

NAMAKAGON

SUMMER 2016



Breeze

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Greetings NLA members. After a mild winter and a normal ice out, summer is coming. I say bring it on! The lake level is normal for this time of year, I went by the dam today and there is a pretty good flow coming out. Ever wonder where all that water comes from? This means that everything in a specific area around the lake drains into Namakagon. Let's take a look at this to see what I mean:

If we stand on the north end of Jackson Lake we find where Jackson creek enters the lake. This water comes from Trappers Lake and the wetland beyond. Farther east is a creek that enters Funny's Bay. This creek comes from Cranberry Lake. Farther east and crossing County D is Taylor Creek. This water comes, you guessed it, from Taylor Lake. Farther down D the creek that enters by Mortenson's comes from Little Bass Lake and the wetland in between. Going farther east onto the north side of Garden Lake is Castle Creek which drains a large wetland complex to the north and east. There are also a few small streams and intermittent creeks that drain into Namakagon. So you see the health of Namakagon Lake not only depends on the care and vigilance of property owners and users of Namakagon but also the health of the up river lakes and wetlands of the Namakagon drainage.

Just something to think about and share with your friends and neighbors. See you at "Fun On The Water".

Greg Dehring, NLA President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

- **JULY 9TH** 9:00AM NLA MEETING @ NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL
- **JULY 23RD** FUN ON THE WATER, CAMPGROUND (24TH RAIN DATE)
- **AUGUST 20TH** NLA ANNUAL MEETING
- **OCTOBER 1ST** 9:00AM NLA MEETING @ NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL

2015 BOATING SEASON REPORT

Last years boating season was very busy at the boat landings on the Namakagon Chain of Lakes. Reports compiled by volunteers from the area and students from Northland College show that we had contact with over 1500 people that used the boat landings at County Hwy D, Funnys Bay, and Lakewoods. This joint effort of the Namakagon Lake Association, the Town of Namakagon, the Town of Grand View, and Northland College has been very successful in educating the boating public and to prevent the introduction of invasives into our beautiful chain of lakes. With funding from the towns and the lake association plus two grants from the Wisconsin DNR, over \$18,000 was spent on Landing supervisors, landing cameras, weed monitoring and water quality checks. This is the yearly cost to be proactive in the fight against the introduction of invasives into our lake. This sounds expensive but as I have said many times before the cost to eradicate invasives from the lake once they are in it can easily top \$100,000 per year.

None of this could have happened without our volunteers that write the grants monitor the cameras, fill out and send all the reports to the Wisconsin DNR, coordinate the landing supervision schedule, and monitor the lakes on a daily basis. A really big THANK YOU to all of them, your hard work really does show success. We also want to thank our paid inspectors from the area and Northland College who kept an eye on the landings from the first of May through the end of October. And last but not least we want to thank the Town of Namakagon and the Town of Grand View for funding our efforts. We could not do it without you.

The lake association and it's members should be very proud. What we have done is very unique considering the big body of water that we have and the area that it covers.

Hope all of you have a great summer.

Jim Krueger, NLA Vice President



To view minutes of recent meetings of the NLA please see...

<http://nlaonline.org/namakagonlakeassociationnewslettersminutes.html>

2016 LOON REPORT

The ice went out before the first of May and soon the loons returned. There were early reports of loons nesting near Lakewoods and also reports of a pair down the river. I could not confirm either of these, but this year it is very exciting as at least 5 pairs were nesting as of Memorial Day. A nest was started on the manmade platform in Jackson Lake, but by report the otters got the eggs. I learned from Jim Krueger that there were nests in Mumm's Bay and on the back of Governor's Island, but they were lost when the water rose suddenly during the week following Memorial Day. As of June 5th there were 5 active loon nests at one time, which is a first in my 10+ years on the lake.

The first loon hatched on June 3rd. Over the next 3 days the loons continued to roll the remaining egg and hope it would also hatch. When I left on Sunday the 5th, it had not yet hatched.

June 6, 2016
Denise Dupras

PUBLIC INVITED!

FUN ON THE WATER
YOUTH SAFETY AND SKILLS DAY
SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016 - 11AM-4PM
NATIONAL FOREST CAMPGROUND (HWY. D)
Rain Date scheduled for Sunday, July 24, 2016

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Fun games for the kids include:
LAKE SKILLS & WATER SAFETY • CASTING CONTEST
DIVING FOR TREASURE • FRISBEE GOLF
SAND SCULPTURES • WATER BALLOON TOSS
SOCCER SKILLS CONTEST • MINNOW RACING

NLA APPRECIATION LUNCH, GAMES, T-SHIRTS, 50/50 RAFFLE AND AWARDS!

New this year!
NORTHWOODS RAPTORS
Sponsored by the
Cable Natural History Museum

\$10 / FAMILY or \$5 / PERSON

Games for kids 7 & under!

Checks payable to Namakagon Lake Association c/o:
Al Stawicki, 45020 Sugar Bay Drive, Cable, WI 54821

This event is under permit with the Chequamegon-Nishnabotw National Forest. The Namakagon Lake Association is an equal opportunity provider.

NLA THANK YOU'S

Here are some thank you's that I would like to see in the newsletter. Some are from last year but they never got published in the last newsletter.

Big Thank You to:

- Jim Pliska, Dave Baum, and Jim Shaeffer for all their help in repairing all the buoys, moving them to the boat landings, and getting them into the lake.
- Delores Dumanch for all her work in coordinating the schedules for our landing supervisors.
- Diane Grage for her time monitoring the landing camera videos.
- Past board members Jeanne Baxter and Barb Best for their years serving on the lake association board.
- Addrienne Wydeven for taking the time to input all the data collected from our landing monitors onto the State DNR data base.
- And last a special thank you to Bill and Janet Porter for all of their work for the lake association over the years. You will be missed!

From Greg's Kitchen comes...

CITRUS GLAZED WALLEYE

Here's a light and healthy walleye dish that's just made for summer.



- 2 Walleye fillets
- 1/8 cup orange juice
- 3/4 tsp corn starch
- 1 tblsp orange zest
- Butter
- Salt and pepper
- Lemon pepper

Heat flat griddle to medium heat. Melt butter. Put orange juice and cornstarch in a small container and shake well. When butter melts pour orange juice mixture on, place walleye fillets on pan, add salt, pepper, lemon pepper and sprinkle on 1/2 zest. When fillet looks 1/2 done turn over and season other side, add remaining zest. Keep heat low enough so zest won't burn. Keep scraping thickening glaze on fish until done.

Serve with rice and a spinach salad with red onion mandarin orange slices, blueberries and toasted almond slices. Top with creamy poppy seed dressing. Enjoy!

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NLA MEMBERSHIP

NLA DUES RUN WITH THE CALENDAR YEAR, JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION RENEWAL OR NEW MEMBER REQUEST FORM

Membership Due Annually on Calendar Year Basis (January 1 to December 31)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership (Per Person) #___ X \$20.00 = _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Watcher . . #___ X \$25.00 = _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership (Max 2 votes) #___ X \$25.00 = _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Loon Lover #___ X \$50.00 = _____ |
| Name of voting member _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Steward #___ X \$100.00 = _____ |
| Name of voting member _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Keeper of the Lake #___ X \$200.00 = _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: #___ X _____ = _____ |

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail address: _____

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