

TOMAHAWK LAKE

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Newsletter

LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It's Spring 2015!

by Ned Greedy

It's early April again and you know what that means. It's time to be putting together the Tomahawk Lake Association spring newsletter. As in past years the writing of this letter (in early April) allows me to think about all the great things that will be happening this coming summer season and at the same time be enjoying (?) the last gasps of winter. But not so this year, as the last vestiges of snow have all but gone away in the woods and the telltale ribbon of water around the shoreline has already begun to tell us that spring is fast on its way. But just because spring seems to be coming earlier this year doesn't mean that I'm not already anticipating the return of good weather and good times on our lake.

In this year's letter, I'm going to highlight just a few of the things which might seem different to you when you get here this summer. It's been an interesting and positive winter season and in many ways you will see the benefits of these changes as you return to the Northwoods.

First of all—and the verdict is still out on this one—our water levels as we begin the summer season may well be lower than we have experienced the past two or three years. In early March the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company, who is licensed by the federal government to control water levels on the entire length of the Wisconsin River, began to draw down a number of reservoirs in the northwoods to reduce the chance of flooding on the lower reaches of the Wisconsin River. They do this in anticipation of heavy late winter snows and heavier rains in the spring. The past two years we have enjoyed high water levels primarily because they have chosen to hold more water in the northern reservoirs to avoid the floods in the south. This year however, at least as of this writing, the heavy snows and rains have not materialized. As a result, as the ice recedes

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2014 Fair Share Participation Reached 73% of Goal!

Can we Increase that number in 2015?

Last year, together we raised \$75,964 by **205** lake residents, reaching 73% of our participation goal and beating our fundraising goal of \$75,000.

In 2015, our goal is to again raise \$75,000 with participation from **280** lake families. To be sustainable long term—and to keep the Fair Share amount below \$300—we must get more participation through our neighborhoods on Tomahawk Lake.

Year to date, we've raised \$35,000 in 2015. TLA Membership and Fair Share forms were mailed out in February.

Visit www.tomahawklake.org to print additional forms.

We truly need everyone's support to continue TLA's efforts to keep Tomahawk Lake beautiful. *Thank you for your efforts!*

Thanks to our many Volunteers

Following last fall's good election results (see last fall's newsletter), I would like to report on a few things that don't often get a lot of ink in my executive director's letters. Sometimes it's good just to reflect on things and people who contribute to the successes which TLA has enjoyed in the past few years. It's important to remember that we live on Wisconsin's "Jewel of the North," which continues to be one of northern Wisconsin's premier natural resources. Not that I'm prejudiced mind you, but name a more beautiful place to live.

I'd like to mention a few people who are typical of many volunteers within the Tomahawk Lake Association. What I like about these folks is that **most people living around the lake are not aware of their efforts, but benefit from their good efforts every day**. These folks quietly go about their work, fully committed to the health and beauty of our watershed. If you ever have an opportunity to see them out and about within the community, be sure to step up and tell them how much you appreciate their selfless efforts!

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it is apparent that water levels early in the summer could be well below those seen in the past few years. All of this of course will be dependent upon the amount of rain that we get throughout the spring to fill our lakes back up. So I suggest that we all pray for rain over Tomahawk Lake.

In another development you may all recall that TLA published an e-blast report on a **new fisheries program that was developed and introduced by the Walleyes For Tomorrow Northwoods Chapter in December and January**. You might also recall that the proposal called for a 10-year walleye reproduction study and included a 3–5 year moratorium on walleye harvesting by both the general public and the Indian tribes in the Minocqua/Tomahawk Lake chain. Without going into a great deal of detail, Walleyes For Tomorrow and the two primary lake associations, the Indian tribes, and the Department of Natural Resources came to agreement on the plan, and it was sent as an emergency rule to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board for approval.

The approval was granted on April 8, so the new rules concerning walleye fishing are now in effect. Here are the pertinent facts:

1. There will be a “no harvest” bag limit on walleyes in the Minocqua/Tomahawk Lake chain for the next five years. You can catch them but you can’t keep them.
2. For the foreseeable future the stocking of 6–8 inch “extended growth” walleye minnows into the Minocqua/Tomahawk Lake chain will continue on a staggered every other year basis.
3. The goal of this program is to greatly increase the number of reproducing age walleyes through stocking of large numbers of extended growth minnows, and to protect those walleye minnows as they grow to maturity.
4. This is the first time in the history of the Wisconsin Ceded Territories that a lake chain system of this size will not be speared or fished, in an effort to aid the walleye fishery.

In February, the Tomahawk Lake Association applied for a **Surface Water Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant for 2015 & 2016**. Our Association typically applies for cost-sharing grants from the State of Wisconsin in two-year increments. This year our grant application was approved for 2015 only because we are also in the process of writing our second “Comprehensive Lake Management Plan” (CLMP), which will be completed midsummer. The state wants to write any subsequent grants for 2016 and beyond based upon the contents of our new CLMP. I am pleased to tell you that our grant, adjusted to 2015 has been approved for \$79,505.25. These state funds support virtually every effort we make

in controlling aquatic invasive species in our watershed. A huge thank you to our State of Wisconsin partners in helping us to reduce and negate the effects and presence of aquatic invasive species in Tomahawk Lake.

While we’re on the subject of controlling aquatic invasive species, let’s talk for a minute about **what an early spring might mean to our efforts**. The past two years we have enjoyed colder and shorter springs than is typical here in the Northwoods. Ice-out dates have been pushed well into May, and spring water warm-ups have been noticeably delayed well into early June. For a number of reasons this has aided our Association in the control of Eurasian water milfoil in the watershed.

This year however it appears that our ice-out will come earlier and our water temperatures may warm sooner than in the last few seasons. If these things happen we will be making adjustments in when we make our chemical treatment, and in what areas will be harvested first utilizing our innovative hydraulic conveyor system. Our studies with the Army Corps of Engineers show that our chemical applications only have an effective life of between 24 and 36 hours. The criterion that we use to determine the best time to make the chemical application are the water temperature at plant depth, and the degree in which the plants have developed (greened up) when we apply the chemical. The targets are having water temperatures at 60° at plant depth and having the EWM plants fully ready to accept the herbicide. We determine when these criteria have been met by taking water temperature readings and examining growing EWM plants every day beginning in mid-May. This year this process will be the same, but we will start the process earlier than in the past few years. Once both of these criteria have been met the chemical application will take place almost immediately.

As many of you know, this year we will be treating just 9.4 acres of Eurasian water milfoil in 13 small areas called polygons. This is the lowest total of EWM that we have treated in any year since we first found EWM in our watershed in 2003. The last few years we have made significant progress in controlling this plant. Keep in mind however that in years when the spring comes early the growing season for aquatic plants is extended. Only time will tell if we are able to hold the significant gains that we have made in the past few years over a longer and warmer summer growing season. Stay tuned!

Finally, this summer will mark the third straight year of the **Hermit Island Swim Challenge**. This event is quickly becoming the Tomahawk Lake communities’ biggest event,

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and this year's Swim Challenge will no doubt significantly overshadow the first two years events in terms of the number of participants and the amount of fun they will enjoy. There are several notable improvements which are planned which will include more people having more fun at this event. You will find all the details on a flyer in this newsletter. I urge you to take advantage of this wonderful new lake tradition. As you look through all of the provided information, highlight the names and telephone numbers of the event organizers so that you can call and volunteer your services in helping to put this wonderful event on. It will no doubt be the best thing you will do all summer.

These then are just a few of the things that you need to know as you return to Wisconsin's beautiful "Jewel of the North" this summer. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you here to experience and enjoy all of the blessings that are "Tomahawk Lake."

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Volunteers working behind the scenes

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Judith Bloom and her husband **John** live year-round in Piney Bay. John is retired and Judith works full-time. But once a week, every week, beginning immediately after ice-out and continuing well into fall, Judith and John prowl the entire watershed monitoring Tomahawk Lake's loon population. In 2008, Judith volunteered to monitor loons for **Loon Watch** and John volunteered to monitor Judith. Over the years their duties have included not only spying on our watersheds loon population, but keeping track of nesting sites and our yearly new loon chicks. In past years, they have been involved in everything from banding birds, to collecting deceased loon carcasses for ongoing studies by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and universities as well. If early some morning a couple of folks with a black Labrador in the bow of their boat sneak into your back bay with field glasses in hand, don't worry they're not watching you. They're watching your black-and-white feathered next door neighbors.



Not far down the shoreline from John and Judith Bloom, longtime summer resident named **Gary Schindler** also offers his time and efforts in pursuing the health and well-being of our Lake. I believe my first recollection of Gary was at a **Clean Boats Clean Waters** training meeting led by John Rybski at Kemp Station. My recollection is that Rybski told me that Gary didn't often call in to be scheduled to work at the Lake Tomahawk boat ramp, but rather he would just go to the ramp, set up shop, and do ramp education. The thing that was so neat about Gary was that he was doing it a lot. I seem to remember that he would just get on his bicycle and ride down to the ramp and do four or five hours of **Clean Boats Clean Waters** inspections and turn in the paperwork. Sometimes he would work on weekends, but just as often he would work at the ramp midweek when we had no other coverage. Gary and his wife Margie continue doing CBCW to this day. Just think what we could do with five or ten more Gary Schindlers just going to the ramp to check in boats. In the past several years, Gary also has paired with John Bloom as a sentinel team in our **Sentinels AIS Monitoring Program**. Pretty cool!

CLEAN BOATS CLEAN
WATERS PROGRAM

Finally, I'd like to talk about **Sue Irujo** and **Peter Barck**. Sue has paddled the shores of Tomahawk Lake for about as long as I have been alive. Beginning in the very early 1900s and continuing for three generations, Sue's family operated Camp Minocqua for boys on Tomahawk Lake. After Camp closed, she and Peter took up summer residency on the old Camp Minocqua senior island. But while the long and storied history of the Sprague and Broomell families on Tomahawk Lake is more than impressive, it has been the more recent volunteer efforts of Sue and Peter which have held my interest over the past many years. Sue and Peter have been one of many **Sentinel** teams which have worked season after season in monitoring EWM in the lake. What is impressive about their work is that they spare no effort in collecting extremely accurate data. Of all of our **Sentinel** teams, they no doubt work the hardest of any in ensuring that every last EWM plant is found and noted in the data. While over the years the **Sentinel's** methods of data collection have changed, Sue and Peter's determination to "get it done right" is stronger today than it has ever been.



The other thing that is so great about Sue and Peter is that they are more than willing to volunteer in other activities where they are needed. Whether it be teaching kids about water bugs or painting a 5 year old's face at a TLA Association Lake Fair or ferrying swimmers to shore to swim in the **Hermit Island Swim Challenge**, Sue and Peter are always working for the betterment of the lake.

For me, the thing that makes all of these folks so impressive is that they just do it because it's the right thing to do.

Every person who lives on, or enjoys this Lake should have a sense of responsibility... for its future health and well-being. There are lots of opportunities within TLA to volunteer for projects that do just that... help to secure the lake's health and well-being. With people like these above, our watershed will have a bright and healthy future that each of us will be proud to pass on to our children and their children. So I encourage you to volunteer for a TLA summer project. It seldom takes much time, but the benefits to all of our families are so important. Oh, and did I mention that volunteering is both fun and rewarding for you personally. You will never regret it and your grandkids will love you for it!



Your help is needed! Please Volunteer for Summer Events

Wine Tasting Party & Silent Auction

3 or 4 people to handle registration

3 or 4 people to pour wine

Contact: *Margo Oppenheim* at mmoppy@deerrunstone.com
or 715-356-3722



Wanted: Auction Items

The Events Committee is looking for auction items valued anywhere from \$25 to \$500 to be auctioned off at the *Wine Tasting Party*. Please contact Kris Hunt at KrisHunt52@gmail.com or Lindsey Oppenheim at lsoppy@deerrunstone.com to donate items, thanks!

Hermit Island Swim Challenge

10 2-man teams with boats to stage the course

2 or 3 people to handle registration

2 or 3 people to distribute t-shirts to donors, take donor \$\$ for t-shirts & buoy sponsors

2 people to handle starters

2 people to handle finishers

1 or 2 people in water to handle kid's race

2 people to direct boat traffic into island for drop-off

Contact: *Meg Daly* at meg@coachmegdaly.com or 414-331-6891



Hermit Island Swim Challenge Buoy Donors Raise \$10,550

TLA would like to thank the following for their generous donations to the Hermit Island Swim Challenge (HISC) Buoy Challenge. These folks, being challenged by a small group, took the initiative and raised over \$10,550.00 for the fight against aquatic invasive species for TLA. Their names will be printed on the HISC buoys in recognition of their donations.

Jim Andersen
Tom & Pamela Anderson
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Meg Daly
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Wine Tasting Event 2013/2014



Hermit Swim Challenge 2014



Kevin Schroth, Hermit Swim Challenge 2014 winner...
holding the coveted Tom Beech designed trophy!

Margo's Minocqua Minute

- **Stormy, the Minocqua Snowman** was placed in front of the Chamber building this year. Many folks stopped by to take their picture with Stormy.



- Lakeside grill has been sold to a couple from Medford, Wisconsin. They have a restaurant in Medford, but want to fashion Lakeside after the Jane & Jerry Solem era, menu and all.
- Look for another **mural** to go up this spring in downtown Minocqua. This will be shaped after an old-time Minocqua street. Placement will be on the other end of the Gaslight Square building.
- The Town of Minocqua is working with the DNR to lease the Bearskin Bridge and create a **walking/ biking loop** around the Save More Bay. It would start at the bridge, go down Dr. Pink Drive to Old 70W to Lakeview Drive to Hwy. 51 and back to the bridge.
- A new attraction may be coming to town. A gentleman is interested in opening a **flyboard** activity on Minocqua Lake. He is currently looking for a place to run his business from.



Skates, Snowshoes & Skis Event on February 14. Brave souls ventured out despite the -41° windchill. Warm cocoa and a hot fire helped!

- A new consignment shop, **Violet Trunk**, will open in the old Hearth Expressions building on Hwy. 51 south of town this spring.
- Up A Creek has closed its doors. Julie will surely be missed. New store will be the **Encore Consignment Shoppe**.
- **Dessert anyone?** In the Boardwalk Shops a new "everything is dessert" store will open this spring.
- What ever happened to all those **condo plans**? They're back! A developer has proposed a 4 unit condo building on the old Manson Insurance property, located on Hwy. 51 between Hwy 70W and downtown. If this is approved by the town and county and is a success, a proposal for up to 24 more attached units is possible. The developer has purchased the Minocqua Land Investments property and the ReMax property along Hwy 51N for this project.
- **Evie's Footwear** is moving to the Gaslight Square.
- **Associated Bank** is now open in their new building at their new location next to McDonald's on Hwy 51N.



Comprehensive Lake Management Plan Public Survey Results are Available

Every five years, the WDNR requires our lake to renew its Comprehensive Lake Management Plan (CLMP) for the Tomahawk Lake System (TLS). On October 15, 2014, the process of updating our CLMP started with the CLMP Public Survey.

The survey focused on usage of the lakes, accessibility, water quality, aquatic invasive species, the sport fishery, watershed, shoreline, and general concerns. When the plan is completed, it will guide our efforts to protect and preserve the TLS. At the same time, the plan will qualify the Tomahawk Lake Association for WDNR cost-sharing lake protection and management grants. We had a 42% response rate, which is considered very good.

To see the public survey results, go to: <http://tomahawklake.org/2015/01/see-the-results-of-the-clmp-survey/>. The TLA CLMP Steering Committee and TLA Board Members have begun assessing the survey results and forming the updated five-year CLMP for the TLS. The public will have a chance to review the plan on Saturday, June 13 – see *the event listings* for more details.

If you have any questions or comments, contact Jim Kavemeier at 262-542-0212 or at jimkavemeier@mac.com.

Thank You to 2014 Donors

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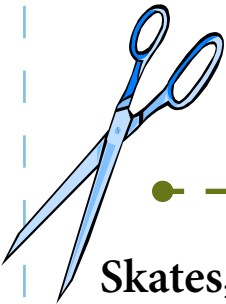
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Save for the refrigerator!

2015 SUMMER & FALL EVENTS

Skates, Snowshoes & Skis

Held February 14th, it was the coldest day of the winter! The temps were way below zero for the high that day and the average windchill hovered around -41 degrees!!! Thirteen brave souls and 3 dogs ventured out to partake of hot chocolate while gathered around the campfire and behind a wind shield of two trucks. No activities took place this year, but our hope is to offer this again next year in March, a warmer month typically.



Wine Tasting & Silent Auction

Sunday, May 24

4:00 – 7:00 P.M.

at the HOME OF ROSS & RUTH LYNCH

The Wine Tasting & Silent Auction will return this summer! Please see the enclosed invitation and get your tickets early, as we get more and more people each year. **We are looking for donations of silent auction items to be valued between \$25 and \$500.**



For tickets or Silent Auction item donations, please contact Kris Hunt at KrisHunt52@gmail.com or Lindsey Oppenheim at Isoppy@deerrunstone.com to donate auction items. See address for Margo Oppenheim on included flyer to purchase tickets.

Comprehensive Lake Management Plan Informational Meeting

Saturday, June 13

9:30 A.M., at the MINOCQUA AREA CHAMBER

Comprehensive Lake Management Plan (CLMP) will be held at the new addition of the Minocqua Area Chamber of Commerce building at 8216 Hwy. 51. Join us for coffee and treats to hear about the **five-year plan for TLA**. The committee has been hard at work all year and wants to share their thoughts with you. A CLMP is needed every 5 years to help us proceed in the right direction to maintain a healthy and well balanced approach to protecting the Tomahawk Lake System. As part of the CLMP process, significant survey work was done on both the lake and the shoreline. **Information will be available for you to see how your property graded out, and what you might do to protect both the shore and water quality.** We strongly encourage you to attend this meeting— as you will come away with some great information.

3rd Annual Hermit Island Swim Challenge

Friday, July 3

9:00 – 11:15 A.M. around Hermit Island

(See details and map on enclosed flyer)

The Hermit Island Swim Challenge is being revamped this year to make it more fun for everyone. Besides the 6-tenths of a mile swim, crawl or paddle around the entire island, there will be a new 100-yard Hermit's Race for beginners, children and families. Trophies will be awarded to the fastest male and female swimmers, as well as a badge for the fastest boy and girl in the Hermit's Race event. Once again this fine experience is hosted by the Mallory and Daly families.



Beef-A-Rama Blast

Saturday, September 26 DOWNTOWN MINOCQUA



Yes! We can prepare a roast beef.

Yes! We can build a small float... and **Yes!** We can march down Main Street boasting our abilities just like all those other Beef-A-Rama Roasters! Join us for a fun family day. Start collecting those cow items now to show off as we parade our beef down the street. **Watch for e-blasts for details.**

2015 TLA Board Meeting Dates



Meeting location to be determined.

May 2	8:30 am
June 13	8:30 am
July 11	8:30 am
August 8	8:30 am
September 12	9:00 am

Board meetings are open to all TLA Members.

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.

Purple Loosestrife on Lake!!

Early identification of any aquatic invasive species is critical to control efforts on our water body, as well as prevention efforts to protect the surrounding area.

Pretty purple flower found in wetlands? **NO!**

Purple Loosestrife Update

Those purple flowers are just another invasive species we need to keep under control. Currently, the *Minocqua and Tomahawk Thoroughfare areas have severe problems with Purple Loosestrife*. Brock Woods, WDNR Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol Program Coordinator, is looking for residents living on the water's edge close to Purple Loosestrife populations on the Minocqua-Tomahawk chain of lakes.

Brock is looking for suitable waterfront properties to place cages of biocontrol beetles. The beetles are monophagous, which means that they feed on only one type of food, and in this case that food is Purple Loosestrife. If you have property



© Brock Woods, WI DNR

Purple Loosestrife grows in all kinds of wetlands, from marshes to the ditch along the road.

near problematic areas of Purple Loosestrife and are willing to allow placement of a beetle cage during a certain time period, let us know.

If you're interested in surveying infestation sites or to find out more, call TLA contact Noah Lottig at 715-356-9494 or e-mail nrlottig@wisc.edu.