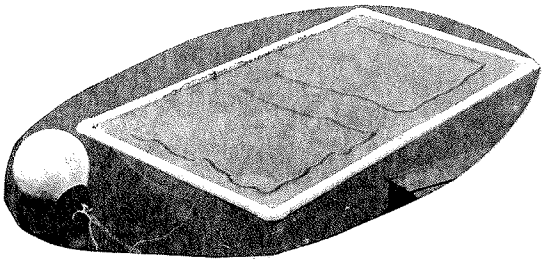
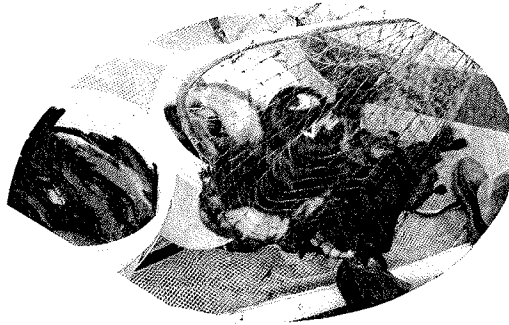


**LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION, INC.  
2008 MEMBERSHIP LETTER  
ANNUAL MEETING – JULY 5, 2008  
9 A.M. IN THE CRANDON SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**BULLHEAD HARVEST**



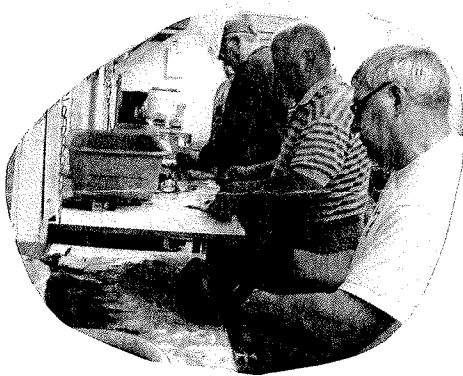
**4' x 8' Holding Net**



**Loading Buckets**



**Skinning**



**Filleting**



**Packaging**

**A GREAT SUCCESS STORY**

The Association partnered with Sokaogon Chippewa Community at Mole Lake, under the supervision of Fishery Biologist Mike Preul to harvest an over-abundance of bullheads that thrive in Metonga's waters. Mike and his staff initially set fyke nets; however, the bullheads weren't moving into the shallow water so very few were captured in the nets. The decision was made to do electro-shocking.

The harvesting project to reduce the population of bullheads in Lake Metonga has successfully removed over 3 tons (6,924 pounds) of bullheads. At an average weight of 1 pound per fish, approximately 6,295 bullheads have been removed and distributed to organizations and individuals since May 6th.

The captured fish were placed in holding nets. The Raptors Education Group, Inc. of Antigo, Wisconsin received 2,810 pounds of bullheads during the last two weeks in May. This group rehabilitates injured eagles, owls, other birds and animals so they can be returned to the wild. Mole Lake Tribal members received 1,320 pounds.

During the first week of June, Lake Metonga Association members and other volunteers utilized Jay Schaefer's deer processing building to fillet bullheads for New-Cap, Crandon's food pantry. Over 200 pounds of fillets were packaged and given to the food pantry.

An ad was placed in the local newspapers inviting area residents to participate in the free bullhead give-away. In about 1-1/2 hours, 1,339 pounds were distributed.

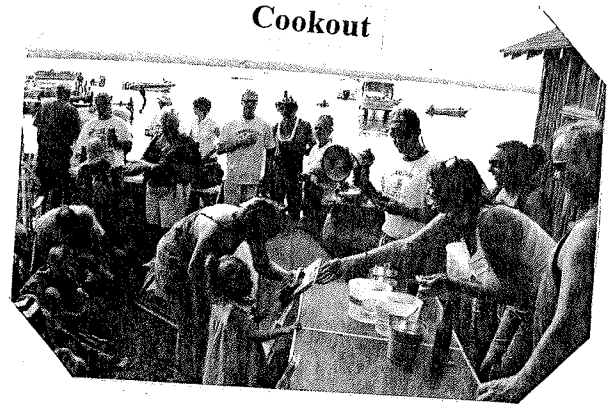
**What's Next?** Mike will continue to electro-shock in the next two weeks in hopes of raising the total to 10,000 pounds of bullheads. He needs assistance in netting bullheads on the electro-shocking boat. Please call him at 715-478-7621 and offer assistance.

This has been a tremendous project. Everyone benefits. Special thanks to Mike for all his effort and to the Mole Lake Tribal Council for their support.

**FISH ALERT** If you are fishing from a boat or dock and you catch a bullhead, don't throw it back into the water. Dispose of it in the trash or bury it on land. Also, if you see schools of young bullheads, try to net as many as possible and also discard by burying them. **Let's all help to reduce the population!**

**SCUBA DIVERS** As a part of our Aquatic Invasive Species Control & Prevention Grant project, 49.9 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil ("EWM") will be chemically treated in June 2008. There is one milfoil bed (0.3 acres) on the north end of the Lake where a small colony of EWM plants are too scattered to warrant chemical treatment. We need scuba divers to volunteer to hand remove this small patch. This is an experimental procedure in the Grant Project requirements to be fulfilled by our Association. Please call Les Schramm at 715-478-5197 to volunteer. It would be beneficial to have more than one diver. A map and instructions will be available for this project in June.

## FUN – FOOD - ENTERTAINMENT - RAFFLES

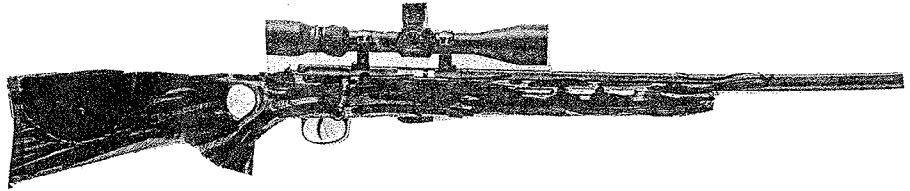
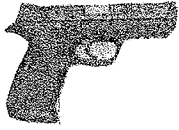


### **OUR BOAT PARADE IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2008** **STARTING TIME IS 4:00 P.M.**

1. All decorated entries are to meet at Mallard's on Metonga at the south end of the Lake. Dave Patzlaff will give each entrant a numbered card. Please call Dave at 715-478-2021 prior to July 5<sup>th</sup> to indicate your participation in the boat parade and/or cookout.
2. The boats will parade counterclockwise around the Lake past the Judge's Stand in Strawberry Bluff Bay. Display the numbered card you've been assigned as you pass the Judges Stand. Please parade close to shore so that the judges and people around the Lake can fully appreciate your designs.
3. The parade route will end at Mallard's on Metonga. Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$50.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$30.00; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$20.00. A cookout will follow the parade. All Association members are welcome at the cookout even though you did not participate in the parade. Non-members are welcome to join in the fun. Donations are welcome and membership applications will be available. Tim Leonardelli will hold a Mini-Arts/Crafts Raffle and Children's Raffle at the cookout. There will also be an opportunity to participate in a High-Low dice game and win a 22 Rifle and other prizes. Music will be provided by Mallard's on Metonga. Please bring a lawn chair for seating comfort. Tim needs help with the cookout and raffles. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Annual Meeting. In case of bad weather, the boat parade and cookout will be moved to Sunday, July 6, 2008.

## **FUND RAISERS**

A number of raffles are planned for this year. The funds raised are used to chemically treat Eurasian Water Milfoil and support the zebra mussel study.



**GUN RAFFLE** – Only 500 tickets will be sold so the odds of winning are excellent. A total of 30 prizes and certificates with a total value of approximately \$6,400 will be awarded. Prizes include guns, rod and reel combos, a Pelican kayak, and ten \$50.00 gift cards from Gander Mountain. Each ticket sells for \$20.00 A list of prizes is included in this letter. Winners will receive a certificate for the awarded prize or a \$50.00 gift card. The certificate may be traded for any other merchandise up to the value of the prize at Gander Mountain in Appleton (can be seen from Highway 41). Prize winners may choose to pay an additional amount for merchandise of greater value.

Raffle tickets will be available at our annual Meeting. Association members are asked to assist with the ticket sales. Please contact Les Schramm at 715-478-5197 if you wish to purchase and/or assist in selling raffle tickets. The drawing will be held at Art in the Square on September 20<sup>th</sup>.



### **KENTUCKY DAYS – July 26<sup>th</sup> and ART IN THE SQUARE – September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

The Association will have a booth at both of these events. In addition to selling the gun raffle tickets, mini-raffles will also be held at the two events. Please volunteer to assist at these fundraisers. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Annual Meeting and/or call Donna Schramm at 715-478-5197 to volunteer an hour or two. Help is also needed for set up and take down of the booth.

**LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION RAFFLE**  
**TICKET SALES LIMITED TO 500 –**  
**TOTAL VALUE \$6,400 -TICKETS \$20 EACH**  
**DRAWING AT ART IN THE SQUARE, CRANDON - SEPTEMBER 20, 2008**

- (1) Remington 700 – 270 ADL Laminate.**
- (2) Mossberg 4 x 4 30-06 Spring Bolt – Combo (3 x 9 Mossberg Scope).**
- (3) Beretta U22 Neos.**
- (4) Huntsman 8 Gun Display Cabinet – 36x73x17, Merlot Finish, Glass Doors.**
- (5) Gander Mountain 16 Rod/5 Drawer Rod Rack, Cherry Wood Finish.**
- (6) Pelican Pursuit 100 Kayak.**
- (7) Remington 597 22 Gauge Yellow Jacket.**
- (8) Guide Series Bait Casting Combo.**
- (9) Guide Series Aurora 4 Person Tent 9 x 9.**
- (10) Omega Z5 Combo Muzzle Loader W/TC 1 x 20 Scope.**
- (11) Guide Series Advantage IM6 Spinning Combo – 7' Med. Action w/Shimino 2500 Reel.**
- (12) Tom Tom One Auto Navigation Unit.**
- (13) Remington 870 Express Turkey Gun 12 Ga. 3-1/2 Synthetic Sure Shot Stock.  
(New for 2008)**
- (14) Guide Series Vision Binocular – 10 x 42 Camo Waterproof Includes Back Strap.**
- (15) OBRIEN T-2000 Kneeboard.**
- (16) Garmin GPS Map 76CS.**
- (17) Savage 93R17 BTVS 17HMR SS HB w/Thumb Hole.**
- (18) Eclips Collapsible Ground Blind.**
- (19) S&W Sigma 9mm Hand Gun.**
- (20) Ruger 10/22 Digital Camo.**

**(1 thru 30): One Gander Mountain Gift Card - \$50.00 value for each of the ten numbers.**

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Two officer positions and one director position are up for election this year at the Annual Meeting. The following have agreed to accept the nomination for re-election: Vice President–Tim Leonardelli, Secretary–Adam & Julie Liesten, Director–Dave Patzlaff.

**FALL WALLEYE BANQUET** Reserve October 11, 2008, for our planned Second Annual Walleye Stocking Banquet at the Mole Lake Convention Center. Ticket sales are limited to 200 at \$25.00 per ticket for an all you can eat buffet. Door prizes, silent auction and raffles will be a part of the fun.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** – This is your annual opportunity to continue your membership in your Lake Association and to make a contribution in support of the Association’s efforts to control the spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil and monitor the zebra mussel infestation. If you are new to the Lake or haven’t taken the opportunity to join previously, please consider supporting the Association’s efforts. It is vital that we preserve and protect Lake Metonga now and for future generations. All donations continue to be tax deductible as we are 501(c)3 tax exempt.

**SEE YOU AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON SATURDAY,  
JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 9 A.M.**

**JOIN IN THE BOAT PARADE AND IN THE FUN AT THE  
COOKOUT ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**BOAT PARADE STARTS AT 4:00 P.M.**

**FOLLOWED BY THE COOKOUT!**

*Les Schramm*

LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION  
Crandon, Wisconsin

2008 ANNUAL MEETING

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 5, 2008 9 - 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Crandon School District Auditorium  
Hwy 8, 1/2 Mile West of Crandon toward Rhinelander

**FOOD:** Refreshments in the Lobby

**WHAT:** Water Clarity & Chemistry Report  
Aquatic Invasive Species Grant  
Zebra Mussel Status – Density Evaluation  
Fish Spearing Report  
Bullhead Harvest  
Fund Raising Plans - Raffles  
Boat Parade  
Loon Nesting Platforms  
Launch Donation Boxes  
Election of Officers  
Membership Input

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LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2008

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Lake Address: **(Fire Number & Street)**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (For Association use only)

Annual Membership Fee for 2008 ----- \$ 15.00

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

**Total Payment** ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations are tax deductible 501(c)(3)**  
Make checks payable to: Lake Metonga Association, Inc.

Mail to: Treasurer, **Roger Cronce, 1100 Spring Road, Crandon, WI 54520**  
Or: Make your payment at the Annual Meeting on July 5th.