



Winter 2014

President's Corner by Jean Roach

We have bid summer goodbye and, as our fall season winds down, our thoughts turn to what the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association has accomplished since our last newsletter.

The Summerfest Annual Meeting/Fundraiser was well-attended and a financial success. It was truly a team effort with over 50 volunteers doing everything from organizing the car show; buying, grilling, and serving the food; purchasing and selling beer, wine, and soft drinks; collecting raffle items and running the various raffles; to cleaning-up the site the next day.

At the Annual Meeting, there were two informational presentations designed to inform us about steps we can take to foster a healthy lake. Rosie Page from the County Conservation Department addressed the subject of shoreline buffer gardens. Buffer gardens are native plantings used to replace lawns in areas within 35 feet of the water. This naturalization process is important in filtering excessive nutrients, thus preventing them from entering the lake. Excess nutrients are a cause of algae blooms.

Board Member Dave Hardt also gave an illustrated presentation on the algae-snail-duck relationship which results in swimmer's itch. This gave us another good reason to adopt practices which will lessen the nutrient flow into the lake. No one likes swimmer's itch!

The Association then announced that a sample shoreline buffer garden was in the works, with the help of volunteers to plan and plant it on land donated by the Town of Schoepke. In the spring of this year, our grant writer, Bob Mott, received funding from Lumberjack, LLC for this

project. The purpose of the grant is to demonstrate the ease of changing a shoreline grassy lawn into an area of native shrubs, trees, and flowers. This native vegetation allows for natural views of the lake, while filtering excess nutrients that contribute to algae blooms. In addition, native plants require little maintenance and have no need for fertilizers. That's a good thing because fertilizers contribute directly to algae bloom and lake pollution.

After the Annual Meeting, we moved on to the enjoyment of food, drink, music, and raffle activities with our neighbors and friends. The day ended with a colorful fireworks display that many enjoyed from boats under the stars. A good time was had by all.

On a warm Saturday in September, a group of members led by Lori Regni came together to dig, plant, water, and mulch the first phase of the sample shoreline buffer garden. Their hard work was much appreciated. Work will continue next spring and we welcome all amateur gardeners to join in this worthwhile project. We hope you'll observe our progress and consider planting your own buffer garden along your shoreline. Folks are available to guide you through the steps, some of them master gardeners.

On October 18, thanks to Dan Miller and Jim Brust, our roadside clean-up organizers, lake roads were cleared of unsightly litter. Twice a year many members show up to help with this beautification project. This year, as a part of their community service, five students from Elcho also pitched in - a nice addition to our usual dedicated volunteers.

Thanks to many volunteers, the PLPOA has made useful contributions to our lake community. I'll end this message by asking that each of you consider how you might volunteer a few hours next summer on one of our projects, or offer ideas for new projects. Please take the time to read the articles in this issue for more in-depth information about our many activities. Together we can make a difference for Pelican Lake.

Have a good winter!

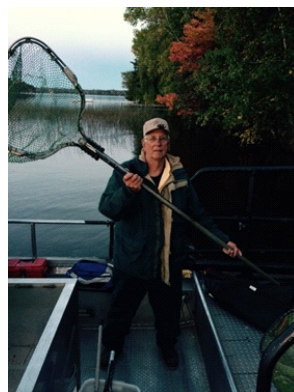
Electrofishing Survey by Larold Lodholz

The electrofishing survey for Pelican Lake was done on the evening of September 23, 2014. It was a beautiful evening, 50 degrees, and the lake was very calm. Bob Brautigam and Larold Lodholz met with John Kubisiak, Oneida County Biologist, and Mike Preul, the Mole Lake Fisheries Biologist, at the State Boat Landing at 6:30 p.m. In order to cover the 17 miles of Pelican Lake's shoreline, the two boats went in opposite directions around the lake.

Total number of fish measured:

Walleye	824
Northern Pike	80
Large Mouth Bass	79
Small Mouth Bass	24
Musky	3

The survey ended around 1:00 a.m. It was a lot of work!



This project is done annually. It really gives accurate information as to what's going on with the fish population in the lake. Overall, "it looks like a bright future for Pelican Lake's walleyes."

PL Area Chamber of Commerce's 37th Year Hosting Ice-Fishing Derby by Beth Reinemann, Community Director

The Pelican Lake Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 37th Annual Ice-Fishing Derby on Saturday, February 28, 2015, at Gerrits' Lakeview Inn, 656 County Road G, Pelican Lake. Fishing is from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All fish must be registered at the tent (weather permitting) or near the tavern. You must present the orange ticket stubs when registering a fish. Tickets can be purchased in advance at all area chamber businesses starting in mid-November. The names of those who purchase these tickets will be put into a drawing for cash prizes of \$500 - 1st, \$200 - 2nd, and \$100 - 3rd. We'll also be selling only 300 tickets for a Jiffy Pro 4 Lite Propane Ice Drill with 8" XT drill assembly - 1st, GoPro Hero Camera - 2nd, and Ice Fishing Package - 3rd. These items will be on display by mid November at Gerrits' Lakeview Inn.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Drawings for each and merchandise prizes for adults and children in all designated fish categories will start at 5:50 p.m. Make sure you stop in during the day to purchase tickets for the merchandise prize baskets that we'll have on display, and to try your luck at winning some great prizes on the paddle wheel game.

If you would like to donate cash, gift certificates, or merchandise that will be included in the raffles, please let me know. Anything is appreciated!

We are able to give an Elcho student a \$1000 scholarship every year with money raised from the Derby. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. If you'd like to volunteer for any amount of time on the 28th, please let me know. We can always use extra hands! I can be reached at 715-487-5222 or pelicanlakeecc@frontiernet.net.

PLPOA Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand as of 9/13/14	\$27,126.28
Income	\$16,752.20
Expenses	(\$12,105.62)
Current Liability of WI Withholding	
Tax-Accrued	\$12.82
Current checkbook balance 9/13/14	\$31,766.65

In addition to the above balance, we have three \$5,000 CDs that mature:

11/28/14 (2)

06/18/15 (1)

Total current value of all CDs with interest is \$15,868.62

Total of all accounts, \$47,635.27

Total Members - 307

Current grant update and report (2)

2014 Landing Monitor Grant

Grant Total - \$13,332.75 - DNR portion \$9,999.56

Local match - \$3,333.19

Advance payment of \$2,499.89 was received
08/05/2014

AIS Treatment Grant -

Grant Total - \$17,335.00 - DNR portion \$13,001.25

Local Match - \$4,333.75

Advance payment of \$3,250.31 was received
08/28/2014

Submitted by Ann Clark, Treasurer

Pelican Lake Women's Civic Club

by Lucy Nelson

The Pelican Lake Women's Civic Club held their 14th annual Memorial Day Weekend Fundraiser on Sunday, May 25, 2014. We want to thank all of those who helped make this fundraiser another success. Our crafters and flea markets also helped make this event successful. We hope that everyone plans to join us next year, Sunday, May 24, 2015, for our MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FUNDRAISER.

This year we presented a \$750 scholarship to both Miss Makayla Raith and Miss Bobbi Jo Schauer at the Elcho School Scholarship Program in May. This is a wonderful honor our club is able to bestow upon qualified students.

The annual Fall Style Show and Luncheon was held October 9th at Holiday Acres in Rhinelander. The diversity of club members and assortment of ensembles always make this an interesting and fun experience. Good food, door prizes, and our silent auction, complement this event. Drawing the name of Fay Curran, who won the Packer football, was an exciting finale to the program.

Full and part-time residents of the Town of Enterprise and the Town of Schoepke are welcome to join the Pelican Lake Women's Civic Club. Our meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. Please contact President Char Schowalter @ 715-487-5773 or Treasurer Marsha Pahl @ 715-487-5990 to join in on the fun!

Pelican Lake Property Owners Association Events 2015

April 23-25 Wisconsin Lakes Association Convention, Stevens Point

May 30 Spring Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Schoepke Town Hall

July 18 Annual Meeting: Registration @ 1:30 p.m., Meeting @2 p.m., Schoepke Town Hall

July 18 Summerfest from end of meeting until end of fireworks, Schoepke Town Hall.
Band: Lovin' Country

Sept. 5 Fall Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Schoepke Town Hall

October Highway Pick-Up (date TBA)

From The PLPOA Secretary by Vicki Smith

Members of the PLPOA met three times in 2014: May 31, July 19, and September 20.

At the May 31 Meeting:

1. After much discussion, it was decided to continue having Summerfest.
2. An update was given on the Shoreline Buffer-Zone Example Garden located on the shoreline just north of the Schoepke Town Hall.
3. It was announced that the Clean Boats-Clean Waters program needed monitors for whom the Association would pay the training sessions.
4. Jean Roach announced that Phases I and II of the Lake Study Grant were completed. By unanimous vote, it was decided to write and submit a request for a \$16,000 grant (for which the state would pay 75%) for the hand-pulling of the Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM).
5. Raffle tickets were given to various members for distribution to local businesses.

At the July 19 Meeting:

1. Rosie Page from the County gave a "Woody Habitat and Shoreline Restoration" presentation in which she emphasized how important it was to have a near-shore, shallow-water zone where plants can grow and sunlight can penetrate. Beavers, muskrats, minks, loons, herons, and green frogs all need this space along the shoreline. Loons and turtles, especially, need such a zone for nesting and reproducing. Woody habitats along the shoreline are also recommended. Two ways to achieve these: (1) leave fallen trees in the water; and, (2) drop live trees into the lake, allow them to sink, then anchor them via 3/8" cables to the shore. Best time to do this: after November 1.
2. Dave Hardt gave a slide presentation, "Buffer Zones to Reduce Algae Blooms/Swimmer's Itch." He recommended that homeowners create a buffer zone along their shoreline to help filter out the phosphorus that comes naturally from rain and also from home activities. Rather than using fertilizers, he recommended using lake water on plants and grass because lake water is rich in natural fertilizer. Phosphorous-free soaps should be used for dishwashing, bathing, and washing machines. Be sure to check your septic system to see that it's functioning properly.
3. Photos were handed out showing 5 different shorelines, from urbanized to natural. Pelican Lake has a 16.4-mile shoreline that is 24% (3.9 miles) urbanized and 17% (2.7 miles) developed-unnatural. The Association's goal is to encourage homeowners to develop natural buffer zones along their shorelines in order to reduce these numbers.
4. In addition to the Fish Report, updates were given on the AIS Grant and the Shoreline Restoration Project.
5. Officers were elected for the Board of Directors.

At the September 20, meeting:

1. Dave Hardt gave a power-point presentation, "All About Algae," showing the differences between green algae, a natural phenomenon in lakes, and the blue-green algae that appeared in Pelican Lake in August. To help avoid the blue-green algae, he recommended the following: (1) make sure your septic system is functioning properly, (2) use lake water to water your plants/grass, (3) create a buffer zone of natural vegetation along your shoreline. Don't be alarmed by aquatic plants/weeds. They help keep the lake clean, as well as give off oxygen for the fish.
2. Updates were given on the Shoreline Restoration Project and the AIS Grant.
3. Other discussion topics: the placement of buoys for marking areas (responsibility of the Townships), cutting reeds in the lake to create a pathway for watercraft (okay, but please remove the reeds from the water), septic inspections (will be done by the county in 2016), a sponsor to pay for the printing of raffle tickets, and the creation of a welcome packet for new homeowners and those who are not yet members.
4. Raffle drawing winners: Joan Sage, Charles Propson, and Janice Hammen.

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In Loving Memory

John & Ruth Suick for Roland Sage

Laurice A. Bell for Doris Beyer

Joe & Jean Roach for Doris Beyer, Jim Suick,
and Vi Janus

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Susan & Jann VanDresesr for
Bill & Janie Podoll

The Peeters Family for Betty & Bob Peeters

Gerald & Mona Tennessen for Doris Beyer

Janet Corel for Betty, Art and Edward Erickson

Linda Erickson for Edward Erickson

2015 PLPOA's Telephone Directory by Vicki Smith

The Pelican Lake Property Owner's Association plans to distribute a revised, updated telephone directory of its members in the summer of 2015. Knowing this, please remit your 2015 membership (\$25.00) upon receiving this newsletter, rather than waiting until the Annual Meeting in July to pay. Remember, memberships run according to the calendar year, January 1 - December 31. Our 2015 directory will be in booklet form, similar to one issued in 2008. Please print/write clearly and note that we now have blanks for cellphone numbers, as well as e-mail addresses. Checks can be made out to: "PLPOA," and mailed to PLPOA; P.O. Box 96; Pelican Lake, WI 54463.

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Board News by Jean Roach

This past July's Annual Meeting marked some changes in our Board of Directors. Long time member and outstanding Treasurer for six years, Joe Altschaeffl, left the Board. (Our bylaws limit Board membership to six years). His skill juggling paperwork and billing for several grants annually, along with managing the memberships, is much appreciated, as is his attention to detail. He made a huge job seem easy. Thank you, Joe, for all your time and effort. We are pleased that you have kindly agreed to mentor our new Treasurer, Ann Clark.

Dave Hardt and Jean Roach were re-elected for a second two-term. In addition, four new members were elected and warmly welcomed: Ann Clark, Dave Groeger, Larold (Lud) Ludholz and Don Oremus. The remaining board members: Bob Brautigam, Cathy Cyrs, and Vicki Smith, began their second year of service in July.

Update on Eurasian Water Milfoil in Pelican Lake by Jean Roach



Dumping EWM harvested from lake for compost

The Pelican Lake Property Owners Association is continuing its efforts to control the EWM found in our lake. In June of this year, Onterra, our lake study biology consultants, sent a team to survey the lake. The results showed some re-growth of colonies along the west shore of Musky Bay, and a new colony in Treacherous Bay.

In August a group of hired divers spent two days hand-pulling the invasive weeds. Unfortunately, the cloudy water created by the algae bloom coincided with their work. While that didn't impede their visibility along the Musky Bay shore where it was shallow, it did affect their ability to work in Treacherous Bay.

Onterra later returned to do a survey after hand-pulling. Musky Bay shore areas were clear, however a new area in Musky Bay was found, one which was not visible in June. In addition, it was noted that the area in Treacherous Bay had expanded. Those two areas will be our target for next season, most likely for another round of hand-harvesting.

Our goal is to contain the EWM, not to eradicate it. No lake has successfully eliminated it, but it's possible to keep

it from taking over the lake. All of us can do our part by cleaning our watercraft of any weeds when we return to shore, and disposing of them away from the lake. Also, it is helpful to avoid the areas where EWM has been identified. Maps of these areas are available at the landings and on our website.

Spending a few hours every summer checking out the plant life in your area and looking for invasive weeds could help in identifying any area of new growth. If you let us know how much time you devote to this, we can use your hours as donated time toward our grant-matching requirement.

Lose the Lead – Save a Loon

We share our waters with a rich variety of wildlife. The Common Loon is one of the Northwoods favorites. Did you know that loons can live over 30 years and return to the same lake year after year? When they arrive each spring, it's like welcoming back a family member. One way we can help protect loons is to stop using lead fishing tackle. Research has proven conclusively that ingested lead kills loons by poisoning them. For a list of non-lead tackle suppliers visit www.northland.edu/loonwatch.



Photo: Vicki Smith

Garbage Collection

* All garbage must be bagged in durable, see-through bags and placed in a garbage container with proper handles and lids.

*Recycle guidelines are included in your tax bill. Please set them aside and post them in your cottage as a reminder.

For our seasonal residents:

If your container is a permanent box, use a flag to notify the collectors that you have garbage.

If you're not returning until the weekend, ask a neighbor to put your garbage can away after the garbage has been picked up.

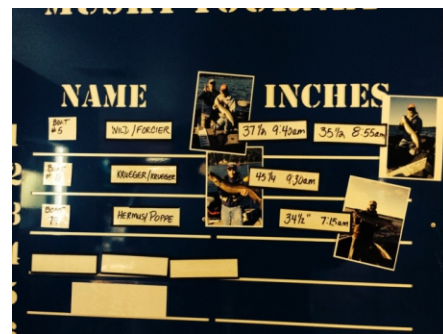
Do not leave bags by the roadside when you leave on Sunday. All garbage should be in a secure container to prevent critters from scattering garbage on the roads and in nearby yards.

Thanks for helping us keep our community clean and beautiful!

Kevin Worrall Memorial Musky Classic Tournament by Sherri Gerrits

Gerrits' Lakeview held the 23rd annual Kevin Worrall Memorial Musky Classic Tournament on September 6, 2014. This tournament is a benefit event, held in remembrance of Kevin Worrall. All of the proceeds go to the Ronald McDonald House in Marshfield.

This year we were able to donate a huge amount: \$8,079!! Since we've started this tournament, over \$34,000 has been donated to the Ronald McDonald House. This is, in great part, due to the generous people who helped out at this event: the volunteers, sponsors, and musky fishermen. A big thank you goes out to everyone who participated.



Regarding this year's tournament, there were a total of 106 boats. Once again, Lakeview provided the awesome bonus prize of a 2015 fully-rigged Tuffy boat for the first 50-inch musky caught. In addition, if that musky were caught using a Suick lure, that fisherman would receive an additional \$10,000 in cash. Although some big muskies were seen, no one was able to capitalize on them.

A total of 6 muskies were caught. The first-place team of Wild/Forcier doubled up with two of them. Here's a list of the muskies caught, all of which were successfully released:

1st Place	37 ½" and 35 ½"	Wild/Forcier
2nd Place	47"	Kowalski/Braeteng
3rd Place	45 ¼"	Krueger/Krueger
4th Place	37"	Kozlowski/Dantoin
5th Place	34 1/2"	Hermus/Poppe

Hopefully, next year more muskies will be caught, the donation will be greater, and a good time will be had by all!

Pitch In! - PLPOA Adopt-A-Highway Program 2014

by Dan Miller

Now that Old Man Winter has come early, we close the books on our 4th year in the Adopt-A-Highway program. This year we held two organized cleanups, and for the first time the fall event included some young folks from Elcho High School looking for Community Service credits. We welcome them and hope our partnership will continue and spread to others! We want to acknowledge and thank all the volunteers who support us, especially those who helped with the cleanups in 2014:



Joe Altschaefl
Peggy Augustiniak
Jim Brust
Shannon Dantoin
Elcho High School
Grace
Jack
Kaz
Kyle
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We also want to thank both the Schoepke and Enterprise Town Boards for their support and coordination on waste collections, as well as thanking the Oneida County Highway Department for providing our supplies.



Our Program

by Dan Miller

The Pelican Lake Property Owners Association is responsible for keeping the roads around the lake clean and litter-free (specifically Highway 45, and County Roads B, G & Q).

Everyone is welcome to join the cleanups. You only need to be at least 11 years of age and have a desire to help keep our lake environment clean.

Participation is easy, fun and a good way to meet people! Please volunteer to be part of these organized cleanups by contacting Dan Miller at info@pelicanlakepoa.org or call him at (773) 255-7807.

Look for e-mails and notices for future cleanups in 2015, and best wishes for the holidays!!!

In the meantime, please do your part and HELP KEEP LITTER IN ITS PLACE. Dispose of your waste when you're at the gas station, grocery store or home. Pelican Lake appreciates it!

Visit to the Sokaogon-Chippewa Community by Jean Roach

On September 27, 2014, a group of Association members visited the Sokaogon-Chippewa Community Headquarters in Mole Lake to personally thank the Tribe for its generous donation of \$5,000 to the PLPOA. We met with Tribal Chairman, Chris McGeshick, and Fisheries Biologist, Mike Preul.



L-R: Bob Brautigam, Chris McGeshick, Vicki Smith, Jean Roach, Yvonne Ludholz, Mike Preul, John Roberts, Lud Ludholz, and Sonja Roberts

Together we spoke about our common interests. The Chairman elaborated on the importance of healthy water and forests as something the Tribal Community values as part of its heritage. The idea of passing on the earth to the next seven generations is their guiding principal. Members of our Association articulated their mission to be good stewards of Pelican Lake and the surrounding forests for our current enjoyment, as well as for the future. Like them, many of us hope to pass down our lake cottage and a love of the Northwoods to our children and grandchildren.

After our discussion Mike Preul gave us a tour of the new fish hatchery pond complex. Currently there are four ponds where primarily walleyes are raised for stocking area lakes. The Tribal Community plans to expand this operation over the next few years by adding more ponds and perhaps diversifying the fish they raise. Because Pelican Lake's walleye population is self-sustaining, at this point we have not received any of their fingerlings. However, if this situation changes, we will benefit from the Tribe's important work.



Both McGeshick and Preul expressed an interest in working with our Association on projects of mutual benefit in the future. There are state grants that may be a good fit for our two groups to work on cooperatively. McGeshick and Preul also offered an open invitation to all of our members to tour the fish hatchery. Their contact information is:

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- Investigate links to state and county websites.
- Learn about AIS and CBCW
- Get the most up-to-date information about situations on the lake. For instance, you can view maps showing the location of EWM to help you avoid spreading these invasive weeds.

New DNR Grant Compliments PLPOA Goal to Naturalize Shoreline

It's designed to encourage simple lakeshore projects to boost healthy lakes.

The Department of Natural Resources recently introduced a new grant tool for lakeshore property owners in Wisconsin. The Healthy Lakes Project, according to the DNR, "aims to fund individual local projects around the state that focus on simple ways to improve fish habitat, integrate native plantings, divert and clean runoff water, and promote natural beauty."

Here are the basics of the grant:

Awards in amounts of up to \$1,000 will be given out to property owners for small-scale projects.

The deadline is February 1, 2015.

Eligible projects include:

- "Fish sticks" (trees placed in the water to serve as fish habitat).
- Native plantings.
- Runoff diversion projects.
- Rock-infiltration pits or trenches.
- Upland rain gardens.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carroll Schaal, DNR Lakes and Rivers Section Chief, 608-261-6423, Carroll.Schaal@wisconsin.gov

Jennifer Sereno, DNR Communications, 608-770-8084, Jennifer.Sereno@wisconsin.gov

FOR THE ONLINE WEBINAR GO TO:

dnr.wi.gov + type "new healthy lakes grant" in the search box.

Our Board will be happy to help anyone who would like to write one of these grants. Contact Jean Roach: jmroach@me.com or call her at 309-696-3597.

The purpose of the PLPOA is to preserve, protect, and enhance the water of Pelican Lake, Wisconsin, through the undertaking of various activities, including advocating and facilitating communications through sharing of information between individuals, environmental organizations, and state and local governmental bodies. This includes involvement in various educational and special projects aimed at good stewardship and wise use of our waters, their natural wildlife habitats and fisheries both for us and future generations.

Clean Boats - Clean Waters by Lucy Nelson

This is the ninth year that I've taught the AIS class to Elcho students at their Forest Day, May 30. The class is a mixture of third through sixth-grade students. The programs the Forest Day covered were: Forest Finds, Aquatic Invasive Species, Birds of Prey, Geo-Cache, Castings, Nature Walk, Art Project, and Maple Syrup.

It's amazing how aware the students are of AIS. Some of my questions (along with their responses) were: "Where did AIS come from?" (Europe), "What does AIS do?" (crowds out other weeds that are good for the lake and for the fish), "What is a Zebra Mussel?" (it's a small hard shell that can cut our feet if we step on it without wearing water shoes), and, "What should we do with our boat trailers?" (remove all the leaves before leaving the boat landing).

I also asked the students, "How many of you fish?" In response, most of the boys and some of the girls raised their hands. A few said, "Yuck. No way!"

When I showed the students the twelve specimens that I brought from the DNR, they couldn't wait to hold them. Their questions regarding each specimen were numerous and challenging. I truly enjoy teaching these students!



What You Can Do to Minimize our Algae Problem

This year the algae bloom was identified as blue-green algae. These blooms can produce harmful toxins known as cyanotoxins which can cause illness in humans and pets. It is always important not to ingest the water when the blue-green algae blooms are present. In August of this past year an advisory from The Oneida County Health Department was issued for Pelican Lake.

Property owners can help minimize the occurrence of blue-green algae blooms by:

- Maintaining native buffer vegetation along the shore.
- Reducing and or eliminating fertilizer on lawns.
- Using only phosphorus- free fertilizer. (If you must)
- Upgrading or repairing septic systems. Anyone with questions about their sanitary system should contact a licensed plumber.



Shoreline Restoration Project Update



Phase One of the restoration project, located next to the Schoepke Town Hall, has been completed. This phase consisted of the engineering plan and the construction of a handicapped walkway to the near-shore area. The restoration plan for native plants was created by Lori Regni and Lynn Anderson, Master Gardeners.



In late September trees and shrubs were planted by a group of volunteers. This volunteer community effort will continue in the spring with the planting of the ground covers. An e-mail alert will go out for help with planting, so stay tuned!

Thanks go to Chub Hansen, Joe Altschaefl, Jim Brust, Dan Miller, Bob Mott, Lori Regni, Lynn Anderson, Jean Roach, Lud Lodholz, Yvonne Lodholz, Vicki Smith, and Richard Upthegrove for digging holes (hard work with the rocks encountered) and planting; to Jim Draeger, of Antigo, for loaning us his tree auger; and to Jean Roach, Lynn Anderson, Vicki Smith, Richard Upthegrove, Judy Mott, and Bob Mott for doing the watering.

And thanks also to the Town of Schoepke for donating the use of water, as well as giving us permission to use town land for the project.

The Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association is funding this project through a grant award received from Lumberjack R C & D. The grant's emphasis is on methods property owners can use to enhance their shorelines to improve water quality, wildlife habitat, and aesthetics.



New Members

Julieann & Steve Artus: 1883 Artus Road

Susan & Daryl Bessa: 1945 Sabinois Point Road

Julia & Rick Brzezinski: 1928 County Road B

Randall Cashmer: 2498 South Shore Road

Faye & Larry Edwards: 2369 Norway Point Road

Mickey Else & Derek Vander Hoop: 636 County Road G

Kelly & Andy Hermus: Weaver's Resort

Tom Jansen/The Jansen Family: 1126 Roberts Road/Co. Rd. Q

Nancy & Chris Kontney: 2645 West Bay Road

Susan & Dan Maher: 2564 South Shore Road

David "Muff" Manifold: 2067 Kabel Road

Gail & Paul Ness/Kari & Graham Ness: 2502 South Shore Road

Regina & George Richards: Crescent Island

Nicholas Scharf: 836 Mekinak Point Road

Richard Scharf: 836 Mekinak Point Road

Vernell & Kent Schlienger: 1995 Sabinois Point Road

Jean Weaver/Weaver's Resort: 1001 Weaver Road



*If new neighbors move in, be sure to let them know
about PLPOA.*

*A special thanks to the resorts and campgrounds for their help
with our Clean Boats Clean Waters program. Educating our visitors
is an important aspect of keeping our invasive weeds in check.
Thank you!*

Rhineland Area Lake Association Contact Sheet

1-800-TIP-WDNR (1-800-847-9367) is a hotline for DNR violations in progress.

Rhineland DNR Main desk: 365-8974

Warden Jim Jung: Fishing and Boating concerns:
715-365-8950

Warden Safety Specialist Jeff Dauterman:
Antigo 715-623-4190 ext. 3109
proposed local boating ordinances, water buoy
placement permits.

Oneida County Recreational Deputies:
Deputy Jim Adams or Brad Fogerty
Boat, ATV, Snowmobile Patrol. 361-5201
general dispatch of Sheriff Department

Injured Wildlife: Wild Instincts Wildlife Center
715-490-2727
Raptor Education Group (REGI)

Loon Research: Mike Meyer 715-365-8858
banding loons

Nuisance Bear, Beaver, Wolf complaints:
APHIS 1-800-228-1368 or 715-369-5221

State Owned Island (property manager)
Phil Puestow @ DNR Ranger Station
715-365-2633

Fisheries Management: John Kubisiak 715-365-8919
VHS, netting, shocking, creel survey and
assessment work completed on your lake

DNR Water Mgt. Specislists:
Kevin Gauthier 715-365-8937
Kyle McLaughlin 715-365-8991, grading,
dredging, filling wetlands
Wendy Henniges 715-365-8961, rip rap
shoreline permits

Oneida County Zoning: 715-369-6130 building
permits, clearing of shoreline, set back from
water, failing septic system etc.

Aquatic Invasive Species
DNR - Hnue Yang 715-365-8909
UW Extension - Laura Herman 715-365-8998
Oneida County Agent - Michelle Sadauskas
715-365-2750

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Pelican Lake Property Owners Association, Inc. 2015 Membership Application (\$25.00/year)

Our association is a 501c (3) corporation, therefore all dues, donations, etc, are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cellphone: _____

Lake Address: _____

Lake Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Annual Dues (\$25.00): \$ _____

AIS Donation: \$ _____

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Memorial Donation: \$ _____

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