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Newsletter

LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Fall 2015 update

by Ned Greedy

Do you realize that 80–90% of residents on Tomahawk Lake have permanent addresses in states that are represented by Big Ten football teams? As I write this letter on October 9th, the Big Ten football race is in full swing and is hotly contested. I make no apologies for the fact that I am a Big Ten football addict. By the time you receive this newsletter the Big Ten regular football season will be over and the champion Big Ten football team will have been crowned.

Now you're probably asking yourself, "where in the world is he going to go with this analogy?" Well, I can think of several football clichés that are relevant to the condition of our lake and watershed which demonstrate TLA's ability to score on the competition. Some of these may be stretches, but go with me on this.

Having the right game plan is everything: *The Tomahawk Lake Association (TLA) operates its offense based upon its Comprehensive Lake Management Plan (CLMP), which is written in five-year installments. This year our second CLMP was developed by our CLMP coaching team, headed up by Jim Kavemeier. Our coaching staff included strategy gurus from TLA, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Oneida County Land and Water Department, and a highly effective offensive coordinator. In the spring, more details on the development of this plan will be outlined by coach Kavemeier, but in my opinion our game plan for the next five years is a "championship" plan that will keep us in the game year after year.*

The best defense is an overpowering offense: *The TLA's offensive game plan incorporates a two-level offensive scheme for rolling over our competition (aquatic invasive species). **First**, we hit em' hard with our aquatic herbicide treatment program in the spring, and **then** we play "smash mouth" during the rest of the growing season with our Hydraulic Conveyor System (HCS), blitzing on virtually every play. Our HCS team gives new meaning to the terms "tackling for loss" and "number of sacks". (get it...number of sacks...)*

Let's go to the Replay Tape:

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Thanks to our many Volunteers in 2015

Thanks to our many volunteers for their brain power and physical labor this year!

Sentinels AIS Monitoring:

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Comprehensive Lake Management Plan

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Clean Boats Clean Waters

Jane Nichol Mudd

Citizen Lake Monitoring Network

Jim Thompson
Dee Dee Thompson

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Seven Pairs of Loons Made Tomahawk Lake Their Home

by Judith Bloom



In the 8 years we've been monitoring the Loons on Tomahawk Lake, I've learned that no year is the same and just when you think you've "seen it all" something new happens. And the breeding season of 2015 has been no different.

We are fortunate to have several excellent breeding territories on our lake. Until last year, we had six nesting pairs. But in 2014, Peter

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FALL 2015 UPDATE *(Continued from page 1)*

Chemical phase:

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| Polygons Treated in 2015 | 13 | 13 really little polygons |
| Acres chemically treated | 9.4 | Smallest number since 2003 |
| Reduction of EWM in Treated Areas | 64% | |

HCS Phase:

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| Number of Sites harvested in 2015 | 114 | |
| Drained Weight Harvested | 24,764 | Largest seasonal harvest to date. |

Special teams were critical!

TLA's Sentinels played at an extremely high level during both halves of the season. The data collection and transmission was smooth and accurate. Sentinels coach Roger Cote said that the Sentinels performance on the field showed that the Sentinels team is a highly cohesive and motivated group.

TLA's Citizens Lake Monitoring Network Special teamer's specialists Jim and Dee Dee Thompson gave an all-star performance as they do every season.

Clean Boats Clean Waters squad's efforts at the Thoroughfare and Lake Tomahawk Town Boat Landings over the summer season showed the kind of grit that is required of a championship team. Their efforts in adjusting to the flow of the game, and "checking down" our visiting team's boats at the line of scrimmage (boat ramps) helped to contain the AIS team to "no gain." As we head into next season, we must add new player personnel to the squad. We will be looking to draft new players for next year's team.

TLA sponsored tailgating activities highlighted fan support during the season.

Beginning in early February, TLA sponsored the first (and probably last) "fun ski, skate and shiver" day on the ice at Lakeside Landing. Even though the temperatures hovered at well below zero, with wind chills at 30-40° below zero, eight hardy souls built a fire on the ice and lasted slightly over an hour and 10 min. Number of skaters: zero. Number of skiers: zero. Number of frostbitten toes: 80. Even the beer froze! This tailgating event had the "Ice Bowl" written all over it. Perhaps next year's event will be in a nice warm, domed stadium.

At the end of May, the TLA sponsored **Wine & Cheese Tasting and Silent Auction** kicked off the summer season at the home of Ruth and Ross Lynch. This event featured great food, great wine, lots of great items to bid on and a great time for all. The boosters who attended came from all parts of the lake which helped to bring a great community atmosphere to the event, which is one of the main goals of the party.



On the Fourth of July weekend, the Hermit and his friends held the **3rd Annual Hermit Island Swim Challenge**. This year's Swim Challenge was held on the Friday before the Fourth of July and, while the number of

swimmers was down somewhat, the event was again the highlight of the summer social season on Tomahawk Lake. John Greedy won the men's division, Elizabeth Sexton won the women's division and there were a whole host of winners from the children's division including fastest boy, Tyson Redman and fastest girl, Audrey McDonald.

Coach Meg Daly and her squad did a terrific job of coordinating this event, which came off without a fumble, and with many happy participants. Plans are already in place for next year's Hermit Island Swim Challenge. In my mind, this is TLA's "Super Bowl Party" just held a little early.

The scouting report for next season indicates a challenging season ahead:

TLA's head scout and statistician, Ned Greedy, has done an exhaustive survey of the AIS team's strengths and weaknesses as we head into next year's season. He indicates that the AIS overall team size has gotten somewhat larger at 25.72 acres in 30 polygons, to be treated in the spring of 2016. The size increase, however, is still considerably lower than expected, and will rank among the fewest acres treated in the modern era (last 5 years). Greedy indicates that there will be challenges ahead for the TLA team as an entirely new HCS harvesting squad will have to be recruited (unless some of this year's HCS team are available as free agents).

Greedy indicates that one **critical factor in next year's drive to the championship will be the amount of fan support** from around the lake. He is puzzled by the minor loss of Team Boosters (members), especially when the successful efforts by the TLA team over the past several years has been nothing short of meteoric. The wins have been steadily increasing year in and year out right up to this season. **Fan interest and support should be increasing, not falling off. To play our best game, we need to have 100% attendance from our fans. It's time for everyone to step up and do their fair share!**

"To do our best, we can't have any 'bench warmers.' If we can't fill the stands, we might have to go to the 'Shotgun Formation,'" Greedy whined. (Just kidding...really)

Ned

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Northern Water Milfoil: Eurasian Water Milfoil's little brother

Over the past decade, the TLA's efforts in controlling nuisance plants has centered around Eurasian water milfoil (EWM), because it has been the only plant within our watershed that has displayed the highly invasive characteristics associated with aquatic invasive species. However, there are a number of aquatic invasive species in our watershed. Because they have not increased their range or plant density outside of what we consider normal boundaries, the TLA has not made any effort to control them. In recent years however, there have been a few native plants that have displayed growth behaviors which border on being invasive.

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The question is:

What does an invasive plant do that makes it invasive?

The Merriam Webster dictionary defines invasive as:

- tending to spread
- tending to infringe
- relating to or characterized by military aggression

These three definitions certainly describe EWM. At least two additional definitions could be added to this list for EWM: 'tending to outcompete' and also 'tending to displace.'

The nature of aquatic invasive species is that it has the ability to outcompete and displace other native plants, spreading throughout the lake bed and taking over in the military-like aggressive manner. This certainly sounds like Eurasian Water Milfoil to me.

Beginning with the introduction of the aquatic herbicide 2,4-D in 2003 and continuing to the present time, the TLA has been able to slow this invasive progression. While 2,4-D applications do have immediate results, they have not displayed the ability to permanently remove EWM from our watershed. In areas where we have made repeated treatments over a period of years, we have been able to control the spread of EWM to a great degree.

While we've controlled the spread of EWM, a void has been left in the plant bed which has been filled by other members of the native plant community.

This resurgence of native plants has helped keep Eurasian Water Milfoil from reestablishing itself in many treated areas.

Over time, some species of native plants are prospering while others have struggled to re-establish. In some areas, a few of these natives become a new invasive species, by out-competing their neighbors. One such native plant is Northern Water Milfoil (*Myriophyllum Sibiricum*).

Northern Water Milfoil has been a native plant within the Tomahawk Lake watershed since well before TLA began collecting data on plant species. In many of the areas where we have made 2,4-D treatments, Northern Water Milfoil has taken advantage of the voids left when EWM has been removed and even has competed favorably when EWM has tried to reestablish itself. Additionally, in many areas of the lake, Northern Water Milfoil has competed equally, but not invasively, with other native plant community members, leading to a diverse plant community.

In a few areas, however, Northern Water Milfoil has outcompeted most other native plants, and established itself in homogenous beds which are dense and spatially aggressive. These are the same characteristics which have identified Eurasian Water Milfoil beds.

The similarities between the two species has often led to misidentification by lake users and shoreline owners.



Northern Water Milfoil



Eurasian Water Milfoil



Northern Water Milfoil



Eurasian Water Milfoil

Because Northern Water Milfoil has been classified as a Wisconsin native plant species by the WDNR, there are no approved treatment protocols for this plant. Neither chemical treatments nor aquatic plant harvesting permits have been granted to control Northern Water Milfoil.

Volunteers for TLA

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Hermit Island Swim Challenge

Ned Greedy
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At the present time, the only control efforts which are available to riparian owners are the control rules for nuisance plants in shallow waters adjacent to their properties. (Wisconsin Statute NR109.06.02) **These rules specify** that the riparian owner may manually remove native plants utilizing equipment used to cut or mow an area up to but not exceeding 30 feet in width, that abuts the riparian owner's property, and in which docks, boat lifts, swim rafts and other recreational equipment are present. These controls cannot interfere with the rights of other riparian owners. *Please refer to the Wisconsin statute noted for clarification of any questions you might have.*

Toss and retrieve style weed cutters are available at many of the area hardware stores, as well as toss and retrieve style weed rakes for the removal of the cut weeds. Please be sure to remove from the water any and all of the cut weeds that you generate in the control process. If you choose to go this route remember that safety is of the utmost importance to you and your family.

Paul Shain, President

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Paul and his wife Suzy have had a home on Tomahawk Lake for 10 years. He has been President of TLA since 2009, and his goal for the organization is the successful implementation of our new 5-Year Comprehensive Lake Management Plan. It will require the active participation of many TLA members, but is critical to the long-term preservation of the Lake. When not up north, they live in Madison where Paul is the CEO of Singlewire Software and is involved in many activities associated with the University of Wisconsin – Madison, including cheering on the Badger football and basketball teams.



Margo Oppenheim

Vice President, Events Co-Chair

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Margo has lived on Tomahawk Lake for 63 years. Wow, how can it be that long already? She has lived in 3 different homes at 7860 Leary Road and is currently in her new home at 7848 Leary Road. Her parents, Ruth and Harrison Klippel, established Klippel's Landing (currently Lakeside Grill) in 1946. In 1960, Harrison dredged a channel coming off Tomahawk Lake and winding around approximately one quarter mile to the west. It is on this channel that she currently lives.



Margo has been on the TLA Board of Directors for the past 12 years serving in the capacity of treasurer, secretary and vice-president. She has served on the Minocqua Town Planning Commission and Town of Minocqua Christmas Decorating Committee for the past ten years. Margo also serves on the Minocqua Mural Committee.

She and her husband, Alan, own and operate Deer Run Stone on Hwy. 51 South, a wholesale distributorship and retail seller of

natural and man-made stone products used for building materials, (fireplaces interior & exterior walls) landscape and flooring products.

They have one daughter, Lindsey, who also is a TLA Board Member, and two dogs, Stoli & Kenzie. Margo's love and passion for Tomahawk Lake has rubbed off on her family and they all enjoy year round living on the "Jewel of the North." Stoli & Kenzie especially love swimming in the lake and exploring various islands with their canine friends.

Scott Harmsen, Treasurer

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Scott and his wife Tammy, along with their three adult children Jenna, Alyssa and Jacob, and two Labradors (Miley and Maizy), have been summer residents of the Pottawattomie



Colony on Tomahawk Lake since 2004. Prior to that, they enjoyed 15 wonderful summers on Kawaguesaga Lake with Scott's parents and sister. Tammy was born and raised in Minocqua. When not enjoying the lake, they live in Pewaukee, Wisconsin where Scott is a partner in a global public accounting firm. On July 25, 2015, on a beautiful sunny warm day, Scott and Tammy were blessed to be the parents of the bride at a truly special wedding ceremony on Hearthwood Point. Jenna married Karl Yentz, son of Dr. Tom and Patty Yentz, also Tomahawk Lake residents and TLA members. Jenna and Karl's wedding day is affectionately known as the Best. Day. Ever.

Jim Andersen, Secretary

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Jim has owned a home on Tomahawk Lake with his parents and brother for the past 16 years. It is a favorite destination in both summer and winter months and a great escape from Madison, where he works as a radiologist with Madison Radiologists, S.C.



Tom Anderson Jr.

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Tom and his wife, Pam, have two sons, Matt (Nikki) and Fitz (Kelly) and 3 grandchildren – Wells, Augusta and Dylan. They split their time between home in Lake Forest, IL and summers (and sometimes winter) in Minocqua. Tom's grandparents (Bob and Katherine) first bought a home on Tomahawk Lake in the 50s and Tom's parents Tom and Elaine then bought the current home in the 60s...so Tom has spent most of his life vacationing in Minocqua and, in fact, was THE steady caddy at Minocqua C.C. in the late 50s to the infamous Casey Lambert. Tom occasionally would come up to Minocqua/Woodruff by train from Chicago. So the Andersons have five generations of family on Tomahawk Lake and in Minocqua dating back over the last 70+ years. "The preservation and well-being of our lakes and forest trails are essential to all of us and to the generations to come."



Rebecca Bortner

Marketing & Public Relations Chair

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Rebecca has enjoyed vacationing on Tomahawk Lake with her family since she was born. Her parents built a family cabin southeast of Daniel's Point in the 70s. Along with her siblings, Dave and Barb, she continues the lake traditions with her family. Rebecca has two sons, Joe (7) and Will (4). When not in the northwoods, she lives in Milwaukee where Rebecca is a Director of Marketing for Harley-Davidson Motor Company.



Meg Daly

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Meg works with individuals, business owners, and entrepreneurs who feel overwhelmed, stuck, disorganized, and craving accountability. Through her A.M.E. System (Articulate; Motivate; Expand), she helps them create new realities of financial success, personal power, and happiness. Meg believes in the strength of culture and simplicity. She works with clients to create environments and methods where they personally and professionally thrive. She has a natural ability to hone in on the unique gifts of her clients and advises on ways to capitalize on these gifts.



Ned Greedy, Executive Director

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Ned and his family have enjoyed summers on Tomahawk Lake since 1962. In 1966, they purchased their family home on the point of Blueberry Bay. It has been an important part of Ned's life ever since. After a 35-year career in business, Ned and his wife Pam moved to the shores of Tomahawk Lake in 2004. Ned joined the Tomahawk Lake Association shortly afterward and served two years as Vice President before becoming the association's first Executive Director. Ned and Pam have four adult children and two grandsons



Kris Hunt

Director at Large & Fundraising Chair

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Kris and her husband, Jon, have been coming up to the Minocqua area for the past 20 years. They first came up with their three children, Patrick, Abby and Charlie, and vacationed at Coons for several years, then rented a home on Tomahawk Lake for three summers—and then in 2004 finally decided to buy a home on Tomahawk. They enjoy spending the entire summer up at the lake, boating, fishing and socializing with the many friends they have made, in large part due to TLA. Kris comes to TLA with many years of volunteer work—among them serving as President and other leadership positions at their children's High School Booster's Club for eight years and mentoring families in transitional housing. She has served as Fundraising Chair for TLA for several years and hopes to encourage more lake owners to join TLA's efforts.



Jim Kavemeier, CLMP Chair

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Jim and his wife Kathy have enjoyed Tomahawk Lake with their family since 1999. Their home is located in Piene Bay. They have two married children Todd/Patty, and Karen/Todd. Jim retired as manager of the Waukesha County Park System and presently assists Kathy in her silk plant business. Jim enjoys fishing and the natural beauty of the Tomahawk Lake System. Jim chairs the TLA Comprehensive Lake Management Plan (CLMP) Update Committee and is co-chair of the Education and Environment Committee. If you have interest in or questions about the TLA CLMP, ask Jim!



Noah Lottig

Education and Environment Chair

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Noah and his wife, Bryn, live year around in Arbor Vitae with their two sons Meyer (4) and Corbin (2). Noah is a research scientist and site manager at the UW Trout Lake Research Station. His research focuses on understanding long-term water quality patterns in lakes and streams. Noah completed his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin—Madison in aquatic sciences in 2009. Bryn's family has had a place on Tomahawk Lake for 30+ years. Noah and Bryn's free time is spent keeping up with their two children and spending as much time on the lake in the summer as possible.



Louis Molepske, Jr.

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Louis has called Tomahawk Lake his second home since he got his first job at Dan's Minocqua Fudge in grade school and went to work by boat. Louis waterskied with the Min-Aqua Bats Water Ski Team at night and wrote for the *Lakeland Times* while attending the University of Wisconsin—Madison where he earned a degree in Political Science and Journalism. Louis graduated from Marquette University Law School and served in the Wisconsin Legislature for ten years as ranking member of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. Louis works as the elected Portage County District Attorney and resides in Stevens Point, WI with his wife, Raquel, and daughter Julia.



Lindsey Oppenheim

Events Co-Chair

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Lindsey Oppenheim has been part of Tomahawk Lake since 1984. She loves spending her spare time on the lake and is thankful for the allure and charm of the northwoods. Lindsey resides in Minocqua, WI year round. She is a sales and marketing rep at Deer Run Stone and a wellness coach through Beachbody. Lindsey has strong ties to the lake for her grandparents were the original owners of Lakeside Bar and Grill, then known as Klippel's Landing. She would love to hear any ideas or suggestions you have in regards to events for our lake community.



Adam R. Redman

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Adam and his wife, Melissa, moved onto the lake in 2012 and have 4 kids: Tyson (8), Blake (6), Kaden (4) and Layla (3). Adam, who was born and raised in Minocqua, growing up on the Minocqua chain. Before receiving his BS in Kinesiology at Indiana University, Adam attended MHLT elementary and Lakeland Union High School and was a member of the Min-Aqua Bats Water Ski team. Adam is the Broker/Owner of Redman Realty Group and Redman Rental Group in Minocqua and Manitowish Waters. Adam is also on the board of directors at the Campanile Center of the Arts, Lakeland Area Scholarship Committee, Northwood's Association Board of Realtors, Lakeland Assembly of God and is an active member of the Lions Club of Minocqua. Stop by and say hello to Adam, Melissa and their little paddleboarders.



Lorri Wanserski

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Lorri has owned her cottage at 7816 Leary Road for the past four years. She lives in Wausau and is a part-time dental hygienist at her husband Dave's office. Lorri and Dave have four children, Matt (29), Mike (28), Michelle (23), and Mallory (18). Lorri has been involved in various community organizations including the Warming Center for the homeless, Resurrection Catholic Church, Wausau East Back UR Jaxs, Festival of Trees for Aspirus Health Foundation, Newman Catholic Schools. She loves to garden, play tennis, walk/jog, and take care of her chickens. Lorri and family love their cottage on Tomahawk Lake and want to get involved in keeping it a special place for their family to enjoy.



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Loons on Tomahawk Lake

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Barck and Sue Irujo had a pair attempt to nest on their island. This year Sue Ferguson advised me that once again, Peter reported a pair nesting in the same spot. Unfortunately in late June, Peter reported to Sue the nest failure with observation of two eggs. I did not have the chance to obtain the full story from Peter and Sue.

With this pair mentioned above having returned for a second year, we can now say that on Tomahawk Lake we have 7 nesting pairs:

- **Kemp pair.** This pair is the same female and male that we have been observing since 2008. This year we did not see them attempt to nest, but did confirm their bands as they quietly foraged far back inside Kemp bay.
- **Echo Bay pair.** We were not able to re-observe bands on this pair. Last year the pair in this territory nested unsuccessfully on the island on the outside of Echo Bay. This year they nested right in the bay behind Ned & Pam Greedy's. Very unfortunately the nest failed. Pam and Ned reported hearing a major raucous overnight and observing this pair off the nest the next morning. Evidence suggested to them that a snapping turtle was the culprit. We did not re-observe bands on this pair so can't confirm it is the same pair.
- **Dead Island/Jack's Island pair.** We were able to confirm this pair as the same pair who fledged the only chick in 2014. This year, this pair fledged two healthy chicks and we observed them as recently as September 20th still in their territory, but clearly doing well and independently of their parents who were nowhere to be found.
- **Eagle Bay pair.** This pair hatched two chicks this year. On July 11th, Art Sonneland observed an adult with a chick who appeared to be dead and floating with its head down in the water – between Roman's and Daniels Point. He believes the chick was run over by a Jet Ski or Boat. We were later able to confirm that the chick was one of the two from this pair.
- **Sunflower Bay pair.** We observed no nest attempts for this pair this year.
- **Little Carr pair.** This pair hatched two chicks and immediately lost one.
- **Senior Island pair.** No information on this pair.

From the above you would conclude that we have four surviving chicks that are likely to head south sometime this fall. What is different about this year is that loons all over don't seem to be gathering as they normally do – we've observed no gathering out from Big Sandy as we have done every other year. And the loons just seem to have "disappeared." Normally we can keep track of



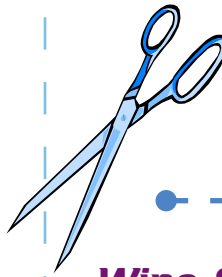
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each chick to the point where we know which day they left. Not this year.

Mike Meyer has retired from the DNR and

so is no longer banding or re-observing bands on our lake. Walter Piper of Chapman University continues to study the Territorial Behavior of loons. You can follow his blog at <http://loonproject.org/recent-events/>.

Thanks for sharing your stories with me throughout the summer. Next year, I for sure will give Peter & Sue a call to learn more about this new pair. Have a super winter!



Save for the refrigerator!

2016 EVENTS

Wine & Cheese Tasting and Silent Auction

THE SCHWANTES RESIDENCE
7683 WALTER DRIVE, WOODRUFF
Saturday, June 18, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

We are fortunate once again to have a host family to welcome the lake community to their home for wine and cheese tasting, silent auction and revelry! Bill and Nanette Schwantes will be our hosts this year. Tickets are \$40 per person. Capacity is limited to 100 people. For reservations contact Margo Oppenheim: mmoppy@deerrunstone.com. To donate an auction item, please contact: Lindsey Oppenheim: lsoppy@deerrunstone.com. Items should be valued between \$25 and \$500. Thank you.



4th Annual Hermit Island Swim Challenge

HERMIT ISLAND BEACH, TOMAHAWK LAKE
Monday, July 4, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Again this year, the Hermit has thrown down the gauntlet: he dares you to swim, paddle or walk around his island! The Hermit Island Swim Challenge is hosted by the Hermit and his island friends, the Mallery and Daly families, and is aimed at bringing the whole Tomahawk Lake community together for some fun and tradition building. More information to come in the spring newsletter.

2016 TLA Board Meeting Dates



Board meetings are open to all TLA Members.

- December 5, 2015
- March 12, 2016
- May 14, 2016
- June 11, 2016
- July 9, 2016
- August 13, 2016
- September 10, 2016

The TLA Board meets regularly and anyone is welcome to sit in on a meeting. Please contact Paul Shain, paul@badgernorth.com, if you'd like to join a meeting. Meetings usually start at 8:30 a.m., but please check with Paul for details.

Meeting location to be determined.

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Margo's Minocqua Minute

- **Northwood's Zip Line** is adding a short 3-station course to accommodate camps and retreats.
- **The Bayview Condo** project on Minocqua Lake was approved and is moving ahead with construction of the first 12 units. There will be 2 buildings of 12 units each for a total of 24 units when this project is complete.
- **Hwy. J from Hwy. 51 to Hwy. 47** is being revamped.
- The **Minocqua Christmas decorating** committee will be adding a few more decorations again this year. We hope you can plan a trip north to enjoy them this year.
- **Kwik Trip** is coming to town. They have purchased the old Pizza Hut property, the Marathon Gas Station and the Nightfall Motel across from McDonald's on Hwy. 51. Demolition will be this fall and construction will begin in the spring.
- A new **Sherwin Williams Paint** store has opened its doors in the Save More complex between Save More and Slumberland Furniture.
- **Dollar Tree** will open up in the vacant Northern Merchandize building. The building has been bought and 2/3s of it will be used by Dollar Tree. The remaining 1/3 is still vacant, but hopes to be filled shortly.

Fair Share Participation at 67% of Participation Goal...Please Reach out to Neighbors!!

Thanks for your **Fair Share** contributions this year. We're making headway, but still have a ways to go. To date, TLA has received more than \$70,000 from 188 lake residents who donated an average of \$372. This includes \$12,000 raised for the Hermit Island Crawl "Buoy Challenge." Again this year, our goal is to encourage 280 lake property owners (80% of owners) to donate \$270. **Please remember to mail in your Fair Share** as soon as possible. It is a minimal amount to ask for such an important role in the football game. (*see letter from Ex.Dir.*) Please talk to your friends, neighbors and family about doing the same. Donations can be made monthly, quarterly or all at once.



What's happening on Tomahawk Lake? Join the TLA Facebook Page!

Want to view a pretty sunset? Want to know the water temperature? Interested in what your TLA Board is doing? Need to sell or rent something? Need a babysitter for a special occasion? **Check out Facebook!** Yes that's right, join the TLA Facebook page and find

answers in no time. Facebook is just one more way of communicating with other Tomahawk Lake friends. This is the place to advertise your needs and get quick responses. Join our Facebook page today! **How?** Search for Tomahawk Lake Association on Facebook, click on the page and hit join. You will then be approved by one of our Facebook page administrators and ready to see all notifications from other members. Then share your own posts with TLA and more people will be in the loop and enjoying notifications of happenings on Tomahawk Lake. You can also go through your own Facebook contacts and invite your friends to join the TLA site. Awareness is key to our social media site so all can enjoy the benefits of the notifications. Tell your friends and neighbors today!