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and the Association desires to maintain
and improve its quality.

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2022 CALENDAR
OF EVENTS

ACTIVITIES AT CLUBHOUSE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

JULY 2022

July 9 - Fun Day Committee Meeting - 9 a.m.

AUGUST 2022

Aug. 5 - Fun Day Setup - 9 a.m.
Aug. 6 - FUN DAY - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Aug. 7 - Fun Day Clean Up - 9 a.m.
Aug. 19 - FCAL (Forest County Association of Lakes
Fall Forum 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sept. 3 - LLAA Annual Meeting - 9 a.m.
Sept. 6 - LLAA Golf Outing - 1 p.m

OCTOBER 2022

Oct. 22 - Fall Clean Up - 9 a.m.
Oct. 22 - Board Meeting - 10 a.m. at Water's Edge

LLAA Clubhouse Rental

If you would like to rent the clubhouse and grounds for a graduation party, birthday party, baby shower, or even a small wedding, contact me. The price is \$250 for the rental, plus \$150 deposit (which will be returned after the event if all is in good condition). Diane Braunreiter - 608-322-0995

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Presidents Point of View

Submitted by Mark Orlovsky

By the time you receive this newsletter Summer 2022 will have arrived on Lake Lucerne and we will be feeling the heat with above record temperatures being forecasted.

Plans are ramping up for the 2022 Family Fun Day scheduled Saturday, August 6th. LexAnn Hitchcock, Jack Kloss and the planning committee have been busy organizing this year’s event. One main change to note will be the start time for the auction which starts at 8:30 AM and will end by 11:30 AM. This change will allow for those attending the auction will also be able to also enjoy the paddle boards and other afternoon activities. With the time change for the start of the auction, food will be available for purchase starting at 10 AM. Please see LexAnn’s article for more information. We have a new Clean Boat Clean Waters coordinator for 2022 - Patty Orlovsky. Besides being the paid coordinator, she is also scheduling and training volunteers. We have plenty of open spots for volunteers so please check out this link <https://l1aa.ivolunteer.com/ais2022#TaskPlace:Task> to find out more information and sign up for a 4-hour shift. Please see article in this newsletter for more information.

This past Saturday, June 18th the annual lake association membership meeting was held. Key discussions included progress on the fish stick program by Jim Zach and Jim Wienser. Neal Klemme provided background on lake water quality testing that we are conducting as a lake association. Thank you for your time and effort to support these programs. Following the meeting Jim Wienser shared an update on the status of the Crandon Area Rescue Squad and some of the challenges they face serving our area. It was both interesting and concerning to discover how the rescue squad struggles to remain in operation considering rising operational costs and age of the equipment they rescue squad uses to provide their service. Following the presentation by Jim a delicious chicken dinner was shared by all. Thanks to Jack Kloss, Mike Hitchcock and Tom Braunreiter for cooking the chicken. Additional thanks to Patty Orlovsky, Sara Austin, Amy Coughlin, Diane Braunreiter, Mary Van Grunsven and LexAnn Hitchcock for setting up the kitchen, serving the food and cleaning up after. Lastly thanks to everyone who brought a dish to share.

Please see additional information in this newsletter about the upcoming election at the annual meeting on September 3rd. Friendly reminder you must be current on your annual dues (by Family Fun Days) to vote in the election. Sharing a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson – Live in the sunshine, swim in the lake, drink in the wild air. Enjoy your summer and see you on the lake.

2022 – Lake Lucerne Lake Association – Clean Boats Clean Waters

Submitted by Patty Orlovsky

Welcome to the opportunity to retain the health of Lake Lucerne by participating in the CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS program. My name is Patty Orlovsky and I am the Clean Boats Clean Water Coordinator for 2022. Please see the following link to view the schedule and sign up. It’s a simple site to use and returns a receipt to you via email confirming your commitment. I am thanking you in advance for your volunteer efforts and support. <https://l1aa.ivolunteer.com/ais2022#TaskPlace:Task> If you decide to volunteer here is valuable information to make your experience successful.

Please contact me for the combination of the lock. To lock the door, simply close the door and press the button

- I have provided a 3-ring binder in the Landing Office with prefilled in Inspection Reports for Lake Lucerne specifically. Please leave your completed reports in the binder, I will collect the reports and enter the information into the DNR database weekly.

- Materials have been provided to inform you how to look for AIS.
- New information has been posted for the DNR Warden and Sheriff Deputy.
- Keep your cell phone charged.
- Dress for the weather
 - Please contact me 715-350-9454 or via email pattyorlovsky@gmail.com if you have issues, concerns or need assistance.

Clean Boats Clean Water Reminder Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!

Before launching and before leaving you must:

- INSPECT boats, trailers and equipment
- REMOVE all attached aquatic plants and animals
- DRAIN all water from boats, vehicles and equipment
- NEVER MOVE plants or live fish away from a waterbody.

This is a WI State law. See <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov> for more information



LLAA \$5,000.00 Donation to Mole Lake Hatchery

Submitted by Bill Hickman

On May 20, 2022 the monthly meeting of FCAL (Forest County Association of Lakes) was held at the Mole Lake Hatchery located on the Sokaogon Chippewa Tribal reservation. This meeting was a regular business meeting attended by representatives from various lake associations, of which Lake Lucerne is a part. Besides the business part of the meeting, a tour of the fish hatchery, led by Mike Pruel (program director and creator) was also completed. There were about 30 people in attendance of which 1/3 of the group were interested members from our Lake Lucerne Advancement Association. Mike Pruel runs the hatchery pretty much on his own, with the help of a few volunteers. All the planning, financing, and implementation is pretty much accomplished by Mike. The Mole Lake Tribe does not provide any direct monetary support. Monies are obtained through grants and donations to the cause. For those not aware, the Walleye fish stocked into Lucerne and other local lakes come from this hatchery. Mike Pruel is doing a fantastic job in the rearing of the Walleye fish, and soon will be completing a new operation to raise Walleyes year round, not just from May to October. Lake Lucerne Advancement Association, Lake Metonga Association and FCAL made special donations and recognition to Mike Pruel for his hard work and dedication.

Lake Lucerne Lake Trout Stocking

Submitted by Jim Zach MD

Fishery & Water Quality Committee

On June 3rd, WDNR Fishery Biologist Greg Matzke, assisted by the Director of the Mole Lake Fisheries Mike Preul and WDNR Fish Technician Katie Renschen, stocked approximately 5000 Lake Trout in Lake Lucerne. Lake people Dave Schlitz, Terry Coughlin, and Steve VanGrinsven volunteered to assist. Average length of the trout was around 7”.

These fish are a unique genetic strain of Lake Trout found only in Black Oak Lake in Vilas County. They have evolved adapted to Northern Wisconsin lakes and are of a pure genetic strain thought to date back to post-glacial times. WDNR fishery staff milk eggs and sperm from some of these fish at Black Oak Lake during fall spawning. The fertilized eggs are then transported to a WDNR fish hatchery located in Bayfield County where the fish grow to a sufficient size for stocking. The survival rate of hatchery raise Trout is around 90%, natural reproduction survival rate is about 10%.

Why stock Lake Trout in Lucerne?

This strain of Lake Trout has been stocked in Lake Lucerne for many years. This is the 5th stocking in the last decade. Our lake has suitable depth and oxygenated cold water habitat for Lake Trout. Lucerne is thought to have sufficient forage to support them — Cisco and Small Mouth Bass. The stocking of Cisco in Lucerne has been successful judging from sightings of not only mature fish, but also many small Cisco that are evidence of natural reproduction. Lake Trout also feed on juvenile Small Mouth Bass which are over abundant in Lucerne. Lake Trout coexist well with Walleye in other northern lakes. We are one of a few lakes in Northern Wisconsin to receive the Black Oak Variety to preserve the genetics of this species if something were to decimate the Lake Trout population in Black Oak Lake. The stocking also provides another type of Lucerne fishing opportunity.

Prior WDNR stocking summary:

Cisco: 2013 and 2018 —967 fish, 7-14”

Lake Whitefish: 2018 —412 fish

Walleye: 28 stockings since 1991, currently planned for odd-number years —10,000+/stocking

Brown Trout: 10 stockings 1991-2005 —30,000+/stockin



Boat Parade rewards with more than bragging rights!

All are welcome to participate in this year's Lake Lucerne Boat Parade! The event will begin at Water's Edge Lodge at 10:30 AM on Sunday, July 3rd. Each year this fun and colorful event grows in popularity and extravagance. A \$25 gift certificate will be awarded to the best dressed crew, best decorated and most patriotic floats. Please join us!

Another Thing We Love....

Submitted by: Pete Davison

Our Lucerne....Ahhhh, clear, cold water to be sure. But there is another feature that has attracted residents and visitors, that pulls us in, keeps us coming back, and lives on in our minds eye: The beautiful tree lined shore. Few lakes this size and developed can boast such a splendidly green and beneficial shoreline.

Those mature pines and hemlocks are no accident. When the timber rights were sold over 100 years ago, the contracts specified that there was to be no cutting within a quarter mile of the lake. Even then, a century ago, the owners were thinking of selling lots, catering to the tourists of the day. They knew then that the trees would be an added incentive to buyers. If you are lucky enough to have some of those century old trees, you are indeed fortunate.

Sadly, nothing lasts forever---those ancient monarchs succumb to storms, wind, lightening, age, fluctuating water tables, and new construction.

We miss their strength, shade, size and roots to hold the hillsides, branches to house eagles, hawks and squirrels.

What can we do? Something as simple as planting another tree. They may not be fifty feet tall or two feet in diameter, but they keep nutrients out of the water, and together with a buffer zone, keep pesky geese away and stop erosion. We all like our viewing corridors, but those trees are a gift and help our beloved lake too.

Nothing lasts forever, but we all hope our Lucerne can be eternal. And our shared shoreline is a treasure that may help that desire.

Keeping Geese at Bay:

Submitted by Sally Hickman

Canada Geese are beautiful birds, but their gooey droppings and turf-plucking ways can make a slimy mess of a turf grass lawn. How to keep them away? Plant a buffer strip of native plants along the shore. Geese won’t pass through the buffer, because they have a natural fear of upright vegetation – they think it provides a cover for predators. In addition, native plants have a much longer root system than turf grass. The long roots will help protect your shoreline from erosion.

For more information <http://midwestglaciallakes.org/resources/shorelineliving/>

Why Was Lucerne’s Water So Cloudy This Spring?

Submitted by Jim Zach MD

Co-chair, Lake Lucerne Ecology Committee

It was quite apparent to observers around the lake that Lucerne’s water was unusually cloudy from “ice out” and continued for a few weeks. It has recently begun to return towards more typical clarity. Members of the Fishery and Aquatic Plant committees, who are proposing to combine under a new Lake Ecology Committee, have been documenting the changes and looking for an explanation that could include suspended sediments or various types of algal blooms.

Co-chair Neal Klemme has been testing and documenting Lake Lucerne’s water quality since 1999. He reports his findings to the WDNR. He has been documenting a decline in Secchi disc measurements (water clarity). Prior year typical averages in feet have been in the mid-20s. Last year’s average was 18’ with a low of 11’. Mid-May this year readings are the worst recorded at 7.75” and 8.5” at what is referred to as the “Deep Hole” at Lucerne’s deepest point. These reduced Secchi readings correspond to reduced water clarity made from shore at multiple locations around the lake.

In consultation with Scott Van Egeren - WDNR regional aquatic biologist, and Becca Klemme, water resource management and now the UW-O Water Lab Manager (and committee member), we decided to do additional water testing — Chlorophyll A and Total Suspended Solids to better understand what is occurring; those results are pending at this time.

In addition, another committee member, Maren Klich, has professional experience as a PhD aquatic botanist and mycologist. She has been collecting water samples weekly using a plankton net at her dock and analyzing specimens using light microscopy. Maren has been finding an abundance of diatoms and some dinoflagellates in her samples when water was the cloudiest, corresponding with Neal’s worst Secchi readings in May. These organisms have been declining as water clarity improves.

Dinoflagellates and diatoms are types of single-celled algae that are naturally occurring, and they contribute to the base of the aquatic food chain. Many of them rely on chlorophyll and photosynthesis for energy. While these results are preliminary, the unexpected proliferation may be related to our prolonged ice cover after the light-blocking snow cover melted off this spring. Neal and Maren are planning to continue monitoring and testing. For more Lake Lucerne water quality information go to the DNR’s website: <https://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/waterquality/Station.aspx?id=213123>



Election, Voting Procedures and Candidate Bio’s

To be eligible to be a member of LLAA, an individual, family, business, organization must own property or reside within on mile of the Lake Lucerne at least one month a year.

Your yearly dues must be paid before August 1st or on the date of Fun Days to be eligible to vote at the annual meeting. The Annual Meeting is on Saturday September 3rd.

Up to two individuals, who are members in good standing, may represent a family, business, or organization as eligible voters. Each of those individuals may cast one vote on any question called to a vote.

Absentee voting is allowed for election of board members only. Members wishing to vote for the Board by absentee ballot must request a ballot from the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting. (Please email Jennifer Criel at or call/text at 847-767-1366)

Nominations for open Board positions were at the June Meeting. There will be no nominations for Board positions at the Annual Meeting.

Open Positions and candidate(s) this election process:

Vice President: LexAnn Hitchcock
Treasurer: Sally Hickman
Two Members at Large: Jack Kloss
Jim Wienser
Bill Zimpel

Voting for Members at Large is a new process. You will be voting for up to two candidates from all of the nominated members in good standing.

Now, get to know your candidates running this year:

LexAnn Hitchcock – Vice President

In 1952 my parents purchased our property the year I was born. Grew up in Hales Corners. I have spent every summer of my life at the cabin that my dad built. Grew up with 15 kids between 3 cabins. We were known as Little City. When I was 8, we formed the water ski club known as Crandon Ski Serpents. I skied with the club until I was 26. I taught Elementary Physical Education in Neenah for 34 years. Our family came up every summer. Mike retired and we built our forever home on the original property.

Got involved in the Lake association and was elected to the board from 2005-2007. Elected Vice President and have been in this position since 2008. Jack Kloss and I co-direct Family Fun Day, our annual fundraiser for the lake. It is my passion to have land owners, area people and visitors, attend and enjoy our Family Fun Day. Volunteering a couple of hours, meeting new people and being educated about our beautiful lake. Monitoring our lake, raising money to keep AIS out of our lake.

Sally Hickman – Treasurer

Bill and I moved from Cincinnati Ohio to Lake Lucerne in 2015. We built our home on family property that dates back to the early 1920’s. I am a retired CPA focused on auditing and financial reporting. I have been on the Board since 2017. Treasurer since 2018. I love teaching and playing pickleball. Also, I’m very interested in learning native gardening in the North Woods. I am a master gardener volunteer for Forest County.

Jack Kloss

In 1966 I moved up here with my two daughters from Appleton. I got involved with the Lake association right away. In 1969 I was elected Vice President. I was elected President of the Association in 1990 and was in this position for 7 years till 1997. During this time, I was instrumental in buying the land, putting up our building and constructing the 1st pavilion. Been spinning the wheel for Family Fun Day and other organizations for over 30 years.

Owned my own Drywall Company in Appleton as my career. As an avid fisherman, concerned about the fish population and keeping our beautiful lake pristine for everyone to enjoy in the future. I hope that future generations will keep our organization going. It takes lots of volunteering!

Jim Wienser

I have enjoyed Lake Lucerne since 1970, buying my first cabin in 1986. In 2020 I became a full-time resident on the lake. While serving on the board I have been an active member: active coordination of the fish stick project, aiding in maintaining our boat landing building as well as LLAA building and grounds. There is more work to be done to continue improvements and maintaining our lake.

I work remotely as a Sales Solution Architect for FIS, having started with them in 1984.

Serving this community is my passion. I have become involved and serve with Forest County Association of Lakes board member, Crandon Water Shows, Crandon Area Rescue Squad (AEMT, Trainer, Trustee and Board Member), National Ski Patroller at Ski Brule and a Trainer/Fire Fighter for Argonne Fire Department.

Thanks to all those that commit time and effort to help our lake association!

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.”

William L. Zimpel

Since 1978, I have been coming to Lake Lucerne where my in-laws, Bob and Jackie Drexler, owned property. My wife Julie and I purchased the property from Jackie in 2002. Year round, I enjoy the beauty of the lake and wish to align with a group dedicated it. I desire to promote decisions that will preserve and protect the quality of Lake Lucerne. In addition, fundraising and education are critical components to the operation of the LLAA.

I am retired, but currently working part-time as an HVAC mechanical engineer consultant in Green Bay, WI. Prior to my retirement I was employed at Georgia Pacific Corp. Received Mechanical Engineering degree from Milwaukee School of Engineering 1981. I’ve been registered as a Professional Engineer in the State of Wisconsin since 1982 and historically I served on the Big Bend, WI Village Board in the 1980’s, as a Trustee, overseeing the Sanitation and Park and Recreation.

Lake Lucerne Golf Outing

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Nicolet Country Club, Laona, WI

It's time for the 40th Annual Lake Lucerne Golf Outing and Dinner. Please spread the word to other Lake Lucerne Advancement Association Members! GOLF Nine Hole Scramble, Maximum of 48 Players so register early! Registration: 1:00 PM. Shot Gun Start: 1:30 PM

Dinner to follow at the Lake Lucerne Advancement Association building. Choice of either an 8oz tenderloin or salmon filet. Served with a baked potato, salad, rolls, and dessert. Beer, wine, soda, and mixers provided. Bring your own bottle if you want something else.

REGISTRATION Closes Thursday, September 1, 2022

Golf & Dinner - \$24.00

Dinner Only - \$20.00

GOLF

An additional greens fee of \$22 required on day of outing for non-Nicolet members (includes cart)

Golf Cart Rental Only - \$20 (\$10 per person)

In the event of rain, please meet at the LLAA Association Building at 5 PM

Please send the following registration form by Thursday, September 1st, 2022

to: Bob Van Grunsven 4373 Lake Lucerne Dr, Crandon, WI 54520 (920-264-4896) Make checks payable to Bob Van Grunsven.

Names of Golfers	
<i>Golfer</i>	<i>Nicolet Member (Yes or No)</i>

Names for Dinner Only:			
Name	Circle Dinner Choice	Name	Circle Dinner Choice
	Tenderloin or Salmon		Tenderloin or Salmon
	Tenderloin or Salmon		Tenderloin or Salmon

Payment enclosed: \$ _____

Are you willing to provide a golf cart? Yes: _____ No: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____