

LAKE METONGA NEWS



Spring 2016



Photo courtesy Judi Van Zuiden

“The Eagle has Landed”

Neil Armstrong used these famous words to describe the first human landing on the moon on July 20, 1969.

Later this year, we can all be using the same words to describe real eagles when watching them via one of three new video cameras that the Lake Metonga Association is installing around the lake. The camera locations are at the north shore City Beach, at Beachside, and at the Truymans to view the “Eagle Tree”.

The North Beach and Beachside cameras should be up and running by the time of this newsletter printing. Gary Goeman is in contact with the DNR for the “Eagle Tree” camera. (This camera will have to wait until the nest is clear this fall.)

Thanks go out to Tim Lippert, former Lake Lucerne neighbor, for securing the cameras, and to Lloyd Kansenback, Mark Truymans, and Beachside for the camera sites, and Northern Lake Services for the technical support.

Association Update

Gary Mueller

Our 2015/16 LMA year started off with a great Boat Parade and Picnic at Beachside last Fourth of July. Great weather, fellowship, food, beverage and fundraising. Thanks to Tim & Jan Leonardelli for their years of support for this event. Please consider helping out with this Metonga tradition to carry it into the future. Please contact Gary Goeman to support this year’s event.

Our LMA public awareness events and fundraising activities continued last summer at Kentuck Days and then into the fall with Art in the Square and the annual Sportsman’s Raffle. Thanks to Deb Gauerke for an outstanding job organizing these events. And thanks to her family for donating another summer to the Lake, and to all who volunteered to help make these events a big success for the Association.

Finishing the fundraising calendar, last fall’s WEEDSnWALLEYES Banquet exceeded expectations with a sold-out crowd of 320 that netted \$28,000! This will come in real handy with our uphill battle against EWM. (More on that on page 3.) Thanks to all who donated time, talents and treasure to make this a success, and a special thanks to all the local businesses and Mole Lake Convention Center that made this event possible. Please support our local businesses — we couldn’t do it without them.

JUNE						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

Save the Date & Set the Alarm Clock!

LMA Annual Meeting

**June 18 8:00 AM
Crandon High School**

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Mueller continued...

With our public agenda completed, winter ice fishing got off to a slow start. The late ice formation saved a lot of early-ice walleye and perch. I estimate 50% to 60% fewer fish were harvested this winter than last.

And then, talk about March Madness! I got an alarming email while on vacation about a proposed Fall 2016 musky planting in Metonga. After +100 phone calls, several newspaper articles and countless emails, and a heated public hearing, the matter is closed — NO MUSKY IN METONGA. Our DNR fishery specialist, Greg Matzki, took a bruising at that meeting, but he's pretty thick skinned and we're looking forward to his Metonga Fishery update at our annual meeting. We are learning that Greg really is our partner and he has a lot to offer.

The ice went out on Wednesday April 19th. The next day, the DNR had their nets in place and began surveying fish. Your attendance at the June 18th Annual Meeting to hear the results will be appreciated.

Speaking of fishing — the season is open! Cottages around the lake are getting aired out, and docks, pontoons and boats are popping up along the shoreline. Summer is coming! Here's wishing everyone a fun and safe season on the lake, and look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting if not sooner.

Gary

Clean Boats–Clean Water Boat Inspections

Les Schramm

To help prevent the spread of invasive species, into and from Lake Metonga, it is important that boaters inspect, clean and remove weeds from their boat, trailer and equipment; drain water from the boat and live wells; and dispose of unused bait in the trash to prevent their transfer to other water bodies.

The Lake Metonga Association will again sponsor a Clean Boats–Clean Waters monitoring and inspection program to assist in this effort. Area high school students will be hired to monitor boats and equipment at the North and South launches: A \$7,912.80 grant was received from the DNR to hire the inspectors. The State will fund 75% (\$5,934.60) of the total budgeted cost. Also the Mole Lake Tribe provided \$4,000.00 to support the program. The Association greatly appreciates the Tribes commitment. We are in the process of hiring inspectors. Gary Mignon has agreed to be responsible for running the program.

Attention Lake Metonga Anglers!



Be sure to check the new Walleye regulation posted at the launch sites. According to Greg Matzki, Forest County Fishery Specialist, walleyes must be at least 15 inches in length; walleyes 20 to 24 inches are protected.

The DNR is currently surveying the walleye population in Metonga, relative to size and age. We look forward to the results at the Lake Association Annual Meeting. Be sure to attend at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 18, at the Crandon High School.

New CB-CW Trailer Debuts

Crandon High School shop instructor Willy Krause and his class built a replacement shelter for the north shore boat launch. The class handled the project in it's entirety: designing the structure, securing materials and building a first class product that everyone can be proud of!

The steel frame, lift wheel design is a very desirable feature. The Association would like to thank Mr. Krause, his shop class, Rosa Trailer for the steel, Argonne Lumber for wood supplies, and Dale Klein for windows. A special thanks to the Mole Lake Chippewa Clean Boats Grant which provided the financial resources to make this happen.



Front Row: Trevor Hefter, Trevor Tupper, Tommy Olson, Race Stamper, Chase Dewing, Bradley Mihalko, Derek Thiel

Back Row: Branton Kegley, Richie Weber, Joe Tallier, Spencer Schallock, Wyatt Chaney, Brandon Torgerson

EWM 2016 Program

Les Schramm & Gary Mueller

Several members of the LMA Board met with a large contingent of DNR personnel last fall to discuss EWM treatment options for Lake Metonga in 2016. And, how do you spell “**f r u s t r a t i o n**”!

As predicted, our problem has grown to over 250 acres of EWM. The DNR is not satisfied with the success rate we have achieved with our treatment protocol. After hours of debate and compromise we were able to garner 60 acres of treatable area this spring. The DNR agreed to allow a portion of our grant to be applied to this treatment. We will do everything in our power to improve treatment success rates in 2016 and beyond.

After reviewing the five treatment contractor bids. Les and I choose Schmidts Aquatics, Weyauwega, WI. Schmidts seems very cognizant of the affect wind speed plays on treatment efficacy, and promises to work closely with the LMA to maximize treatment potential. They were also the lowest bid. Les executed the contract and permit for the 2016 project.

59.3 acres will be treated in the six EWM beds identified on the map. However the DNR will only allow grant funds to be used on beds A-16, D-16 and B1-16. The other three beds are the complete responsibility of LMA.

DNR grant funded portion = \$33,893.00

LMA funded portion = \$28,559.80

We are also looking into several other EWM treatment options. More on this at the annual meeting.



LoonWatch Report

Kayla Reed

We are all very fortunate to have loons on Lake Metonga — that we can watch, listen to, and enjoy. Every year, loons reside on the lake. Whether it be a nesting pair of loons, or floaters (rogue loons), there are always loons on the lake in the spring and summer seasons.

We all need to be thankful to the Schramm’s for their dedication to monitoring the loons for the past decade or more.. A special thanks to Dave Patzlaff who helped build the nests and reported on the loon families at the annual meetings. I started getting involved in 2010, and now that Les has passed it on to me, I am looking forward to being the new Loon Ranger and hope to serve Lake Metonga for many years to come.

In the next few weeks, loons will start to nest on the two platforms that are stationed on Metonga. During this time, it is very important that the loons rest, and prepare for the chicks to be born. A few days after the chicks hatch, they will ride on their parents backs, and then slowly learn to swim on their own. It will take about eight weeks for baby loons to be fledged, and start to protect themselves.

This is an EXTREMELY important time to watch out for the loons, as they will not be able to dive down to avoid collision. While boating and jet-skiing, please slow down and avoid the loons for at least eight weeks after the baby/babies are born.

To help keep an eye on the entire lake’s loon activity, please share your loon sightings with me. *Particularly, if you ever see a loon with colored bands on their leg, please take a picture if possible.* If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to email me at:

jomaemae.reed@gmail.com

2016 Membership Application

Lake Metonga Association

Membership Period January 1 – December 31, 2016

Name(s): *Please list both names for joint membership*

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Mailing Address:

Lake Metonga Address: (If different than above; list fire number & street)

2016 Membership Fee \$ 25.00

Donation for Lake Metonga Protection & Preservation \$ _____

Total Donation Enclosed \$ _____

Payment Method:

- Cash
 Check (payable to Lake Metonga Association Inc.)
 MasterCard/Visa — complete the following (please print clearly):

Name on Card: _____

Phone Number _____
(if different than above)

2016 Business Membership

We welcome businesses as members of the lake association. With the website advertising option, we will list and promote your business on our Business Members page.

2016 Business Membership Fee \$ 25.00

Website Advertising Option (enclose your business card) \$ 25.00

Donation for Lake Metonga Protection & Preservation \$ _____

Total Donation Enclosed \$ _____

Please make check payable to Lake Metonga Association Inc.

- Yes, I'm interested in offering a special promotion to Lake Metonga Association Members. Please contact me to discuss.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!!!

Thank you for your membership and financial assistance to support the Lake Metonga Association! Are you also interested in donating a small portion of your time? There are lot's of ways to get involved — big and small — that will suit your interests and your schedule — from your home — or out in the community.

Having a membership that is involved in the organization by volunteering is the only way the Lake Association can remain an effective grassroots non-profit organization, dedicated to protecting Lake Metonga. Help the lake by getting involved!

YES! I'm interested in and want more information about:

(Please check all that may apply)

- 4th of July Picnic/Boat Parade
- Kentuck Days
- Art in the Square
- Fundraising/Grant Development
- Lake Quality/Management Programs
- Membership/Development
- Newsletter
- Lake Metonga Sportswear and Accessories
- Weeds N'Walleye Banquet
- Other: _____

Check the web!

www.lakemetongawi.org

- *Stay up-to-date with information about Lake Metonga and the Association...*
- *Be sure to subscribe to our email list for updates*

Please mail completed membership forms to:
Steve Parks, Treasurer
N8725 Silver Creek Rd.
Bowler, WI 54416

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Come Celebrate the 4th of July with us on the 3rd — at Beachside!

Yes, the 4th of July is going to be so big this year, we're having the Boat Parade and Picnic a day early on Sunday, July 3. The festivities at Beachside will begin with the Boat Parade at 1:00, followed by Kids' Games, Raffles and more, and the Picnic starting at 2:00. If you'd like to help out in some way, volunteer some time, donate some prizes, etc. please call Gary Goeman. We'll have more info to share at the annual meeting.

Sportsman's Raffle Coming Soon!

Winners needed! It could be you!! The \$20 Sportsman's Raffle tickets will again be ready to purchase beginning with the LMA annual meeting on June 18.

The first ticket will be **given away** through a drawing at the annual meeting. Remember only 450 tickets are sold, so your chances of winning are fantastic.

The drawing for the winners will take place at the LMA Art in the Square booth at 3 pm. Prizes include firearms, fishing equipment, fish finders, water sports, and more.

LMA Apparel

LMA has customized apparel just for you. We will have some items at the annual meeting or you can order just what you want right in Crandon! Stop by Creative Screen Printing and Embroidery, downtown Crandon, to see all the choices available. Support your lake and let everyone know how proud you are!

NEW for 2016! All new line of LMA screened logo apparel for sale at the Annual Meeting while supplies last!



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4th of July Boat Parade & Picnic

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Kentuck Days & Art in the Square

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WEEDSnWALLEYES

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SAVE THE DATE! October 15, 2016 WEEDSnWALLEYES Banquet

We want to thank all sponsors, contributors, helpers, attendees and the Mole Lake Conference Center for making last year's "SOLD OUT" Banquet a huge success!

In order to insure a bigger and better 2016 event, we need everyone to start now: identify your table group; build a basket; drop off a bottle of liquor or wine for a basket; come up with a special or unusual gift or event; and most of all sign-up now!

We will begin selling tickets at our June 18 annual meeting:

Early Bird Special — If you are a "\$250 Couple Sponsor", you will receive: 2- WEEDSnWALLEYES Banquet tickets; 2- \$20 raffle tickets; a 2016 Lake Metonga Association membership; and Casino Cash.

In-Kind Sponsorships are welcome!

The success of this event relies heavily on donated items. If you have something to donate, please call Chris or Gary Mueller at 715-478-2049. We're looking for Badger and Packer tickets, time share or vacation home days, hunting packages, gift baskets, dinner packages, a day on Metonga ice fishing, pontoon dinner or sunset cruise...

If you have any 2015 WEEDSnWALLEYES pictures or "Selfies" send them to our Lake Association website.

Dates to Remember:

Annual Meeting, June 18

8:00 am at Crandon HS

4th of July Boat Parade and Picnic

on July 3 at 1:00 at Beachside

Kentuck Days July 30

9 am – 3 pm, Courthouse Square

Art in the Square/

Sportsman's Raffle September 17

10 am – 4 pm, Courthouse Square

WEEDSnWALLEYES Banquet

October 15. Mole Lake Conference Center. Doors open at 5:00 pm



Another Cycle of the Seasons Is Officially Over: Ice Out on 4/19/16

Les Schramm

Is it the weather, the wind, or the cold nights that will determine that all awaited day? Or, do we say it's some of each — and, obviously that's the case.

The break up started, first open water at the shoreline, then larger pockets of open water in the bays and middle, as the weather and wind really took control. It's exciting to watch while anticipating and trying to out-guess the date of that all important day. As always the south wind is king and large sheets of ice begin to move and break up as they move toward the north end.

Mother Nature finally made the call: 4/19/16 it is.

*Peterson Bay photos courtesy Chris & Gary Mueller:
Ice fishing winter of 2015/16; Sunset on April 22, 2016*