

The Namakagon Lake
Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 536
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NAMAKAGON

JULY 2006



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NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Message from the President...

As I write my final letter to the NLA membership our summer is in full swing and I trust each of you is having a wonderful time. I am also happy to report that our lake is in great condition. It remains one of the cleanest bodies of water in the state of Wisconsin. My past four years on the board of the largest membership lake association in the state has been a very rewarding and eye opening experience. Prior to being elected to the board I did not realize how much work is accomplished by the board itself. Even though we have over 300 members the bulk of the work for the lake is shouldered by the 7 Board members. I would like to encourage you to get more involved with the association activities. If each member gave only a few hours each year it would make a big difference. Volunteer

to help monitor our boat landings at least once or twice this summer. The few hours you will spend could make the difference between invasive species or not.

In addition, the election of new Board members will be held at the Annual meeting in August. It is very important that you cast your vote. We need at least 20% of the paid membership to cast ballots to have an official election.

As I close I want to thank my fellow board members for their support this year.

We have a great lake and it is the responsibility of each of us to keep it that way. Please become involved.

Best regards,
Jim McMillan, President

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**STOP Help Stop...
the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species**

• Non-native, exotic species, such as Eurasian Water Milfoil, Purple Loosestrife, and Zebra Mussels threaten to harm the quality of our Wisconsin lakes.

• Before you launch your boat, please inspect and clean it, including the motor and trailer, to prevent the spread of exotic species into our Wisconsin lakes.

• Never Empty Your Bait Bucket or Release Live Bait into the Lake

• Please *immediately* report any exotic species to your local lake association, The Wisconsin Wetlands Association, or the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

• Visit the Wisconsin DNR website, www.dnr.wi.gov/invasives or contact the DNR at 608.266.9270 for more information or to answer questions about aquatic exotic species.

BE AWARE of your ACTIONS and HELP PRESERVE the ENVIRONMENT!

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"FUN ON THE WATER" YOUTH SAFETY AND SKILLS DAY

On July 30th (Sunday), we will be sponsoring our annual Fun Day for all Youth. Please bring you children, grandchildren and great grand children to this fun event. (It will be held at the National Forest Campground on Hwy D).

Fun Day events include lake skills and water safety; casting contest, kayak races; diving for treasure; Frisbee golf; sand sculptures; and water balloon toss!

DNR-Bayfield County Sheriff presentation: Mark DiSalvo and Larry Loch.

Lake appreciation lunch, awards, and raffle.

The cost is only \$5.00 per family. Paid families by July 23rd will be eligible for a free raffle.

Please make checks payable to

Namakagon Lake Association c/o Al Stawicki
45020 Sugar Bay Drive,
Cable, WI 54821
\$5.00 for the whole family.

If you would volunteer to help with this event, it would be appreciated. Please volunteer by e-mailing board@nlaonline.org or alsmagic@cheqnet.net.

Please come join the fun... get to know your neighbors and your NLA Board!



NOTICE OF THE NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The NLA Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, August 26th, beginning at 9:00am at the Namakagon Town Hall. We will have the vote for board of director's vacancies.

NOMINEES FOR THE NLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JAMES FOGARTY, MD

I am submitting my name in interest to become a board member of the Namakagon Lake Association.

I believe that my background in plant physiology and extensive research work in the water quality of Lake Mendota would be a beneficial asset to the Namekagon Lake Association. I have been a home owner on Lake Namekagon for several years.

JIM KRUEGER

My name is Jim Krueger. We have a cottage on Bear Point Road. We've been there for the past 28 years and are in the process of moving there permanently. I have recently retired from being a Technology Education Instructor and Vocational Education Coordinator in the Green Bay area.

My wife, Judy, is the director and teacher at a parent cooperative preschool in Ashwaubenon and will be retiring next May.

We have three sons that think of our place on Lake Namakagon as home.

Tim graduated from UW-Stout with a degree in Psychology and English with a heavy emphasis on outdoor education. He is presently working on his Masters in outdoor environmental education and will be teaching that in Cape Cod this fall.

Casey will be in his last year at UW-Green Bay this fall, majoring in Human Biology and Exercise Science. He also skis for their NCAA Division 1 Cross Country Ski Team. During the summer he works in the Cable area.

Ryan will be returning to Montana State University this fall for his second year there. He is majoring in photography with a heavy emphasis on the outdoors.

All three boys enjoy the numerous ski trails and bike trails that this area has to offer.

The whole family enjoys biking, fishing, boating, water-skiing, downhill skiing, cross country skiing, hiking and just about any other activity that can be done here in the north woods.

I am a member of the Junek Point Association and the Cable Natural History Museum.

My goal would be to help everyone maintain a balance between the natural beauty and outdoor activities that our area has to offer, while always being conscientious of our environment.

ROBERT PARSONAGE

My name is Robert Parsonage and I request your vote for the Board. I was the founding president of the Namakagon Lake Association and have been involved in its activities over the years. Since 2002, when I retired from the presidency of Northland College in Ashland, WI, Ruth and I have kept our primary residency on Missionary Point.

In addition to my passion for gardening and canoeing, I have served on a WI Legislative Commission on Water & Forestry Resources and on the Forest Lodge Advisory Committee; attended WI Lakes Association conferences and hosted numerous regional environmental consultations and events at the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute; and am a member of the Cable Natural History Museum, the regional Alliance for Sustainability, and numerous national environmental organizations.

As a board member I would promote maintaining a clean lake (I have been a volunteer monitor of the "clean boats-clean waters" efforts), encourage shoreline restoration (cited as the best method for maintaining a healthy fish population and habitat for birds and other critters), and work for a balance of efforts to promote recreational use, fishing, and the environmental sustainability of the lake--in short, supporting those values we founded this lake association to pursue.

STEVE RILEY

Hi, I'm Steve Riley. I'm a Partner in Triple Crown Nutrition, Inc. based in Wayzata, MN. which is a manufacturer & world wide distributor of premium horse feeds. My wife Julie and I bought our home on Missionary Point last September after selling our cabin and 115 acres on Bean Brook that we owned for 30 years located in Springbrook, WI. We both grew up on Lake Minnetonka and currently reside on Lake Sarah just west of the Twin Cities. We love Lake Namakagon and will be full time residents starting in June 2006.

As an active board member of the Lake Sarah Improvement Association for six years, I was heavily involved in Lake issues such as our annual ice cleanup, control of invasive species and negotiations over water level & water quality issues with Minnesota DNR, Three Rivers Parks, Lake Sarah Creek Watershed District and the Cities of Independence and Greenfield. I have always been and always will be a dedicated advocate for our lakes, since I know from personal experience the damage invasive species can have on a Lake. To that end, I will be attending the Clean Boats, Clean Waters workshop in Cable June 29th and the Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference on June 30th. I would very much appreciate your vote and look forward to meeting all of you.

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	Jim McMillan	(715) 794-2555
Vice President:	Jon Hoffert	(715) 794-2890
Secretary:	Bill Porter	(715) 794-2601
Treasurer:	Rick Yerhot	(507) 287-6900
Director:	Irene Ruth Sykes	(715) 794-2656
Director:	Jared Jackman	(715) 794-2434
Director:	Phil Rasmussen	(715) 794-2561

Email board members: board@nlaonline.org
Visit our website: www.nlaonline.org

WISCONSIN'S INVASIVE SPECIES ORDINANCE

Namakagon Lake Association member Steve Riley has enlisted the assistance of Wisconsin State Senator Bob Jauch to strengthen Wisconsin's State statutes concerning the transport of invasive species between lakes in the State of Wisconsin. To that end, Senator Jauch has notified Wisconsin DNR that he will be drafting legislation that will modify Wisconsin Statutes to make it illegal to either transport or have in possession any invasive species at any time as opposed to merely having aquatic plants or invasive species on a boat trailer, boat or vehicle during launch as stipulated by current statutes. Additionally, the penalty for violating the statute will be increased from the current level of less than \$200 to \$1,000 or more.

In that the State of Minnesota presently has such legislation in place, Senator Jauch has requested that Steve, who has worked extensively with Minnesota DNR in the past on lake issues, contact DNR and provide the Senator with feedback as to Minnesota's experience with their statutes and their suggestions to improve same. Steve has agreed to work with the Senator to that end and both Steve & Senator Jauch would appreciate your feedback on this issue.

Steve Riley: 794-2069 - sriley@triplecrownfeed.com
 Senator Bob Jauch: 800-469-6562 - Bob.Jauch@legis.state.wi.us

NLA MEETINGS:

August 26 @ 9:00 am Namakagon Town Hall
 October 7 @ 2:00 pm. Namakagon Town Hall

AQUATIC PLANT INSPECTIONS ON LAKE NAMAKAGON

In cooperation with the Town Of Namakagon the Namakagon Lake Association has contracted with Madison, WI. based Liesch Environmental Consulting and Engineering Services, to conduct an Aquatic Plant survey of our lake.

The contract includes sampling nine boat ramps in July, August and September 2006 and additionally, four strategic bays will be sampled in July and five strategic bays in August.

Today, July 12th Jacob Krueger conducted the first sampling. Jon Hoffert and Bill Porter observed for awhile and consulted as to where the best sampling areas would be.

The procedure includes: Recording depth, bottom structure, two foot rake swath, bagging samples, consistency of rake full & GPS coordinates of sample taken.

Upon conclusion of the sampling events Liesch will provide the Namakagon Lake Association a letter report documenting the work performed along with completed sampling forms required as part of the WDNR protocol for baseline aquatic plant sampling.



NLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTING PROCEDURES

- To be eligible to vote, you must be 18 years of age and a paid member as of June 28, 2006.
- Voting is by ballot only, with three ways to cast your votes:
 - Place a ballot from the newsletter in a sealed envelope marked "ballot", enclose this in a return envelope along with your NLA member name and marked "ballot", so the election committee can ensure each member only votes once. Mail to NLA, PO Box 536, Cable, WI, 54821 to be received by no later than August 25, 2006.
 - Bring your ballot from the newsletter to the Annual Meeting on August 26th.
 - Pick up your ballot at the Annual Meeting on August 26th.
- Each member eligible to vote can vote for up to three candidates.

NLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS "BALLOT" FOR AUGUST 26TH MEETING (VOTE FOR UP TO THREE)

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc. was formed in 1995 for the purpose of preserving and protecting Lake Namakagon and its environs. The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc. (NLA) is a not for profit organization that relies on the contributions and membership fees of land owners and other concerned citizens for its funding. It is our goal to preserve and protect Lake Namakagon as an environmentally healthy watershed, by sponsoring educational programs, adopting a proactive role in the formulation of water and shore land regulations, and responsible use of this unique and irreplaceable resource for all citizens.