - President.



Winter on the Chain, courtesy of Kay Ellis