

Lake Metonga Association Newsletter

Fall 2011



JOIN ME FOR LUNCH

OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS This photo of these Pileated Woodpeckers is an example of the many species of birds that reside in the Northwoods. The Downy and Hairy woodpeckers also frequent this feeder and the Red-headed species (although only observed once throughout this season) was seen pecking on the suet in this feeder. Harold Carter deserves the credit for this ingenious home-made design, which is also visited by nuthatches and Blue Jays as well as many other feathered friends as they migrate through the Crandon area in the spring and fall. Birds, of all wild creatures, generate considerable interest because of the large number of colorful species, their cheerful songs and

the thrill of seeing an unexpected newcomer at our feeders.

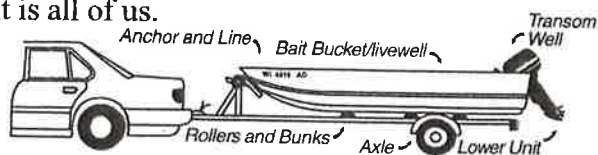
MEMBERSHIP Thank you to everyone who renewed their membership and to those property owners who have recently joined. A special thanks for the generous donations and membership funds that are used to control the spread of EWM (“Eurasian Water Milfoil”).

Oh, I Missed It! Maybe with all the family events, water recreational activities, fishing and busy schedule you have **forgotten to renew your membership.** We urge you to **continue to support** Lake Metonga Association. Help us to preserve this beautiful natural resource for this and future generations.

Anyone who forgot and missed the opportunity, a membership application has been included. An “M” on the label indicates you have renewed your membership. Everyone benefits from the Association’s work to enhance the fishery, control the spread of aquatic invasive species and prevent their spread through the Clean Boats-Clean Waters boat launch inspections. It is essential that everyone financially support the work of the Association so that we can continue to protect this pristine water body.

BOAT LAUNCH INSPECTORS Boat, trailer and watercraft inspections were conducted from May 28, 2011 through September 11, 2011 by the Association’s two contract people, Steve Kircher and Ben Konitzer. During that period there were 471.5 hours of boat inspections. The Association’s cost for this inspection effort was \$4,007.75. The concern and goal of the inspections is to prevent other invasive species from entering Lake Metonga and the spread of EWM and zebra mussels, currently in Lake Metonga, to other water bodies. The investment in this Clean Boats-Clean Waters inspection program is essential for the protection of Lake Metonga’s ecosystem which has a direct impact on the economy of our community.

Confronting the reality of invasive species is a challenging task. Surely there is someone who is responsible for dealing with this problem. There is, and it is all of us.



BEFORE Leaving the Boat Launch:
Inspect and **remove** aquatic plants and animals.
Drain or flush water from live well, bilge, motor, etc.
Dispose of unwanted live bait in the trash

BOAT PARADE MESSAGE Who has more fun than the 10 boat parade participants, the folks watching from shore or boats and approximately 200 people who attended the cookout and joined in the raffles for adults and kids? It was a beautiful day with clear skies and calm waters. Each boat was judged on theme originality, creative decorations and presentation. Eight judges shared the difficult task of choosing the top three entries. Dave Patzlaff organized the start of the parade and assigned numbers to each entrant. The Kim Stamper group was awarded first prize for **“Good Ship Lollipop”**



Second place was awarded to the Louise Hennes team for **“Red Neck Yacht Club”**.



Third place was awarded to the Jane Basten group for **“Git-R-Done - Kill the Milfoil”**.



Thanks to Tim Leonardelli and his cooking and raffle crew for making this a very special fun-filled day.

REMEMBERING Ralph and Peg Schmidt were Lake Metonga property owners since 1958. It was a special place for their family to gather and enjoy the water and fun of being at the cottage. It is their wish that the cottage with all its memories remain in the family.

In 1963, Ralph launched the first pontoon made with barrels welded together. The family painted the barrels red, white and blue for their veteran father. This home-made, prized possession was loaned to the Lake Association for treatment of snails with copper sulfate in an effort to eliminate swimmer's itch.

Both Ralph and Peg are now gone, but the memories remain. These folks understood the importance of caring for the environment of Lake Metonga and the area around it.

At our July Annual Meeting, the family presented a \$500.00 check to the Association, in memory of their parents, to help support the Lake Association's work in protecting and preserving Lake Metonga's ecosystem.

The Lake Metonga Association Board of Directors and all of its members thank the family for this financial support.

Kentuck day – July 30th The Association had a raffle booth at this event. A total of 24 prizes donated by local businesses, Mole Lake Chippewa and Potawatomi Casinos, Green Bay Packers and Walmart – Rhinelander, were awarded to the lucky winners of the mini-affle. Gun raffle tickets were also sold. The day ended very abruptly at 2:30 p.m. when a storm and high winds forced a shutdown. But even with the short day, a \$723.26 net profit was realized. Thanks to all Lake Metonga Association members who helped at this event.

BULLHEAD STATUS



Based on the success of the bullhead harvest in 2008, 2009 and 2010, (approximately 20,000 bullheads were removed from Lake Metonga), Mike Preul, Mole Lake Chippewa Fishery Biologist, did a follow-up survey in 2011. Mike used the Tribe's shocking boat, once during the day, and again during the night time hours to harvest bullheads. The bull rushes, Farmers Bay, and the shoreline areas were shocked and only 50 bullheads were harvested during these two times. It is evident that the population is down. Also, people around the Lake have not seen the number of baby bullhead schools as seen in previous years. Mike is planning to survey again next spring (2012) in order to assess any appreciable change.

Thanks Mike, for all the effort and time you have devoted to this project.

**LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION -
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

- President – Grant Reed - 2 Years
- Vice President – Tim Leonardelli - 1 Year
- Secretary - Candace Dailey - 1 Year
- Treasurer - Kim Reed - 2 Years
- Director - Dick Nowak - 1 Year
- Director - Ken Hermus - 2 Years
- Ex-Officio Director – Les Schramm

Thanks to Dick Czarniecki, Past President, Director Dennis Klemick and Secretary Adam Leisten for their dedication and service on the Board.

SWEATSHIRTS AND TEE SHIRTS

The Association is offering crewneck sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts and tee shirts for sale. Tim Leonardelli has designed an excellent logo with a loon and an eagle in a northwoods scene. An order form is enclosed. Check out the website (www.LakeMetongaWI.org) for additional information and/or call Kim and Grant Reed at 920-822-2757. Some of the shirts will be available by October 1, 2011. Select the type of apparel, size and quantity. Orders received by November 1st will be ready for pick-up before Thanksgiving. The Crandon pick-up location will be posted on the website once apparel delivery is received. Help support and create an awareness of our Lake by wearing our customized Lake Metonga logo apparel in our community and other areas.

WALLEYE BANQUET

Lake Metonga Association’s fifth Annual Walleye Stocking Fundraiser Banquet will be held on October 8, 2011 at the Mole Lake Chippewa Casino Lodge and Bingo Hall. An information sheet and order form is included. A free \$20.00 Promotional Play from the Mole Lake Casino is included with the purchase of each banquet ticket. Mail your ticket requests to Kim Reed, Lake Metonga Association Treasurer (See Order Form). Come and enjoy the meal of prime rib, chicken cordon bleu, green beans almondine, au gratin potatoes, salad, rolls and dessert. The silent auction, raffles and prizes are a highlight of the evening followed by using the Casino \$20.00 promotional play.

*Enjoy the change of seasons!
Good luck to all
the ice fisherman.
Have a Blessed Holiday
and
A healthy and prosperous
2012
Les Schramm*

LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION

Fifth Annual Walleye Fundraiser Banquet

Come Join the FUN!

All proceeds used to stock Lake Metonga Walleyes

Saturday, October 8th, 2011

Mole Lake Casino, Lodge & Bingo Hall

5 pm - Cocktails & Snacks

6:30 pm - Dinner

Silent Auction & Raffles Begin at 5 pm

Lots of Fun, Lots of Raffles and Lots of Food!

Advance Sale Tickets \$25 each- Limited to 250
(Tickets sold after September 24th- \$35 each)

All tickets are **RESERVED seating**.

Tickets and reserved table number will be mailed to your address or table captain.

With each ticket purchased, receive a FREE \$20 Promo Play from the Mole Lake Casino

** CHANGE FOR 2011- Streamlined Check-in Process **

For More Information Contact:

Les Schramm 715-478-5197 - Tim Leonardelli 262-679-0587 - Grant Reed 920-822-2757

Reserve a full table of 8 and become a Table Captain. You will receive 10 Lake Bucks
(Lake Bucks to be used in a special raffle just for table captains and donors)

-----Ticket Order Form-----

Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ Number of Tickets Requested- must list name of guest attending and Player's Club Number to receive the Promo Play

Attendee:	Player's Club #	Attendee:	Player's Club #
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

I would like to be a table captain and I have a full table of 8 listed above and receive 10 Lake Bucks

I would like to donate an item for the silent auction or bucket raffle and receive 10 Lake Bucks

Mail ticket order form and payment to:

Kim Reed, Lake Metonga Association Treasurer, 6670 Wintergreen Trail, Sobieski, WI 54171

**** ALL Ticket Orders must be received by September 24th, 2011 ****

Lake Metonga Association

Apparel Order Form

Help support **Lake Metonga** by wearing our customized apparel!

Place the logo, as pictured to the right, on the shirt or sweatshirt of your choice.

YOUR Choice of Color-

Crew Neck Sweatshirt- Ash, Black, Blue, Lime or Texas Orange

Small thru XXL = \$25

Hooded Sweatshirt- Ash, Black, Blue, Lime or Texas Orange

Small thru XXL = \$30

Shirts- Ash, Blue, Lime or Texas Orange

Small thru XL = \$17 XXL = \$20



Orders received by November 1st will be ready for pick-up before Thanksgiving!

* Please include your email address, you will be emailed when your order is available for pick-up (Crandon, WI)*

Additional Information and More Ordering Options will be posted at

www.LakeMetongaWI.org prior to 10/8/2011

----- **ORDER FORM** -----

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Crew Sweatshirt-	Size: <u>S M L XL XXL</u>	Color : _____
Hooded Sweatshirt-	Size: <u>S M L XL XXL</u>	Color : _____
Shirts-	Size: <u>S M L XL</u>	Color : _____
Shirts-	Size: <u>XXL</u>	Color : _____

Quantity & PAYMENT INFORMATION:	
_____ Shirts(S thru XL)	\$ _____
_____ Shirts (XL)	\$ _____
_____ Crew Neck Sweatshirt	\$ _____
_____ Hooded Sweatshirt	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED:	\$ _____
<p>Checks make payable to: Lake Metonga Association</p>	



2011 LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Permanent Mailing Address:

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

Permanent Phone:

Seasonal Phone:

To assist in reducing mailing costs with the newsletters and to keep you updated with information about Lake Metonga and the Association, we would like to enroll you for e-info. Please provide your Email Address (for Association use only) _____ We will then email you the full newsletter and email you with any important interim updates.

I am interested in assisting the association with:

I would like more information about:

Please check all that may apply:

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Art in the Square/ Kentuck Days	Art in the Square/ Kentuck Days
Walleye Banquet/ Fundraising	Walleye Banquet/ Fundraising
Summer Picnic/ Boat Parade	Summer Picnic/ Boat Parade
Website Commentary	Lake Quality/ Management
Other: _____	Other: _____

Annual Membership Fee for 2011 -----\$ 25.00

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

Total Payment Enclosed -----\$ _____

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 2011- Business ----- \$ 25.00

Advertising Opportunity for 2011 (optional)- Business ----- \$ 25.00

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

Total Payment Enclosed ----- \$ _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!!!

Donations are tax deductible 501(c)(3)

Make checks payable to: Lake Metonga Association, Inc

Mail to: Treasurer, Kim Reed, 6670 Wintergreen Trail, Sobieski, WI 54171

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