



# MOEN LAKE CHAIN ASSOCIATION



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**ANNUAL MEETING:**  
**JULY 11, 2009, 10:00AM**  
**PINE VALLEY LODGE**  
**3980 LAKE SHORE DR**

Remember this one?

Spring has sprung,

The grass has ris,

I wonder where the flowers is?

Have you noticed the Chain's new pennant in the upper right hand corner of the header. It's 11"X17" and available for \$11.00, including shipping and handling. Order yours with the order form in this issue. See page four.

You are probably thinking of the Association's activities and how they will affect you and your summer activites. There will be plenty to interest you this year. Get involved. We need you! The CLEANBOATS/CLEANWATER committee needs volunteers. The ADOPT-A-SHORELINE committee needs you to inspect your own shoreline, which I'm sure you do anyway, and document it. Contact Kathy Winkler @ 369-1868 to learn how you can help. It's your lake and your investment, help protect it.

## ANNUAL DUES

I hope you remembered to send in your dues. Since our fiscal year is Jan 1 to Dec 31, they were due on the first of the year, . If not, a reminder will be sent soon to those who forgot to put a stamp on their payment envelope. Only paid members can vote (Bylaws).

## NATURALIST, JOHN BATES

Attendees at this years **July 11** annual meeting are in for a real treat. John Bates, author, columnist, poet and a consummate naturalist will speak at our annual meeting at **Pine Valley Lodge 3980 Lake Shore Drive** on Moen Lake. The meeting begins at 10:00AM preceded by coffee and doughnuts. If you have guests visiting, bring them with you. this will be a summer highlight. John will have publications there and will autograph them or any brought with you. Put the date and time on your callendar now. Members and nonmembers invited.

## NEWSLETTER

This Newsletter will be the last one until next spring for non-members. The Board wishes to hold the dues at the \$20.00 level to encourage as many folks as possible to be members. Mailing the Newsletter to 289 recipients is prohibitive unless we gain more members. If you enjoy the publication or wish to participate in the Association's activities please consider becoming an active member. Compare our dues to similar organizations. I think you'll find that we are the "best buy" around.

## IMPERVIOUS SURFACES

In the new rules governing land development & remodeling, impervious surfaces will play a big part in what an individual can and cannot do to the property. Just what is an impervious surface? Roads, rooftops, driveways (Macadam, concrete or compacted stone), sidewalks and parking lots all prevent rainwater and snowmelt ground absorpton.

The additon of new and/or larger structures, roads, etc is cumulative. Over time, the impact of increasing runoff has a detrimental effect on a lake. If one acre of a meadow or near lake shore land is paved, the runoff from one inch of rain increases 16 fold. this in turn increases erosion, more pollutants and less water to recharge groundwater aquifers. 65% of impervious surfaces are classified as **car habitat** and 35% are **people habitat**.

The effect on a lake is directly influenced by the percentage of impervious surface influencing runoff into it. A one acre lot with 1-20% impervious surface could expect the amount of runoff to double after development. The water bypasses the natural water filtering system of 10% flow over land to the lake; 50% filters into the ground and the remaining 40% finds it's way via evaporation & slowly back into rivers, ponds, rain gardens and finally into the lake or aquifers.

When you remove shrubs, grasses and trees from a lake or river front the followig benefits are threatened:

- Safe drinking water
- Sufficient grondwater for irrigation & drinking
- Water storage to reduce flooding
- Healthy streams for fish spawning, stable lake and river banks
- Cool, shady water for fish diversity
- Food and habitat for songbirds and animals
- natural scenery for relaxation and privacy

A recent study found current one acre lots average 14-15% impervious surfaces in residential areas. Schools & churches have 31-38% impervious surfaces.

## WORMY THOUGHTS TO FISH BY

**HEAVEN** is where the Police are Britsh, the Chefs are Italian, the Mechanics are German, the Lovers are French and it's all organized by the Swiss. **HELL** is where the Police are German, the Chefs are British, the Mechanics are French, the Lovers are Swiss and it's all organized by the Italians.

## TICK TOCK

Tick season is upon us and so will the ticks be. You may not be in the market to buy ticks-stocks but you should be in the market to buy PERMANONE. It provides long lasting protection against disease carrying ticks, mosquitos and biting flies. Sprayed on your cap and clothing, it will last for a minimum of two weeks. Do not spray on skin, plastic or platicized material. What if you find an embedded tick somewhere on your body? Apply liquid soap to a cotton ball and cover the tick with it for 15-20 seconds or longer. Ticks should be removed as soon after they back out. If they have been present less than 24 hours, the odds of catching lyme disease is almost zero.

## FYI

(Lenny Gescheidle)

As if we didn't have enough to worry about. There is a recent (2000) report of a parasite seen in yellow perch mostly, but also in walleye, northern pike, trout and others. The parasite, Heterosporis, has been identified in Minnesota, Ontario and Wisconsin. First seen in the Eagle River chain of lakes. Heterosoris is a microscopic parasite infecting and destroying the muscle tissue of fish. It's life cycle is unknown but may spread via exposure to other infected fish, the water they swim in or from contact with other infected dead fish. It looks like white or opaque" areas in the uncooked fish fillet. These regions resemble cooked tissueor a "freezer burn". There is no evidence that the Heterosporis parasite can infect people. To be safe, cook the fish fillet thoroughly. If found in one of your fish, discard it by placing in your garbage or burning. Do not put infected meat back in the lake. Thanks for the heads up Lenny.

## DID YOU KNOW, OR DON'T YOU WANNA?

What is the largest member of the weasel family in Wisconsin? What adult animal reaches 3'-4' in length, weighs 15-25 #s, has a 12"-18" tail, has stiff 2"-4" whiskers and has five webbed toes on each foot? A beaver you say? **WRONG!** What is *Lutra canadensis*? It's Wisconsin's largest member of the weasel family. Many times living in abandoned beaver lodges, can require a 3-4 square mile area for food forage, can make chirping sounds like a bird or grunt during breeding season or snort or scream when frightened or mating. The River Otter you say? **RIGHT!** The otter was present throughout Wisconsin in the 1800s. By the mid 1900s development, population growth, habitat destruction and over trapping forced them to the northern one third of the state. The population has been stable for the past 30 years.

Strict laws govern the trapping of only two animals per winter season. 5,000-8,000 permits are granted each year. On average, only 10% or less of the trappers are successful. The pelts average worth is \$25 to \$50 and are used less and less in clothing.

River otters are not often seen by the public due to their secretive habits. We, on the Moen Lake Chain, are privileged to see them often during a slow cruise on our waters.

## THE NEWS

Clean Lakes Bill AB3, that passed both houses of the legislature, will forbid the display, sale & use of fertilizers containing phosphorus. Since lawns and other plants only take up the amount of fertilizer they can use, the remaining washes into our waters creates algae, fish kills and declining water quality.

Also, SB12 needs only the governor's signature to create a statewide slow, no wake zone for powered craft within 100 feet of shore. A provision in the law allows local extension of these zones farther away from shore. There is an exemption for water skiers pick up and drop off zones. It remains to be seen whether or not this law will limit the speed of boats on the North branch of the Pelican River.



Cal Weck & Lenny Geschedle proudly display a marker pipe that was once shaped like an "L". My goodness they must be strong!

## CHANNEL MARKERS

For the past eight years I've watched Lloyd Richmond's team of dedicated troops Pull, repair and reinstall channel markers and stone buoys annually. With a chain as large as ours with so many connecting narrow channels with big and bigger rocks, a great deal of effort is expended. Our thanks goes out to the Wilkens and Jeff Larson on Moen and second lake and to Cal Weck, Lenny Gescheidel, Bob McCall & Ross Youngell 4th & 5th lakes. Lloyd Richmond has directed these efforts for years.

## CORDUROY PILLOWS ARE MAKING HEADLINES

## ASSOCIATION ACCESSORIES

The pennant on page one can be purchased via the order form included with his missive. Monogrammed wear, including caps, T-shirts, sweat shirts, jackets, etc can be purchased at the **Metro Screen Printing**, 510 Lincoln Street in Rhinelander. You can have Moen's chain logo custom placed on anything you like. The prices are very reasonable and the service is excellent. If you have questions call Sally Latimer at 362-1714 for help.

## NOTES

Carl Lindstrom Jr. and wife Paricia have enjoyed 60 years on their Cottage Road property on N.P. Fourth Lake. They are enjoying their new cabin completed a few years ago.

I am sad to report that Lenny Gescheidle has resigned as Chairman of the Fish & Crib committee. He states personal reasons for the move. Lenny has always been a stalwart member of the Association's leadership. He kept our group informed about the DNR fish survey on the chain, researched the history of fish cribs on the chain and alerted us to new regulations concerning them. Losing Lenny is difficult for me since he is one of my first choices to chair a standing committee. Thank you Lenny for your dedication and diligence.

The application to the DNR for financial aid to combat AIS at the boat landing and on the chain as a whole was unfunded for the year 2009. the cited lack of funds in the current economy and the need to fund the larger grants first. We were only one of a large number of small grants let high and dry this year. The DNR is reorganizing the application/grant funding process. Small lake Associations will be placed in a separate "Sub Classification" in order to get monies to them next year. We'll apply again.

We have received a number of favorable, even raves, about our web site. Web Chairman Bill Disbrow, is continuing the building process. If anybody has interesting historical, personal or other information that they would like to have included, Send them to [BDisbrow@aol.com](mailto:BDisbrow@aol.com)

In order to prevent AIS from invading the waters, the Lake Tahoe Regional Planning Agency is investigating the idea that would forbid boat launches if there is no inspector at the landing. Another far out suggestion being kicked around is that a fee would be charged to any boat launching. \$6 for a trailer boat and \$3 for a top boats. Understand, these are situations now in California, but if the current Wisconsin efforts don't work they may be here next. Another reason to get involved and help.

## MOEN CHAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING – PINE VALLEY LODGE

JULY 11, 2009

### AGENDA

#### CALL TO ORDER - W. Gager

Treasurers report: El Felton

Secretaries report: 7-12-08 minutes - L. Wilkins

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Water Quality: D. Gager
2. CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATER: D. Kuzlik/K. Winkler
3. Channel markers: L. Richmond/C. Weck/R. Wilkins
4. Program/Event: L. Richmond & S. Latimer
5. Website: B. Disbrow

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Open Committees:
  - a. Long term planning
  - b. Website, design and maintenance
  - c. Newsletter planning – suggestions now?
  - d. Fish & Crib
2. Grant Update
5. ELECTIONS: President

#### Board of Directors

#### PROGRAM:

JOHN BATES, NATURALIST, AUTHOR, COLUMNIST, POET  
NEXT MEETING – JULY 10, 2010 – Put the date on your calendar now!

#### ADJOURN

### NEWS RELEASE

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a severe yeast infection and complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71. Doughboy was buried in a slightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out, including Mrs Butterworth, the California Raisins, Hungry Jack, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, Captain Crunch and many others. The graveside was piled high with flours as longtime friend Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy, describing Doughboy as a man who "never knew how much he was kneaded." Doughboy rose quickly in show business but his life was filled with many turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half baked schemes. Still, even as a crusty old man, he was a roll model. Doughboy is survived by his second wife, Play Dough. They have two children and one in the oven. The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.



# MOEN LAKE CHAIN PENNANT

QTY TOTAL  
MLCA PENNANT..... X .....@\$11.00.....\$

(CHECKS PAYABLE TO LIZ RICHMOND) ..... (Includes P/H)

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## THANK YOU

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**PHONE:**

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