

Lake Ogemaw Summer Resort Association

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T H E P R E S I D E N T ' S C O R N E R

First of all, a sincere thank you to Cy Schultz for his loyal service on the L.O.S.R.A. Board for over 19 years. He plans to remain involved in the lake and activities whenever he is able. We appreciate all your hard work Cy!

Welcome to our two newest board members, Debbie Seabolt and Sharon Simas. They will both bring a great deal of business know-how and good common sense to the board, and both have been regular participants and helpers in many of the events around the lake.

In recent elections, over 72% of the residents voted in favor of the \$20 dues increase. It was nice to see that most residents realize what a great value their association dues bring to all of us. Our quality of life is excellent, and our property values go up because of the great conditions here.



The new pavilion patio is finished on the driveway side of the pavilion. It provides a great space for larger activities, and plenty of space for your donated brick where everyone can see and read it for a very long time. (There is an order form included in this newsletter.)

Trapper, Bill Cliff (873-4548) is once again available this fall. He will trap muskrats, beaver, etc. at no charge to us.

We have many volunteers for all our activities and can always use more. Our community is constantly growing and becoming more active. Being a part of the activity is a great way to contribute to the community and, in the process, to meet more people and make new friends. We want to thank all of you who help in any capacity.

Sincerely,

David Galbreath, President

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2013 PONTOON POKER RUN THANK YOU

Carol in the office and Rob and Lynn at KaJacs thank you for selling the tickets and letting us use your deck to give out the directions and wrist bands. We had 190 participants and it was very busy keeping both teams even and getting out the wrist bands, thank you to Marcia Reed & Carolyn Hartigan, I can always count on you, and I really appreciate that, then there was Cindy Dion(again!)and Pauline Talerico.

It was a fun day with great hosts. 1.Bob & Janey Gollehur 2.Carol & Bill Smarsty, Dorothy & John Crawford, Kathy & Rick Adamaski 3.Rick& Diane Kollecth and Rick's mom IMaria made wonderful German deserts, then they brought back to the pavilion honey baked ham and turkey sandwiches, thank you for your thoughtfulness.4.Sharon & Bill Kuzenko & Sherri 5. Debbie & Dennis Furlo, 6.Mike and Debbie Seabolt heard someone ask if they would have a drive thru open later that night for the White Tower Sliders they were serving! 7.Janet Cannizzero & Debbie Ditmeyer, 8. Mike & Kathy Barton.

We couldn't have asked for more awesome hosts or better food being served, I appreciate all the effort you put forth to make it special for the participants, thank you, thank you, thank you.

What a fun group of participants and it continued back at the pavillion. I couldn't ask for a nicer or more fun group of card checkers than Carolyn & Jack Hartigan they are always ready to lend a helping hand, along with Cindy Dione, Pauline Talerico and Ernie Simas, we always have fun at that table.

Carol and Dale Appelt, as always did a fantastic job serving up the food, no easy task, they get there early and leave late, thank you so much. I am also happy that so many commented on the pulled pork, I used my son in laws recipe for his homemade sauce, yum!

Now for the winning hands, we had three full houses: 1st place went to Susan Frey - \$350. 2nd place, Sharon Wilgus - \$250. 3rd place, was Debbie Ditmeyer - \$150. The host house drawing \$50. went to Mike and Kathy Barton hosts for the Red team, the winners of \$50 for the Blue team are Rick and Diane Kollecth. Then there was the 50/50 drawing which was won by, yep me, Joannie VanAntwerp in the amount of \$246. Thank you, Mike and Kathy Barton for giving the extra by leaving your host house to sell the 50/50 great job.

All the tables were set up by Bob Gollehur and the Men's Committee, to the men you are really appreciated, thank you. I really enjoy doing the poker run and it's nice every time it turns out to be fun for everyone.

Thank you, Joannie Van Antwerp



Clean out your trash box or container of extra trash and debris

Waste Management drivers are not able to pick up un-bagged trash. Please help them to continue to give us the best possible service by being certain your trash is in bags, not loose in the roadside bins many of us have provided.

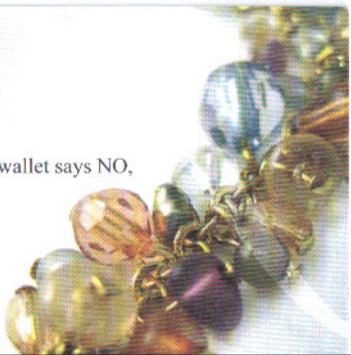


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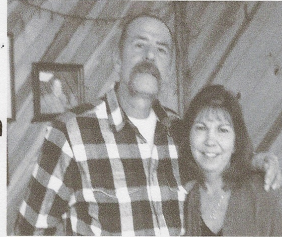
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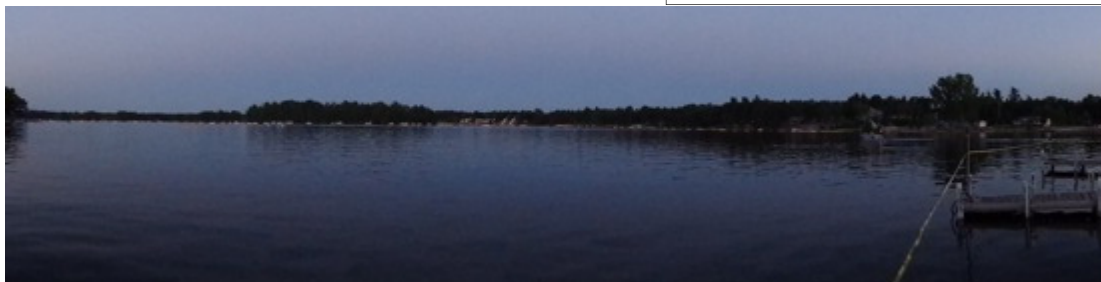
I would like to thank everybody for the opportunity to head the Lake Management Team. Our five man team is dedicated to the ecology of the lake. I also appreciate the comments mostly good, some critical, but they will help me make more informed decisions.

The last five months have been a crash course in lake management. Lake treatments started later than usual because of the late spring. We treated 185 acres on 6-17 for numerous aquatic weeds with an approximately 90% success rate.

Our second treatment was on 7-24, we treated 70 acres for wild celery, algae and milfoil. As of 8-19 the weeds are going down the water is clear and the lake looks wonderful. As the summer season is coming to an end and the waters are cooling it is not looking like we will need to treat again this year.

I'm looking forward to fall, and just as a reminder try to keep as many leaves as possible out of the lake, as decaying leaves promote weed growth. For those of you who leave, have a safe a wonderful winter, see you in the spring.

Mike Seabolt -Lake Coordinator



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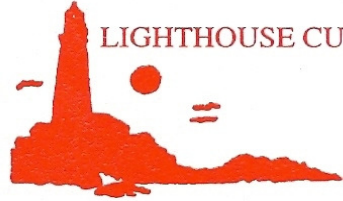
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FALL CLEAN-UP

by Mary Buyze

The leaves will soon be falling and we will be outside preparing our gardens and lawns for the long winter months. However, in the fall there are a few important points to remember to help protect the water quality of the lake and your home:

> **Rake or blow leaves and clippings away from the lake.**

Leaves and clippings are loaded with phosphorus. Algae blooms can flourish if the lake becomes overloaded with phosphorus. Also, decomposing plant materials lower the levels of dissolved oxygen in the water, which can be fatal to fish and other aquatic organisms.

>**Clean your beach/shoreline.** If you are a lakefront owner, take time to remove the leaves that wash up on your shore or get lodged in rocks in front of seawalls. With the abundance of beautiful trees we have surrounding our lake, thousands and thousands of leaves find their way into our lake. By being proactive in removal of dead leaves, it will ultimately result in a healthier lake!

Waste Management will be picking up yard waste on October 3, 17 and 31, with the final yard waste pickup scheduled for November 14, 2013. And please remember – all leaves/yard waste **must be** in biodegradable bags or trash containers – Waste Management will not pickup yard waste in plastic bags. After November 14th, you can take your yard waste to the LOSRA yard waste site across from the boat launch. To access this site use the same key as the boat launch. Do not take trash (tires, cement, asphalt, old lumber, etc.) to this site, as it is prohibited.

Chimneys are an important feature of your home that should be properly maintained in order to keep your family safe. There are many hazards that can damage to chimneys and cause problems in your home. Every person living with a chimney should be aware of these issues and know the correct maintenance procedures. Whether you have a gas fireplace, wood stove fireplace, masonry or factory-built chimney, they all need to be inspected at least once per year. To prevent chimney fires, schedule an annual chimney and fireplace cleaning to be done by a certified chimney sweep. These sweeps will expertly clean your chimney, eliminating the black creosote buildup that occurs when a chimney is used and then cooled. When a chimney is clean, it has little risk of catching on fire. Remember that even if you don't use your chimney frequently, you should still get it cleaned once per year. Your chimney acts as a ventilation system not only for heat and smoke but also for harmful gases, such as carbon monoxide. And stay away from unseasoned wood – it contains a lot of moisture. Moisture in unseasoned wood will make it more difficult to light and will cause the wood to smoke. If the flame goes out on unseasoned wood, the wood will continue to smolder. Smoldering wood adds an unpleasant burnt smell to the house and creosote to chimney. To avoid this issue, the wood should be seasoned. Deciduous trees like oak and walnut are the best choice if you want to produce a lot of heat. Ash, locust, hickory, apple, plum, cherry, pear and ash come next, putting off slightly less heat. Maple, sycamore and elm are fair for heat production, while cottonwood, alder and willow are poor choices for heat production. Stay away from burning of any type of pine as the sap causes substantial creosote build up in your chimney.

And, while you're at it, why not check that dryer vent? Lint build up in the vent hose can cause a fire!

Square Dance

Now that the pavilion is finished, Lake Ogemaw Association hosted a square dance event on August 24th.

Over 75 adults and children attended that night of dancing, laughing, and good times. Bill Turner of West Branch was the professional caller.



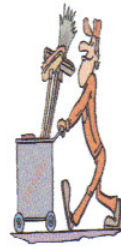


NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE

Bring in 2014 with good food, fun, and dancing at the annual L.O.S.R.A.'s NYE Dinner Dance.

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We need six (6); we already have two (2) host houses if you would like to volunteer to be a host house please call: Joannie at: 873-4067 or jlvanantwerp@gmail.com



SUPER BOWL PARTY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd

Watch the BIG game at the association clubhouse on the BIG screen.

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WINTERFEST FEBRUARY 15, 2014

We need volunteers for the kid's games

Carol Appelt will be in charge of the younger kids games if you can volunteer for a couple of hours contact Carol at: 873 6264.

Marcia Reed is heading up the games for the older kids, if you would like to help call: 873 3489 or redwingbus@hotmail.com

Candy and Rick Cunningham are heading up the NASCAR races, and are all set with their help.

We will be having games for ADULTS (must be 18 to play)

Dick and Jolin Cramb are heading up the Plinko if you would like to give them an hour or so of your time contact them at: 873 4532

The big wheel (for adults) is headed up by Dale Appelt he needs workers from 11 to 1pm, please contact Dale at: 873 6264

Mike Barton is heading up the cooking of the food he can use some help, please contact him at: 873 6885 or bar-tonmd@charter.net

We will once again be raffling off baskets, if you are interested in donating one, or volunteering in any way call Joannie @ 873 4067 or jlvanantwerp@gmail.com

Fish Committee September 2013

Summer has come and almost gone. Fishing at best was fair this summer. There have been some very nice fish taken, and some rather small fish. Consensus seems to be that the weather was the culprit this year. The weather was very inconsistent, and the water never seemed to warm up the way it usually does.

The Adult Fishing Contest ended at 9 p.m. on August 30th. This newsletter item was written on August 20th, and as of today the leaders are:

- Jason Karrantja – 27 ¼ inch Walleye.
- Cory Kline – 32 inch Northern Pike
- Kerry Kline – 20 ½ inch Largemouth Bass

The Fish Committee has met and decided that this year’s fish plant would be Largemouth Bass, Walleyes, and Crappies. In addition, next spring we will add fathead minnows.

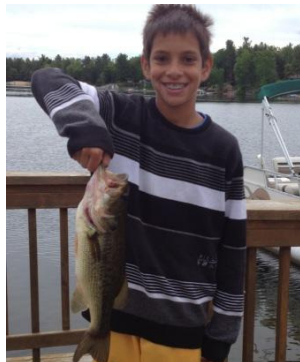
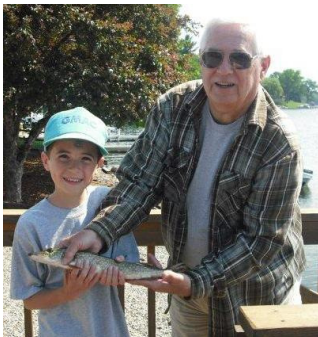
The Fish Committee would like to take an “unscientific” survey of fish caught this year. This survey is strictly voluntary. We do not need to know anything but the number of fish, and whether they were kept or released. We are trying to get enough information so we can make better decisions on future fish plants. You can either mail in the bottom of the form or email the information to the Lake Association losra@lakeogemaw.org or directly to me at tomlukos@comcast.net.

Approximate number of fish caught:

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Tom Lukosavich, Fish Committee



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Thursday, June 5, 2014

Theme: 60's

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There will be a hippy costume contest. The best 3 costumes will win a nice prize.

There will be 20 models modeling 1 outfit each.

I am overjoyed that I can actually contribute to a cause, not just a by-stander or nay-sayer. Need new ladies or ladies to get more involved in the fashion show. Please contact me at 989-873-1049 or cell 989-820-0118.

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