

# LAKE METONGA eNEWS



Summer 2017



## Dog Days of Summer...

*After a cool start, this summer has heated up with lots of activities to enjoy on and around the water. It's hard to believe we're already well into August! Before long, it will be back to school for the kids, and not long afterward,*

*it's back to the storage sheds with the boats, skis, fishing poles and all the toys of summer. Like Roxy, the Truymen's trusty companion above — we should all try and enjoy it while it lasts!*

## Association Update

Gary Mueller

Hi All,

Chris and I just returned from a trip to Door County. We are so, so, so glad we live in the quiet, peaceful, Crandon area and have the privilege to live on Lake Metonga. Our area gives new meaning to peaceful relaxation.

Before we left on our mini-road trip, we had an opportunity to cash in

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▼ The Lake Metonga Association's annual 4th of July picnic had good weather and a great crowd to enjoy the day. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and talent, and to the individuals and businesses that donated to the event, to make it another big success and a fun way to celebrate the 4th (even though it was only the 2nd!).





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## Mueller continued...

on the WEEDS"n"WALLEYES Chris-Craft ride donated by Steve and Laurie Bunda and dinner sponsored by Waters Edge. This was on Chris's "Bucket List" for years and was worth every penny. Thank you Steve, Laurie, Roger and all of our Lake Lucerne neighbors for your gracious support at all of our events.

Portions of the lake are again experiencing an algae bloom. This phenomena is not easily explained, but is, apparently, a fact of life for all clear lakes. You can spend hours on the internet studying this issue without coming to a reasonable conclusion.

A lake survey, covering this year's EWM treatment areas will take place in September.

The Association will be developing a new **Lake Management Plan** beginning in 2018. This plan is eligible for a state grant and is necessary for the DNR to consider support for our lake projects.

I want to thank all of you who were able to attend the Annual Meeting and Beachside Picnic. Your participation means a lot to the crew that puts on these events. Thank you for the successful fund raising at the **4th of July Picnic** and **Kentuck Days**. The upcoming **Art in the Square** and **WEEDS"n"WALLEYES** will round out this years fund raising effort, so please pass the word to chip in.

**WEEDS"n"WALLEYES** has again taken hold of the Mueller household — 24/7 is clearly not enough time to get it done according to Mrs Mueller. It's nice that our Mole Lake neighbors have agreed to hold the price for this year's event on October 7, 2017. Early Bird "Sponsors" have been well received and the list of Sponsors is filling fast.

**How you can help** — We're looking for "in-kind sponsorships". Here's a list of last year's most successful items: condo vacations fire rings, custom fishing rod, chain saw, paddle board, kayak, boat ride, dinner package, Packer tickets and pictures, pheasant hunts, fishing trips... Also, don't forget Baskets, Baskets, Baskets! We always have room for Baskets. With your support, we will sell out again this year. Let the fun begin!

*Gary*



(Above) Late spring Euroasian water milfoil treatment by Schmidt Aquatic covered and 48 acres adjacent to the north and south boat launches and swimming areas.



(Left) Bullhead harvest over several nights this June, conducted by Mike Preul, Sokogan Chippewa Fishery Specialist, netted approximately 2500 tasty treats for the Raptor Center in Antigo.

(Below) A free-use Life Jacket Loaner Station designed by Dave Patzlaff, and with the help and donations from the LMA, Crandon Lions, Forest County and Flannery Contracting, is now available at the City Beach pavillion.



## LoonWatch Report

Kayla Reed

As the summer is coming to a close, the loons and their chicks are readying themselves for their flight down to the Gulf of Mexico for the winter and fall months of November to April. In order for the chicks to be able to fly the 1,200 mile trek, they need to be at a stage of development called fledging. However, due to unknown incidents that have occurred over the summer months of June-August, there may only be only one fledged chick instead of four like the past couple of years.

Lake Metonga's first loon sighting was on April 22, when my Dad (Grant), and I put in the artificial loon platform in Farmer's Bay. The loons were very excited for their nest to be put in. The duo got within 10 feet of our canoe! Within a week, the pair of loons in Farmer's Bay started incubating the nest. At the end of May, the pair of loons hatched its first and only chick for that nesting period. Less than a week later, the pair that inhabits Peterson Bay hatched two eggs!

Unfortunately, it then turns to tragedy. Within a week's time, the sole chick in Farmer's Bay died as well as one of the chicks from Peterson Bay. This left only one loon chick on the entirety of Lake Metonga. Fortunately, there are cases in which a mated pair of loons that has experienced the loss of all of their chicks can try another nesting attempt. This is exactly what the pair in Farmer's Bay did.

Things were looking up for the loons in Farmer's Bay after two new chicks hatched. Phil Resch stated that "It seems like they are trying a new strategy" this time around for the chicks. The adult loon pair had kept the first chick to hatch on the nest for some time, but after the second set of chicks hatched, they were off the nest and onto the backs on the adult loon pair.



*The last remaining loon family by Peterson Bay is venturing further and further from shore. Please take care to give them a wide berth if you see them out and about. To protect their fledgling, they are not diving the way adults typically do to avoid an approaching boat.*

Unfortunately again, on July 22, one of the two chicks in Farmer's Bay died and three days later the other disappeared as well. This is why there is a chance only one chick may make it to the fledging stage in life this year.

There are many reasons that the chicks could have passed away: drowning, weather, sickness, boaters, etc. From my point of view, I have seen many boaters and jetskiers go full speed into both nesting areas, increasing the chance of hitting a chick. One time a jetski got within 5-10 feet of a family of loons. Because of this, I have had help from Les Schramm in obtaining application papers for increasing the number of 'Slow No Wake' buoys in Farmer's Bay. It is not definite that there will be an increase in buoys, but I feel by adding them it will increase people's awareness to loons and their chicks.

***If you have any questions, concerns or reports, please feel free to email me at:***

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*For now, Lake Metonga doesn't have navigational buoys to direct boater activity like the one pictured at left. That's why it's so important for everyone to use common sense and safe boating practices instead. Until such time as caution buoys are in place to protect designated loon territories, please be vigilant stewards for our waterfowl cohabitants.*



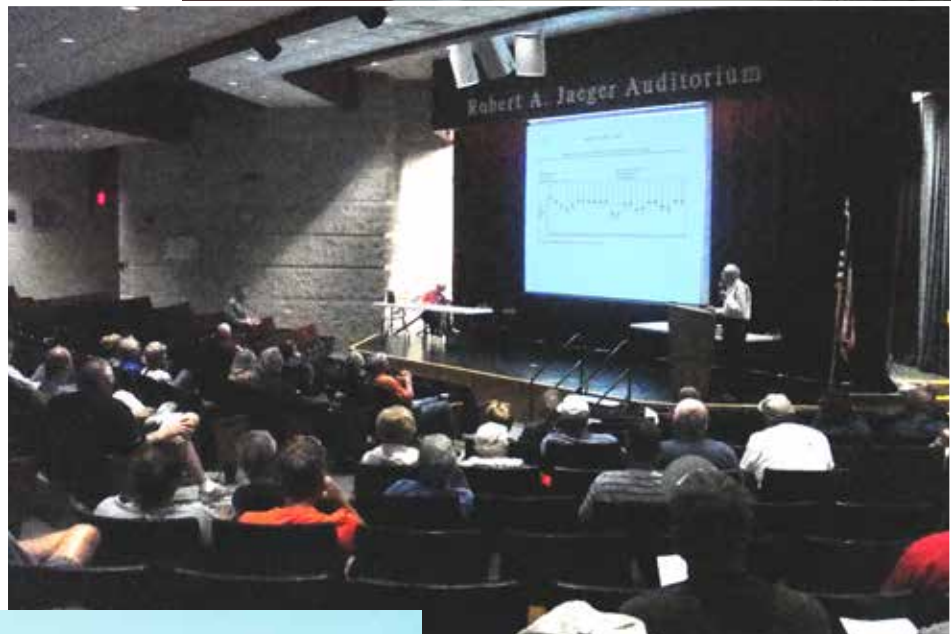
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## Annual Meeting July 1

This year's Lake Metonga Association's Annual Meeting on July 1, at the Crandon High School, was attended by approximately 70 members. Members enjoyed refreshments and departing with some of their money to buy lucky (hopefully) numbers for Packer pregame tickets and a gas grill outfit; new 2017 Lake Metonga clothing items, Weeds N Walleyes banquet sponsorships and more during the open house prior to the meeting.



Following a brief business meeting, Les Schramm's "State of the Lake" presentation provided members an update on the lake including water quality, fish populations, recent EWM treatment procedures and results, the Clean Boats- Clean Waters program, etc.



At the close of the meeting, President Gary Mueller, on behalf of the membership, led a standing ovation thank you for Les' many years of dedicated service to the association and the Lake Metonga community. (See also photo next page — some people get a gold watch for their years of service, others get trophies or statues...for the Lake Metonga Association, a boat float seems a fitting tribute! Best wishes, Les!)

## Boat Parade

Boat Parade winners for 2017:

- 1st Summers family  
"On Metonga On Wisconsin"
- 2nd Mueller family  
"Thanks Les for 23 Years"
- 3rd Eisenschink family  
"Thriller on Lake Metonga"





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## 4th of July Picnic



The day of the picnic weather was as almost ideal (particularly considering the cold, rainy, windy weather of the weeks previously);

Good food, friends, family and fun made for a great 4th of July celebration.

Special thanks to out to:

- Gary Goeman for organizing
- Jason Wittmann and Beachside Bar and Grill for hosting and catering
- Pete & Peggy Salm for donating and serving the brats and hot dogs



### Thank You!

We'd like to extend a special thank you to all the area businesses and individuals who donated to the Lake Metonga Association's 4th of July Picnic at Beachside Bar and Grill — helping make it a great success!

And, to all those who attended and enjoyed the 4th of July festivities with us — *have a great summer on the lake!*

**Lake Metonga Association**





## Kentuck Days



Our Kentuck Days event this year was another great success. Thanks to Deb Guarke for organizing and all those who volunteered their time and donated prizes for the mini-rafts.



### This Year's LMA Apparel Is Almost Gone!



Between the Annual Meeting, 4th of July Picnic and Kentuck Days, our 2017 inventory of T-shirts, sweatshirts, caps and more is just about sold out! If you haven't gotten your new LMA duds for 2017 yet, we still have a few items left, so be sure and come see us at Art in the Square on September 16.

Any questions? Feel free to call Judi Van Zuiden at (815)742-8766.

You can also order custom LMA apparel from the source! Stop in to Barbie Marvin's Creative Screenprinting and Embroidery shop at 119 N. Lake Ave in Crandon where you can order the 2017 LMA artwork on a wide variety of apparel items available at the store by special order.



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## A day at Lake Metonga...



Is always a great one!



*This photo really shouldn't count because it's taken on Lake Lucerne! That's President Gary Mueller in white claiming his 2016 Weeds N Walleyes auction winnings for a Chris-Craft boat tour.*



## Don't miss:

### Art in the Square Saturday, September 16

Forest County Courthouse Square 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Be sure on stop by the Lake Association booth. Last chance to purchase this year's Lake Metonga apparel.

### WEEDS"n"WALLEYES Banquet Saturday, October 7

It's coming sooner than you think, and, tickets are going fast! So don't get left out on the fun!

Any questions, and more importantly, if you'd like to help in any way —volunteer some of your time, or donate to the event — please contact Chris Mueller at (715) 478-2049.



#### Some of this Year's Prizes

Mosquito Free lawn care package

Apple watch

Stand-up paddleboard

Deer hunter "widows" shopping weekend in Appleton

"Booze cruise", dinner, desert and more on Lake Metonga

1 week Cocoa Beach condo

Yeti, Yeti, and more Yeti!

*And this is just for starters!*

Print the form below and mail with your check to:

Lake Metonga Association  
P.O. Box 32  
Crandon, WI 54520  
Attn: WnW

#### WEEDS "n" WALLEYES and SOooo Much More BANQUET SPONSOR INFORMATION

October 7, 2017 Mole Lake Casino

\_\_\_\_\_ **Banquet Sponsor @ \$250** \_\_\_\_\_  
LMA Membership/2 dinner tickets, Mole Lake Promo

\_\_\_\_\_ **Love the Lake Sponsor @ \$500** \_\_\_\_\_  
LMA Membership /4 dinner tickets, Mole Lake Promo

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sustaining Sponsor @ \$1000** \_\_\_\_\_  
LMA Membership / 8 dinner tickets, Mole Lake Promo

\_\_\_\_\_ **Gold Sponsor @ \$2000** \_\_\_\_\_  
LMA Membership /16 dinner tickets, Mole Lake Promo

\_\_\_\_\_ **Non-Attending Banquet Sponsor @ \$250** \_\_\_\_\_

#### TICKET INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_\_ **Membership & Dinner Ticket @ \$60** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Membership & Two Dinner Tickets @ \$95** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Dinner free beer & wine from 5-7pm @ \$35 each** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Total

**"IN-KIND" Credit** [voucher number]\_\_\_\_\_ {\_\_\_\_\_}

[ "IN-KIND" for Table Sponsorship only]

#### TOTAL ENCLOSED

[If 8 dinner tickets are purchased, a table will be reserved in your name]

Name/Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Attention \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ "E"-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### METHOD OF PAYMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ Check/ Money Order to Lake Metonga Association 715-478-2049  
\_\_\_\_\_ CC# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp : \_\_\_\_\_

*Eagles soaring above the north boat launch following the Annual Meeting — let's take that as a good sign...*



*Fishing in Peterson Bay (prior to being overrun by milfoil). Photos courtesy Gary Mueller*



*End of July sunset over the Truymen dock.*

*Photos courtesy Mark Truymen*

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