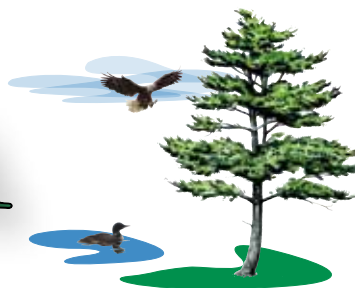


LAKE METONGA eNEWS



Summer 2019



Association Update

Gary Mueller

It's been feeling like Fall for much of this Summer. The cool, rainy weather makes my time at the computer much less painful. By and large, Lake Metonga, her guests and the Association enjoyed a very nice but awfully short summer.

The Annual LMA meeting was well attended, on point and finished on time. Thank you All for attending. The Picnic and Boat Parade were the best ever. (See page 5 for more pictures and the boat parade winners.)

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Saturday October 12 WEEDS"n"WALLETS Banquet



**No, No, No! That's a typo!
It's the WEEDS"n"WALLEYES Banquet**

But yes, please do bring an amply-supplied wallet...

See page 8 for more details





Mueller continued...

Our Kentuck Day booth featured our new boat landing signage, as well as Kayla Reed's Fisheries Project and LMA apparel.

The planning committee for our Ten Year Lake Management Plan held a Work Session with Onterra LLC in August and is continuing the process in September. One of the interesting highlights of the meeting was the fact that you, the Lake Metonga Stake Holders, had almost twice the number of survey respondents compared to what the state normally receives. Thank you all for your input! It's truly helpful that a solid majority of riparian owners and nearby residents weighed in with their input.

By now, most of our WEEDS"n"WALLEYES sponsors and guests should have received an invitation. Your prompt response is very much appreciated. Persons wishing to attend this annual event at Mole Lake on October 12th and haven't received their invitation, please call Gary or Chris Mueller (715.478.2049) as soon as possible because seating is limited and we are usually maxed out.



Thanks to all the volunteers, committee members and the Board of Directors that make things happen in this Association — all of whom hopefully have a measure of satisfaction for a job well done!

Now... get the pier, lift and boats stored because very soon the landscape will be ablaze in Fall color . It's too cold to go jump in a lake, so instead you can jump in a giant pile of leaves...Yet another moment in time passing with the change of the seasons. We are all so fortunate to have this wonderful place and this lake to enjoy.

Look forward to seeing you all at the banquet next month!

Gary

Top: The Annual Meeting drew a nice crowd, and our numbers are growing! Our goal is to have all riparian owners as members in the association.

Below: The LMA Kentuck Day booth grew a nice crowd, too.





Above: As part of the Kentuck booth, we had two sign-up boards in support of legalizing the Paddle Wheel that the Association had used previously for years as a fund raiser. Gary Mueller (left) and Sande Guinther (right), showing their support for the issue.

Below: Apparel sales at Kentuck Day went well. What's left of our inventory is available at Smith Sport and Hobby.



New, Ongoing History of Lake Metonga

Michelle Gobert, UW-Madison Div. of Extension Forest County



This past August, Michelle presented a slide show history of Lake Metonga to a packed house at the historic Hotel Crandon.

The presentation, comprised of photos, maps and original research conducted by Michelle, detailed the early settlement of Lake Metonga by Crandon area pioneers, and identified key plats, owners and establishments throughout the past 135 years of Forest County history.



To conduct her research Michelle made extensive use of the shared archival collection of the Crandon Public Library and the Crandon Area Historical Society.

The program was part of a series of programs titled "History on Tap" which Michelle began offering approximately 2 years ago in her former position as Director of the Crandon Public Library.

Currently Michelle is actively involved in the development of a stronger volunteer program with the Crandon Area Historical Society. Most importantly (and especially for those who missed the presentation), Michelle will have a feature column in our newsletter and adding historic content to our website.

Michelle can be reached at 715.478.7797 or by email at: michelle.gobert@wisc.edu

A Picture Perfect Lake Association 4th of July Parade of Boats and Picnic



They said it was going to rain. They said it was going to be cold. They said it was going to be windy. They said no one was going to show up...

WRONG!

This year's 4th of July Parade of Boats started the Lake Association's holiday weekend event with a record-setting turnout. Twenty-four pontoons and boats competed for six prizes worth over \$2,000 — prizes all donated by area businesses.



Judges for the parade: (front) Abby, Angelia, Cilla; (back) Rose Mary, Dan, Macie and Julie. Not pictured (Phil)

A very special and appreciative thank you to all those who helped organize, promote, setup and supervise the event. Please remember everything you did! — so we can make next year's event just as successful and fun.

Most importantly, hats off, cudos and sincere thanks to the area businesses that continue to help the association on an on-going basis, and that donated the fantastic prizes that made this year's event such a success:

Mole Lake Casino
Tricia's Treasures
Smith Sport and Hobby
Rustic Allure
Flowers from the Heart

1st Prize: *Life is Cooler on Lake Metonga*



2nd Prize: *Brush Run: 50 Years of Mud, Beer & Crashes*



3rd Prize: *Shark! Metonga Beach Closed...*



4th Prize: *Tango on da Tonga*



5th Prize: *Fiesta like there's no mañana*



6th Prize: *Rubber Ducky Bubble Bath*



LoonWatch Report

Kayla Reed, Lake Metonga Loon Ranger

This summer was not much different than last where the loons on Lake Metonga are concerned. The nest was put in on May 4th and, as per usual, the loon pair in Farmer's Bay could not wait to get on as they followed my dad, Grant Reed, and myself into the lagoon where the nest is placed.

Starting to nest right away, both pairs of loons that reside on Lake Metonga welcomed two chicks each by early June. I am sure some of you got to see the chicks start to develop!

However, like previous years, unfortunately, the two chicks born in Farmer's Bay went missing during the week of June 26 and were assumed dead. At this point, it is early July and the hopes of the loons re-nesting is getting slimmer and slimmer. Fortunately, they did get back on the nest after a while and were able to hatch one chick, for a total of three hatched in Farmer's Bay. While the hope of a chick surviving to the fledgling (able to have fully grown feathers and able to fly) was increasing, things had to go wrong once more for this pair. The Bald Eagles nested in tall trees surrounding Farmer's Bay started really going after the chick. At one point, one of the loons even took off trying to distract the eagles. At the time, I did not



understand what was going on; however, after seeing the situation, I understood. While this loon tried so hard to save the chick from the eagles, it later disappeared and the death is unknown. Once again, Farmer's Bay has no fledgling chicks this year.

On the bright side of things, the loons by Peterson's Bay thrived this summer!! When looking for the chicks, it is now a lot harder to differentiate the chicks and adults as they are both the same size now and no longer have to stick right to their parents' sides.

The only noticeable difference is their plumage as they still hold a grey color to them.

Pretty soon loons from northern lakes will start migrating south and will settle onto Metonga for a short period of time before continuing their journey to the Gulf of Mexico, taking all of the adult loons with them. The fledglings will stay an extra week or two just to build up their strength and flying ability. By late October, usually all loons have vacated the lake.

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

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Photos courtesy Jessica Abernathy



10 Year Management Plan Update

The LMA is in the process of completing a new 10 Year Management Plan. This plan is needed if lakes want to apply for grants and other services from WDNR.

The first phase was to develop a survey which was completed and sent to 311 riparian and deeded access owners of Lake Metonga. (That survey was not a WDNR boilerplate, but designed specifically by a committee of Lake Metonga property owners and users.) The survey results are in, and we were able to have a 70% completion rate, which is "excellent", per our lake consultants, Ontterra LLC, from DePere, Wis.

Phase II is now underway, which consists of educating the committee of previous actions and results and reviewing the survey responses to see what the concerns and suggestions are from the survey respondents. We hope to complete the plan by year end, and will include more information on the website and in the next newsletter later this fall.



The Lake Management Planning committee meets at Charlie's Lake Metonga Resort to view lake data presented by Eddie Heath from Ontterra.



A New Look to the Logo

For years and years, the association used a logo created by long-standing member and board member, Tim Leonardelli. Unfortunately, his original artwork got lost along the way, and the small, low resolution version we used on the website (far left) was all we had.

For our new boat landing signs, posters and newsletters we needed a high resolution version that provided the quality necessary for printing. Monica Stamper at Pioneer Express/Printing in Crandon lent her expertise to create a new logo that carries on Tim's iconic big pine, loon and soaring eagle images.

WEEDS"n"WALLEYES Banquet October 12 Mole Lake Convention Center

For all of you who have been part of this very successful FUNd Raising event, we hope you are able to join us and 300 of your friends and neighbors again this year.

It would be greatly appreciated if you can return your invitation or guest count by October 1st.

The format will be the same, in by 5PM out by 9PM. Similar menu, free beer and wine, and subsidized mixed drinks...and casino cash will be handed out at the end of the evening and it should be redeemable for a few days.

The raffle prizes as well as auction items list is growing daily with CoCo Beach Condo, Pheasant Hunt, Wisconsin Dells Water Park returning. We also have a Milwaukee Bucks/ Potawatomi Casino Weekend Package, a Milwaukee Electric tool kit, underwater camera, fire pit set and much, much more...!

But — we always have room for one more prize. And baskets, too! If you are able to donate a prize or basket, please call Chris or Gary at 715.478.2049

For Those Not Knowing:

"No person shall have in his possession or under his control on any of the inland waters or shores of inland waters at any time any spear or similar device that might be used for the purpose of taking, catching or killing fish in the counties of Ashland (except in the Bad River where burbot may be taken by means of spears from sunset to sunrise December 15 to January 31 inclusive), Bayfield, Forest, Iron, Menominee, Oneida, Price, Sawyer and Vilas counties and the Menominee River in Florence and Marinette counties."



*Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources
Guide to Wisconsin Spearing, Netting and Bait Harvest
Regulations, page 9.*

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/documents/regulations/SpearNet1920Press.pdf>



When it's snowing in a few more months, think on this, and start your calendar countdown to opening day 2020.

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