

Lake Metonga Association Newsletter

Fall 2015

Website: www.lakemetongawi.org



COLORFULL ~ EXCITING ~ CREATIVE ~ ENTHUSIASTIC METONGA BOAT PARRADE

BOAT PARADE The weather was perfect, the creativity, originality and decorations thrilled the judges and the spectators that were watching the 7 decorated boats in the parade. First place was awarded to the Sommers family "Bear Hunting", Chicago Bears of course. Second place was awarded to the Basten family for "Live-Love-Lake". The rainbow of colors caught everyone's eye. Third place was awarded to the Zeith group for "Honor". An excellent 4th of July theme and decorations.

A cookout, raffles and games were a highlight following the parade. Dewey Kracz delighted us with a Metonga Crab boil and corn on the cob. It was a blast! Plan on attending in 2016!

ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION OF OFFICERS

New board officers were elected at our July 4, 2015, Annual Meeting. The following is our current elected board members:

President: Gary Mueller	July 2017
Vice Pres: Tim Leonardelli	July 2017
Treasurer: Steve Parks	July 2017
Secretary: Judi Van Zuiden	July 2016
Director: Gary Goeman	July 2016
Director: Rebecca Van Zuiden	July 2017
Director: Les Schramm	At Large

MEMBERSHIP Health is the focus of everyone in this modern day. The challenge is nutrition, exercise, adequate rest and sleep are a part of a lifetime change a person must resolve to adopt to remain healthy. We must recognize the symptom that may be the cause for an unhealthy body and develop a treatment plan to rectify that problem.

It's no different when addressing the health of the lake. What is the symptom? The infestation of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). It could, if left untreated, completely ring the lake, which would limit access to open water from a riparian owners' dock by clogging the boats propeller and also inhibit swimming and other recreational activities. Do we as lake front property owners want this to happen, ultimately affecting property values?

The answer is NO!! A Permit Application was filed with the DNR to fund the herbicide treatment in 2016. However, the DNR will only fund 65% of the total planned project treatment cost. This leaves 35% (\$42,483.63) that would need to be funded by the Lake Metonga Association.

How does the Association generate these funds? By collecting the \$25.00 membership fee and donations from the riparian owners. To date we have only received 130 memberships out of a total of 230 riparian owners. As property owners, we desperately need your participation. A membership form is included in this newsletter. Please respond and be a member today! Thank you!

We asked the City, the Town of Lincoln, the Forest County Park and the Mole Lake Tribe for donations to assist in funding this program. Their donations are as follows:

City of Crandon:	\$ 5,000.00
Town of Lincoln:	\$ 3,000.00
Forest County Park:	\$ 3,500.00
	<u>\$11,500.00</u>

The Mole Lake Tribe provided \$3,000.00 to fund the Clean Boats-Clean Water inspection program.

Ultimately if property owners don't respond, the funding solution is to have the

membership approve forming a lake district. The district could then levy taxes to generate sufficient funds for treatment of EWM.

CLEAN BOATS-CLEAN WATERS

This boat inspection program is to help STOP aquatic hitchhikers. Boat and watercraft inspectors were hired to monitor the watercraft entering and leaving Lake Metonga. The association filed and received a \$7,971.00 grant from the DNR which was used to financially support hiring three inspectors to cover the launches at the north and south ends. The state funded 75% (\$5,978.25) of this grant and the Association was responsible for 25% (\$1,992.75).



The program began May 23rd and continues through Sept. 9th. During that period, a total of 776 hours were performed by the inspectors. Boats entering the lake came from all areas of the state and one from Michigan. This fact supports the importance of our Clean Boats-Clean Waters program, which is to stop Aquatic Hitchhikers such as EWM, Zebra Mussels or other invasives that could be carried from other water bodies on boats, trailers or other water craft equipment to Lake Metonga.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT: GARY MUELLER**

As the new President of the Lake Metonga Association, I want to thank the former officers for their support. If you see Grant or Kim Reed or Ann Steinberg, your former President, Treasurer and Secretary, thank them for their service.

My responsibilities as Association President have been somewhat overshadowed by this summer's fund raising activities. Deb Gauerke, your Fund Raising chairperson, has handled the Kentuck Days Raffle and is in the middle of the Art in the Square event and the Sportsman's Raffle. Chris and I, along with Tim and Jan Leonardelli have been working on the Weeds "n" Walleyes Banquet.

The Sportsman's Raffle prizes will be drawn at the Art in the Square event. Visit our website for a list of prizes! We have a few tickets remaining. **YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET TO WIN!** This raffle is limited to 450 tickets with most of the prizes donated or purchased from local businesses. Unsold tickets really have a negative effect on the outcome of this raffle. Please buy a ticket and support LAKE METONGA and the local BUSINESSES! Tickets are available at the Art in the Square booth or call Deb at 715-574-9100.

WEEDS "n" WALLEYES has taken over the Mueller household. From the sixty plus awesome Gift Baskets, to the Boards, Silent Auction items, Live Auction items, Wheel items, Gift Certificates and Gift Cards. Preparations are being made to make the WEEDS "n" WALLEYES Banquet a great success! Invitations have been sent out, so call and reserve your ticket today!

2015
Lake Metonga Association
"Almost Annual"
Weeds and Walleyes Banquet

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
Reserved Table # _____
Ticket# _____ **ADMIT ONE**

2015 Lake Metonga Association "Almost Annual"
Weeds and Walleyes Banquet



Saturday, October 10, 2015
Mole Lake Casino



5:00 PM Registration, Silent Auction & "Wheel" Spins
7:00 PM Dinner, Entertainment and Live Auction

Tickets \$30 each - Limited to 350
ALL TICKETS ARE RESERVED SEATING
Ticket# _____ **Admit One**

For more information, go to:
www.lakemetongawi.org

HELP, Help, Help!! We still need some help for the WEEDS “n” WALLEYES Banquet. If you can make yourself available for about an hour during the evening, please let us know.



Update on the Lake. As predicted, we have an abundance of Eurasian Water Milfoil growing in beds, floating on the surface and a few tons washing up on the shores. If your Jet-Ski intake plugged up or your outboard propeller bound up, you know firsthand where the surface matting exists. A pontoon boat ride around the lake on a calm day really tells the story. We will have more information on the status of EWM when the lake study is completed in early fall. The Rusty Crayfish seem to be the target of quite a few trappers this summer. The Lake looked like the “Old Days” with all the trap markers. Perch are starting to bite and several people are reporting nice Walleye action. That’s great news!



Several people are asking if the DNR would include Lake Metonga in the Modified Pan Fish Bag Limit Program. This program allows a 25 pan fish limit with only 10 being of any one species. What is your opinion of this proposal?

The Lake Metonga Association has a great Website. Rebecca Van Zuiden is currently the webpage coordinator for our website. For current and updated information for the LMA, please visit our website at: www.lakemetongawi.org.

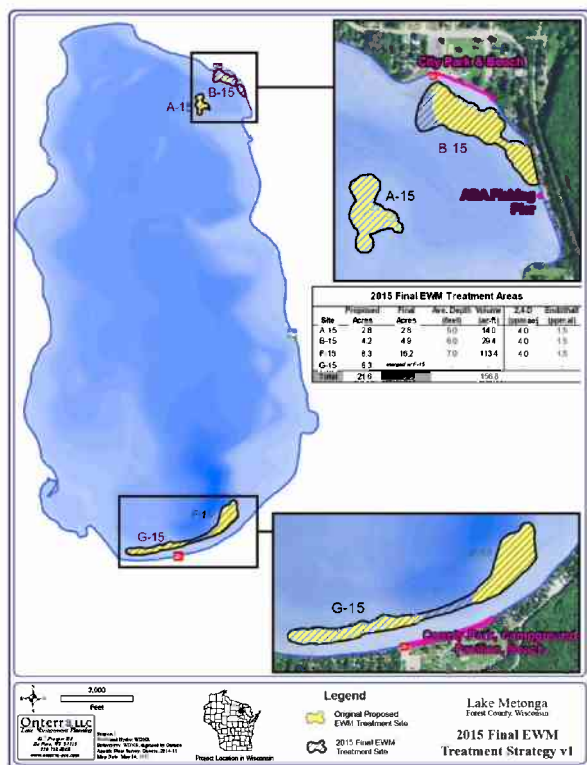
In closing, help do your part to support Lake Metonga! Please buy or sell some raffle tickets, make it a point to be at the Weeds “n” Walleyes Banquet, JOIN the Association, ask your neighbors to join, too. And remember to SHOP LOCALLY!!

Thanks!

Gary Mueller 715-478-2049

2015 MILFOIL TREATMENT

The Association consultant will do a survey of the EWM beds (23.9 acres) that were treated with a combination of 2, 4-D & Aquathol Liquid Herbicide on 5/28/15.



These beds were prioritized because of their proximity to the city beach and launch and the Forest County Park beach and launch area. The cost to the Association was \$23,790.20. We are interested about the effectiveness of the treatment as this will give direction to the herbicide selection for 2016.

Onterra will conduct a point-intercept-sampling the week of Sept. 14th-18th over the areas treated this year as shown on the map, in addition to collecting pretreatment point-intercept sampling over the areas that will probably be treated the spring of 2016. This means that a grid pattern is established over the proposed treated area and rake pulls of the aquatic vegetation in a 20 to 30 meter grid pattern is preformed (4 to 6 pulls/acre) to assess the density of native and invasive plants.

WILD RIVERS AQUATIC INVASIVE COALITION

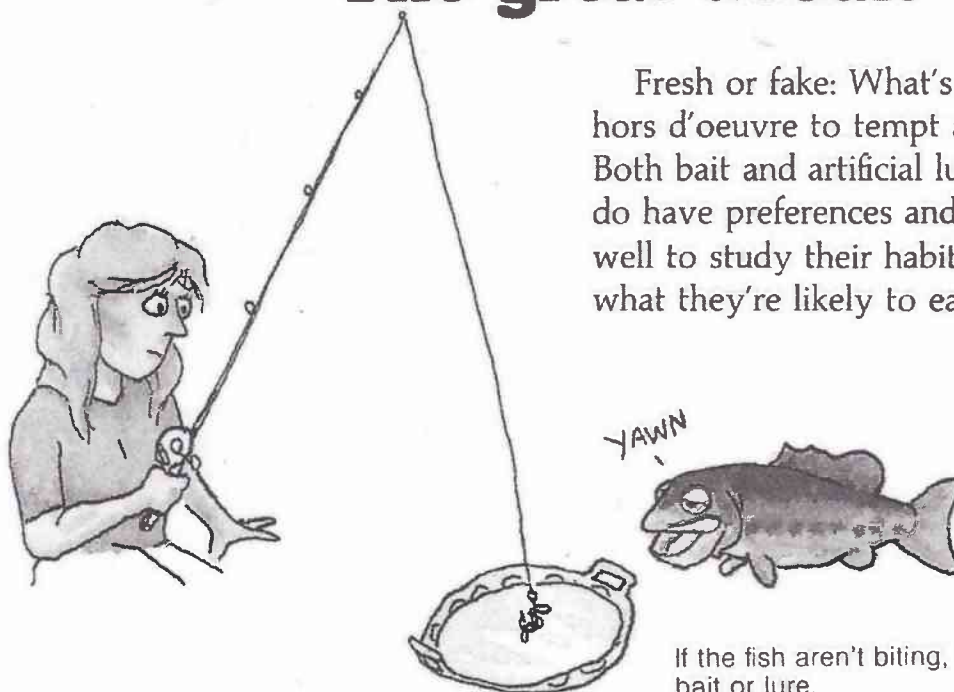
Special thanks to this firm, from Kingsford, MI., for bringing their portable high pressure spray washer to the North boat launch 6 times during the spring and summer session. Boaters leaving the lake were eager to have their equipment washed. It would be beneficial for our Association to have this type of washer, however, the \$7,000.00 price is prohibitive for purchase at this time.

FINANCIAL AUDIT REVIEW

The Association Board contacted Gene Carlson, an accountant from Crandon and asked him to perform an audit review. Gene did a random sampling of transactions. When he completed the audit, Gene provided the board with a three page written report of recommendations to review. In his report to the board, he gave some recommendations on how to improve accounting and bookkeeping of some areas for future events.

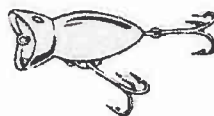


ENJOY THE COLORFUL FALL AND WINTER SEASON!

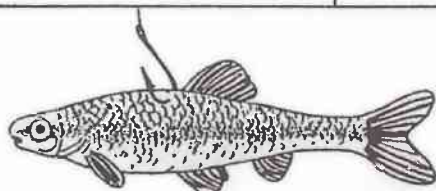
— The great debait —



Fresh or fake: What's the best kind of hors d'oeuvre to tempt a hungry fish? Both bait and artificial lures work, but fish do have preferences and you would do well to study their habits and find out what they're likely to eat.

If the fish aren't biting, try a different bait or lure.

SPECIES	BAIT	ARTIFICIAL LURES
Bass (largemouth, smallmouth, rock, white)	minnows, worms, insect larvae	plugs, poppers, spinners, rubber worms
Bluegills	worms	poppers
Bullheads	nightcrawlers, stink baits	
Carp	doughballs	
Catfish	stink baits	maribou-covered jigs, plastic minnows
Crappies	small minnows	large plugs, spoons, bucktails
Muskellunge	minnows up to 12 inches long	wobbling spoons
Northern pike	minnows	small jigs, rubber worms
Perch	minnows, insects, worms	flies, poppers
Sunfish	worms, grubs	dry and wet flies, spinning lures
Trout (brook, brown, rainbow)	worms, minnows, grasshoppers, spawn sacs	
Walleye	minnows, leeches, nightcrawlers	plugs, jigs, spoons, twister tails





2015 LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Membership Period January 1st-December 31st)

Name: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

If Seasonal, Lake Address (Fire Number & Street): _____

Permanent Phone: _____

Seasonal Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

To assist in keeping you updated with information about Lake Metonga and the Association in a timely manner, please subscribe to our email list. To enroll, please do so on our web-page, www.LakeMetongaWI.org.

I am interested in assisting the association with:

Please check all that may apply:

I would like more information about:

Please check all that may apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> Art in the Square/ Kentuck Days	<input type="checkbox"/> Art in the Square/ Kentuck Days
<input type="checkbox"/> Walleye Banquet/ Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Walleye Banquet/ Fundraising
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Picnic/ Boat Parade	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Picnic/ Boat Parade
<input type="checkbox"/> Website Commentary	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Quality/ Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

WE NEED HELP DURING THE YEAR TO ASSIST IN OUR EFFORTS IN PROTECTING LAKE METONGA

Business Members- Would you like to advertise your business on the Lake Metonga Association Website? For \$25, we will list your business card or logo on our supporters' page and encourage members to do business with you, as a Lake Metonga Supporter.

Annual Membership Fee for 2015- Business -----\$ 25.00

Advertising Opportunity for 2015 (optional)- Business -----\$ 25.00

Donation for protection and preservation of our lake -----\$ _____

Total Payment Enclosed, checks payable to Lake Metonga Association Inc -----\$ _____

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A SPECIAL PROMOTION TO OUR MEMBERSHIP WHEN THEY PRESENT THEIR MEMBERSHIP CARD TO YOUR BUSINESS, PLEASE CHECK HERE ☐ AND WE WILL CONTACT YOU. WE WANT TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY WHILE ADDING BENEFIT TO BEING A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORTING LAKE METONGA.

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To Pay with MasterCard or Visa, complete the following (please print clearly):

Name on Card: _____

Account Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVC Code (3 Digit code on back): _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!!!

Donations are tax deductible 501(c)(3)

Mail to: Treasurer, Steven L Parks, N8725 Silver Creek Rd, Bowler, WI 54416

Visit our website at www.LakeMetongaWI.org during the year for updates and announcements