

# ROUND THE LAKE

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## Letter from the President— Tom Wolf

Dear Association Members,

As our endless winter finally recedes, we can begin again to think of the equally endless possibilities for recreation and social interaction on our lake. Hopefully we will also spend a moment in thankful reflection about our relative good fortune to be part of the Round Lake community. With that good fortune comes a responsibility for stewardship of the lake and that is the essential purpose of the Association.

In this newsletter you will find several interesting articles about initiatives, new and continuing, that constitute our focus for the year. I hope that you will read them carefully and share your thoughts with us. I would like to highlight a few articles as they convey our recent focus.

**Membership** – OUR MEMBERSHIP IS UP and that is good news! The financial resources needed to continue our stewardship of Round Lake for this and future generations are entirely dependent on the contributions of our members. The Association board believes that we need to expand the membership and many of the activities of the Membership and Social Committees are designed to do just that.

**Water Quality** – We live and recreate on one of the clearest and best lakes in Wisconsin. As lake stewards, protecting and maintaining that environment is and will remain a primary commitment of a substantial portion of our resources. Read about our work in this regard in the Water Quality Committee article and be aware of the financial commitment as detailed in the Financial report

**Fish Habitat** – Enhancing habitat has been a long term initiative and remains so. This year, the Association is participating in sponsorship of a Round Lake Youth Fishing Event during which we hope to not only provide an enjoyable experience for our kids and grand-kids as well as other area youth, but also build their memories and appreciation of and commitment to this resource. After all, they are the future stewards.

**Water Levels** – THEY ARE ALSO UP. Whether that is good news is open to interpretation. More importantly, the water level trend appears upward and its import in terms of navigation and shoreline erosion is worthy of discussion and consideration.

**Association Communication** – We are in the process of deploying a new web site, developed, owned and maintained with Association personnel and resources. It has been under development for some time and, while not complete, is intended to improve your access and linkage to the lake community.

If you have been around the lake for more than a year or two you are aware that many of the Association resources have been deployed in the contentious debate over the water levels and associated controls. The Association continues to believe that doing so was necessary and appropriate given our stewardship role. It also made clear to us that our best hope for the future lies in a vibrant membership and our current programs are intended to build our membership and create a more valued experience for our members. Please share this message with your neighbors who may not yet have joined.

Enjoy this newsletter, have a great summer and join us on June 7 for our spring membership meeting and social.

Best Regards,  
Tom Wolf, Association President

## Save the Date 5/30/2014

May DineAround, Chipewewa Inn, social at 5:30, dinner to follow. Hosted by Roy and Joan Buehrle.

## Save the Date 6/7/2014

The 2014 RLPOA Spring membership meeting and ice cream social.

6/7 1:00 pm at Famous Dave's.

## Save the Date 8/16/2014

The 3rd annual RLPOA picnic. Come and enjoy a great afternoon with neighbors and friends.

Noon to 3:30 at Famous Dave's.

## Annual Meeting 09/27/2014

## Water Quality / Invasive Species – Dan Kollodge

Invasive species control continues to be a core activity for your Association. Last year a considerable amount of effort and \$17,000 was expended to combat Eurasian water milfoil. 25 acres of milfoil were treated with the majority of the treatment areas located in Leder and School House bays at the north end of Round Lake. The post treatment survey of these and other treatment areas indicated that the treatment was successful.

I want to thank Tom Connell of Northern Environmental Compliance, Inc. for all of his volunteer efforts last year. Tom is a professional AIS treatment applicator and a resident of Round Lake. He provided the association his chemical treatment services at a reduced cost. In addition, Tom spent many additional volunteer hours on the lake performing pre and post treatment AIS plant surveys.

In the fall of 2013, RLPOA submitted a 50% grant application to the WDNR in the amount of \$39,473 to fund AIS treatment and educational activities for 2014. The WDNR approved the application and will be providing \$19,473 in funding. As conditions of the grant, RLPOA is required to fund \$9,868 of direct costs and provide the same amount in the form of volunteer labor and equipment hours. Also, as a condition of potential future grant awards, the DNR is requiring that the Round Lake watershed aquatic management plan be updated this year. The previous plan was completed in 2008.

### Volunteers Needed

In support of the new grant, the water quality committee is requesting volunteers to perform AIS inspections this summer to look for invasive species in the lake shallows and along the shoreline.

The scope of duties is: as follows:

- Perform an inspection each month in July, August, and September.

- Record the GPS location of any observed outbreak and submit the information to the water committee.
- Record your inspection hours and the boat used to perform the inspection and submit the information to the water committee.

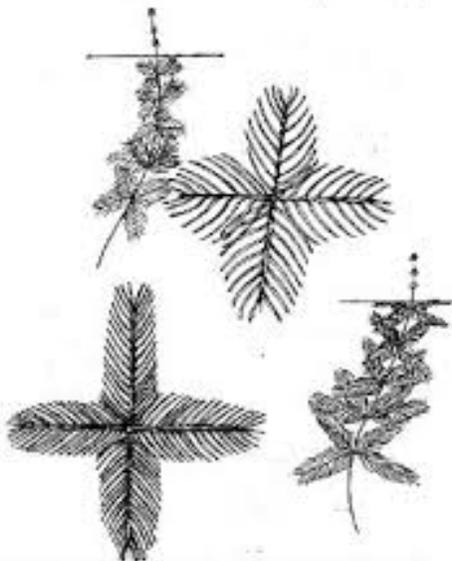
No experience is necessary, only a commitment to the lakes is required. Training will be provided to enable you to recognize Eurasian water milfoil and distinguish it from its cousin, northern water milfoil. Best practices for performing an efficient and effective search will also be discussed. We need volunteers. If you would like further information or wish to commit to being a volunteer please contact me via E-mail. Volunteer hours are required as a condition of reimbursement for the state portion of the grant.

Another requirement of the grant is to implement a clean boats program. With this program a paid individual is stationed at a boat landing. Their responsibility is to educate boaters about AIS issues and the correct procedures to prevent the spread of invasive species. Training and educational materials will be provided. Typical hours are from 10 AM to 2 PM during peak boating days such as Saturday, Sunday and holidays. This is a paid position and is a perfect job to get a young person out of the house, and your hair for a few hours. If you would like more information please contact me at the E-mail address below.

In closing, we have a lot of work to do this summer to maintain the lakes and the water committee needs your time and talents to be successful.

Dan Kollodge -  
dankollodge(at)comcast.net

NORTHERN WATERMILFOIL (NATIVE)



EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL (INVASIVE)



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## Social Committee Joan Buehrle, Social Committee Chair

We have drawn together a social committee of Round Lake Property Owners who have an interest in getting to know others on the lakes and developing a calendar of social activities that are fun for all of us. We have already planned and held 2 Round Lake Property Owners' Association picnics during the summers of 2012 and 2013. This year we are expanding our efforts to provide more opportunities for Round Lakes property owners to develop connections with their neighbors on the lakes. It takes a large group of dedicated people to accomplish what we have planned for the coming years. I have listed the current committee members and invite anyone who would like to join us to contact me (Joan Buehrle) at drbuehrle(at)gmail.com, or 608-788-6585 (La Crosse home phone), 715-634-2513 (cottage), or 608-386-9994 (cell).

**RLPOA Social Committee Members:** Joan Buehrle, Chair; Alison Arom, Marsha Besch, Ann Noble, Bruce McMillin, Betti Binder, Sharon Berglund, Mary Doig, Sonia Cox, Trudy Tyson, Jean and Al Bramucci, John Prosen, Carl and Judy Scheider, Jack Gardner, Bob and Diane Sosnowski, and Joan and Bob Ackerman.

**Ice Cream Social** after June General Meeting, 6/7/2014.

### JULY 4TH BOAT PARADE

The RLPOA wishes to continue the tradition of a boat parade on July 4th. Participants are asked to assemble in the West end of Richardson's Bay by noon. Judging will start at 12:30. We are encouraging participation with prizes, trophies and a chance to gather after the parade at Famous Dave's. Contestants will be judged at Famous Dave's reviewing stand and awards presented after the parade finish. There will be categories for pontoon or other boat varieties.

Naturally, prizes will be awarded for the best decorated boat as well as the loudest and most enthusiastic crew on each boat. Famous Dave's gift certificates will be given out as prizes.

Please gather family and friends to enter your boat in the festivities. Begin planning for your July 4th boat decorations and plan to attend the fun.

Please register using the new RLPOA website at [RoundLakes.org](http://RoundLakes.org).



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### Dine Around

It has been a long winter, but we persevered in holding a Dine Around get together every month from January to April. Surprisingly, we had a consistent 20-30 property owners attend each month with at least 4 new people every month. We started the Dine Arouns with Roy and Joan Buehrle hosting in August at DJ's Dock, Judy and Jack Gardner at The Mexican Restaurant in September, Bob and Diane Sosnowski at Beer Bellies in early November, Bruce and Susan McMillin at The Ranch in January, Bob and Joan Ackerman at the Original Famous Dave's in February, Bob and Marsha Besch at The Steakhouse in March, and on April 26th Jim Gaul and Anne Noble hosted at Flat Creek Eatery.

Roy and Joan Buehrle invite you to the May Dine Around to be held at Chippewa Inn on Friday May 30th. We'll meet for social hour at 5:30 with dinner off the menu to follow. Separate checks will be provided. I encourage all of you to come when you can.

### RLPOA Calendar 2014

**June 7**, at The Original Famous Dave's

- 11:00 AM Board Meeting
- 1:00 PM General Membership Meeting
- 2:00 PM Ice Cream Social

**June 12-14**, Youth Fishing Event on Round Lake

**July 4, 12:00 noon**, Boat Parade on Round Lake

**Aug. 16**, 3rd Annual Picnic at Famous Dave's.

Noon to 3:30

Food, fun and games

Lots of prizes

**September 27 9:00 AM** - General Membership Meeting

Place: TBD

### Please consider being a host for Dine Around.

Dine Around has been an unqualified success and will continue in the future. If you would like to host a get together, please contact Joan Buehrle at drbuehrle(at)gmail.com or call 608-788-6585. Hosting is easy and fun! All you have to do is choose a restaurant, make arrangements for a group of 20-35 to attend with separate checks provided. Then let Joan know the date, time and place you have chosen and we'll send out the notice. If you have email access, you can have people RSVP to you; if not they can respond to Joan at her email address. As host you need to tell the restaurant how many guests are expected to attend. Then all you need to do is enjoy yourself with a group of fun loving Round Lake Property Owners. This might be the easiest hosting position you have ever had. Please let Joan know if she can put you down as host for any month between June 2014 -November 2014 or January 2015 to May 2015.

We will not hold a Dine Around in December due to the busyness of the season.

## April 2012-13 RLPOA Financial Summary—Martin Hanson

	2012	2013	Other Income	2012	2013
	Actual	Actual			
<b>Income</b>			<b>Total Interest Income</b>	\$11.76	\$9.72
Income - Memberships	\$6,750.00	\$12,365.00	<b>Total other income</b>	\$11.76	\$9.72
Income - Milfoil Fund	\$6,845.00	\$12,125.00	<b>Other Expense</b>		
Income - Sponsorships	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total other expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income - Grants	\$30,521.62	\$13,155.88	<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	\$5,311.61	\$19,666.43
Income - Miscellaneous	\$750.00	\$0.00			
Income - Picnic	\$1,135.00	\$1,092.50			
Income Auctions	\$0.00	\$3,538.00	<b>Cash Balances</b>		
Income - Water Level Defense	\$0.00	\$0.00	General Fund	\$27,002.10	\$37,179.10
Income - Donations	\$300.00	\$0.00	Milfoil Fund	(\$3,475.00)	\$6,014.43
<b>Total Income</b>	\$46,301.62	\$42,276.38	Defense Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
			Tangible Assets	\$23,527.10	\$43,193.53
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Auto & Truck Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Accounting & Legal	\$345.00	\$395.00			
Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Bank Charges	\$252.11	\$0.00			
Crib Expense	\$804.92	\$0.00			
Dues & Subscriptions	\$430.00	\$340.00			
Equipment Rental/Maintn.	\$56.00	\$58.00			
Fish Stocking Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Gift Certificates	\$400.00	\$0.00			
Insurance - Business	\$1,912.00	\$0.00			
Licenses & Permits	\$10.00	\$0.00			
Marina Dredging	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Meals & Meeting Food	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Milfoil Expense	\$24,092.35	\$17,733.25			
Newsletters	\$1,330.37	\$1,421.24			
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$38.68			
Postage	\$420.24	\$440.50			
Total Sub Contract Labor	\$2,000.00	\$0.00			
Supplies	\$231.28	\$0.00			
Telephone	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Town Hall Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Picnic Expense	\$1,130.00	\$1,743.00			
Water Level Defense Expense	\$7,587.50	\$450.00			
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	\$41,001.77	\$22,619.67			
<b>Net Operating Income (loss)</b>	\$5,299.85	\$19,656.71			

### Independence Day Celebration Can you help?

Elsewhere herein you will read of the plans to better organize and enhance our lake-wide 4th of July celebration. As our board considered that initiative, we also became aware the ever growing scale of the fireworks celebration and the related financial burden that has historically been borne solely by the good folks of Famous Dave's. Recognizing the celebration and fireworks as a key lake asset, we reached out to Dave and inquired how we, the Association, might help. Many ideas were discussed.

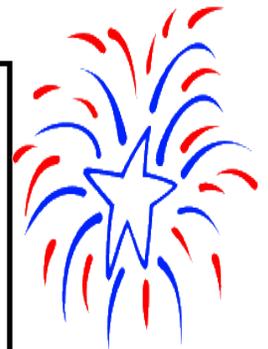
We would like to move forward in one small way this year. The Association asks you to consider a voluntary contribution, of whatever amount, to a fireworks fund. Donations may be sent to

Round Lake Property Owners Association  
Attn: Fireworks Fund

We also intend to have "Contribution Jars" at our spring meeting social on June 7 and placed where possible around the lake area for contributions. All amounts collected will be donated to Famous Dave's to help offset the growing expense and in appreciation of their ongoing investments in our lake community.

### Contributions to RLPOA —Tax Deductible

With tax season behind us, it is not too early to start thinking about how to manage the taxes you pay next year. As most of you know, donations to nonprofits reduce your taxable income by the amount of the donation. Round Lake Association is a nonprofit, so the money you pay for your membership and any other monies you contribute are tax deductible. Next time you pay your membership and/or if you are considering options for donations or will / estate planning, please consider making a donation to Round Lake Association. We are very fortunate to live on such a beautiful lake and the monies we donate can help ensure that generations to follow can enjoy it too.



## Youth Fishing Event on Round Lakes — Kevin Bushnick, The YCA

This year, the Round Lake Property Owners Assoc. is sponsoring a major kids fishing event on Round Lake June 12, 13 & 14.

It is one of two major Youth Muskie Hunts scheduled for 2014 in the Hayward Lakes area run by the Youth Conservation Alliance. Although it's characterized as a Youth Muskie Hunt, ALL species of fish will be sought after including Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Crappie and anything else we can find swimming around. Live and artificial bait can be used. Trolling is permitted. Of course, all DNR regulations apply.

**THERE IS NO-CHARGE** for the kids to participate. There will also be no-charge for the kids' meals during the event; they will receive coupons. Adults pay their own way during meal time.

This event is 100% family oriented. Children from all over Sawyer County will be participating. The objective is simply to have fun, learn about our beautiful natural resources, and have a little family time with those close to you.

### EVENT SCHEDULE:

> **THURSDAY** June 12: Check-in and fishing starts at 2:00 pm. Dinner will be held at DJ's Dock on Round Lake from 6-8:00 pm.

> **FRIDAY** June 13: Fishing all day. Breakfast at the Robin's Nest on B from 6:30 am-8:30 am. (NOON) Lunch & (5:30-8:00 pm) dinner will be held on the grounds of Famous Dave's. Inside depending on weather.

> **SATURDAY** June 14: Fishing all day. Breakfast at the Robin's Nest on B from 6:30-8:30 am. NOON lunch on the

grounds of Famous Dave's. Dinner starts promptly at 6:00 pm Saturday on the grounds of Timber Trail Lodge on Big Round Lake near Muskie Bay.

> **SATURDAY AWARDS & CLOSING** ceremonies will be held at the Kids Fishing Command Center at Timber Trail Lodge on Big Round Lake, near Muskie Bay. At this program, we will recognize the kids for their hard work with trophies and prizes being handed out in 15 categories of youth fishing. **DON'T MISS THIS;** bring your camera.

### SPECIAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

We have two special activities planned for the kids to participate in if they want to.

First, we'll be learning about fish habitat building. During this program, the kids will learn about how to build a fish crib, the materials used to build it, and the purpose of these habitats. Second, the kids will be able to look at some of the many small creatures in the water through a high-power university class biology microscope. The DNR, school teachers, and college professors will be on-site to assist in this educational endeavor and answer questions for the children. This will include water quality testing and an up close and personal view of macro-invertebrates and copepods, through a 1000X power viewer. These activities will be held on the grounds of Timber Trail Lodge.

> All participants are required to sign "release" and "photo" waivers as this event will be covered by local and national news media.

> As the kids & their parents/guardian catch fish, it is imperative that you measure and take a picture of your

catch. This will be the method used to keep track of all the fishing categories and will be used in our awards ceremony.

> There will be several camera boats in the area taking pictures. Aerial footage will also be taken for this event. Way-cool.

All inquiries & registration can be directed to: Kevin Bushnick - Email: [kbushnick@theyca.org](mailto:kbushnick@theyca.org) or by phone: 847-987-3622.

### KEY EVENT SPONSORS:

It is important to mention and thank our event sponsors who help and contribute financially to all of our programs.

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## Water Level Management —Jim Purdin

As previously reported, in November 2012 the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors approved a plan to petition the Wisconsin DNR to abandon the Carlson Road Dam and to vacate the 1941 PSC Order that established the “normal” water level for Round and Little Round Lakes at 1345.08 feet NAVD 88, and assigned responsibility to the county to build the dam and the channel that connects the dam to Osprey Lake. The 1941 Order further charged the county with operating the system to maintain the water level between the normal level and a maximum of 1345.33 feet NAVD 88, a range of 3 inches, when sufficient water was present in the system.

The County’s plan is to replace the dam with a simple box culvert with its sill set at the level of the streambed of the channel at the dam. The present conditions of the Round Lake Watershed system which includes Round and Little Round Lakes, the channel, Osprey Lake, and Osprey creek downstream of Osprey Lake, has rendered the dam inconsequential as obstructions in Osprey Creek impede the flow out of the system. These obstructions, specifically beaver dams, are at a level at least as high as the dam when all stop logs are installed. The beaver dams have become the high water control for the water level in our lakes.

RLPOA contracted to have the beaver dams surveyed in the spring of 2012. At that time, they were measured to be at approximately the same elevation as the dam with all stop logs in place. Since that time, we have seen a period of above normal precipitation, which has resulted in lake levels rising significantly above the 1941 order maximum. Even at the extremely high levels we have experienced over the past two summers, the outflow at the dam and at the culverts that carry Osprey Creek under County Road NN has been very low. This supports conjecture that the beaver

dams have increased in size since they were surveyed. If true, and should this trend continue, our lakes and shoreline property could be at increased risk of potential damage due to erosion and flooding. The county’s plan does not provide for any government agency to have responsibility for monitoring and managing the system.

It is our understanding that the county has not yet submitted a petition that has been accepted by the DNR, due to incomplete or insufficient information. However, we expect that at some point in the near future an actionable petition will be accepted and the review process will begin. It is our plan to be on the record during the review process with our objection to the county’s plan and to recommend an alternative that will provide prudent monitoring and management of the system by either the county or the DNR.

At this writing, the ice has just come off the lakes. However, the area on Little Round Lake where we have our staff gauge installed was open about a week ago so we have already started tracking the water level and rainfall (see the chart below). Given the snowfall this past winter, and particularly the major late season snowstorms, we were not surprised to see our lakes begin the open water season at an elevation higher than our last reading in the fall. At today’s (May 9) reading of 1346.30 feet NAVD 88, the water level is nearly a foot above the 1941 order mandated maximum and, based on the historical data in our files, is at the highest level recorded since the Carlson Road dam was built in the 1940s. Should we experience above normal precipitation in the next few weeks, the water could rise to a level that may be problematic for property owners and for the general health of our lakes. We will be closely monitoring the situation and will urge the county and DNR to work together to address problems should they occur.

## Snowfall Record Set — Sawyer County Record

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By Terrell Boettcher News Editor | Posted: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 8:45 am

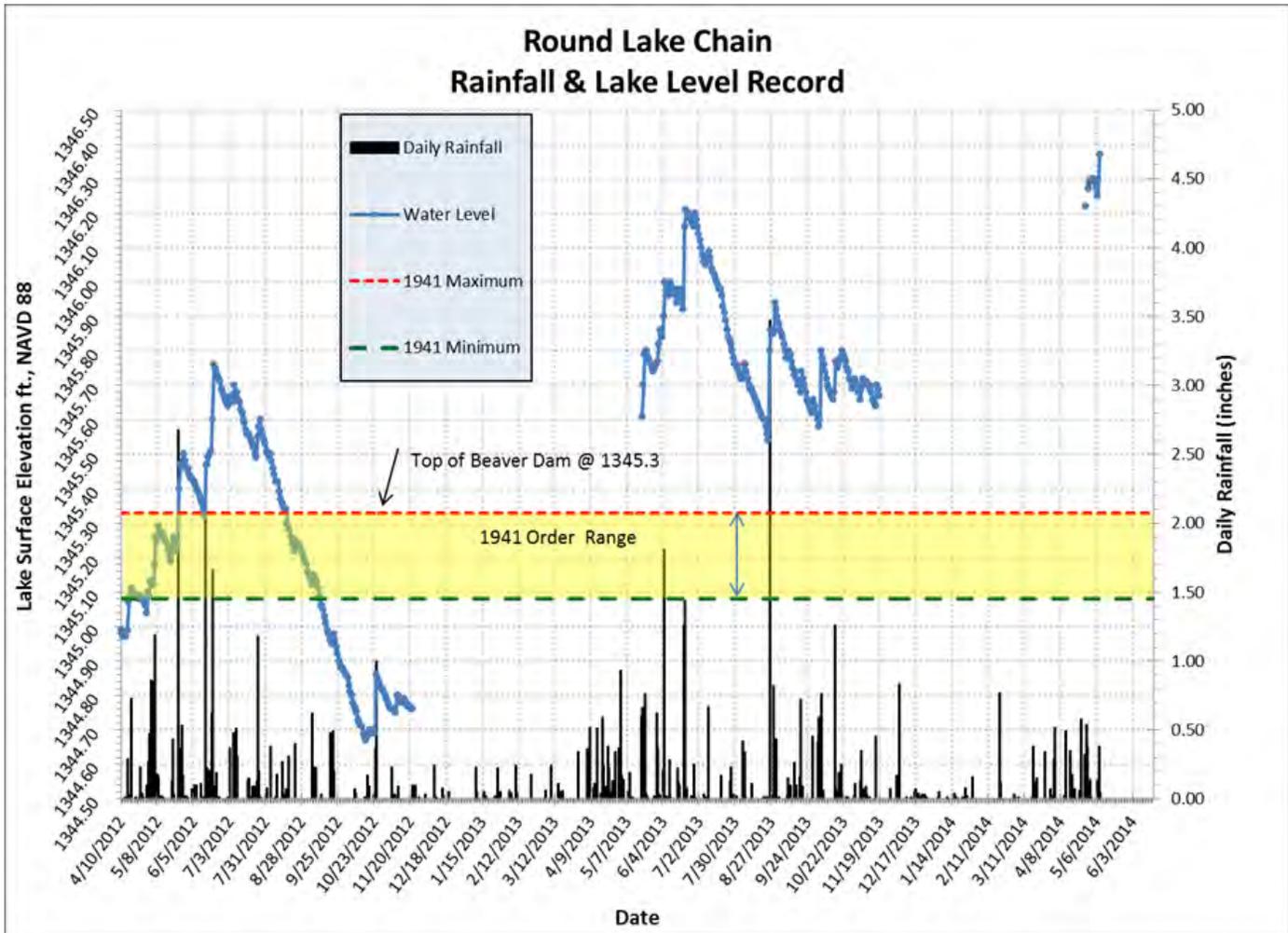
To no one’s surprise, the winter of 2013-14 has set some severity records in the Hayward area, including the most total snowfall in the past 67 years.

The Sawyer County Record consulted two local record-keepers: technician Randy Sobraliski of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Hayward Service Center, and Town of Stinnett resident William Cochran, who’s been keeping temperature and precipitation records.

Sobraliski said that since the 1946-47 winter season, the earliest records that the DNR Ranger Station has, snowfall totals have reached 100 or more inches in just two winters.

One year was 1982-83, when the Hayward Ranger Station received 106 inches for the season. But that record was broken in the winter of 2013-14, when 107.4 inches of the white frozen stuff had been recorded as of Friday. That’s nearly identical to the 108 inches measured at the University of Wisconsin Agricultural Research Station at Spooner.

Cochran, who lives south of Stanberry, about 10 miles southwest of Hayward, said he’s been able to review just the past three winters so far, but in that span this winter has topped the list with 123 inches of snow so far “and counting,” he said. “I hope (there’s) not any more.



**Snowfall Record Set—continued from p. 6.**

Here are some winter statistics compiled by Cochran:

**Winter of 2011-12:**

Total snowfall, 50 inches; first snowfall, Nov. 19; last snowfall, March 3.  
Coldest temperature, 19 below zero; first below zero day, Dec. 9; first 50-degree day of spring, March 10; first 60-degree day, March 11; first 70-degree day, March 14.

**Winter of 2012-13**

Total snowfall, 99 inches; first snow, Nov. 6; last snow, May 3.  
Coldest temperature, 21 below zero; first below zero day, Dec. 12; first 50-degree day of spring, March 27; first 60-degree day, April 26; first 70-degree day, April 27.

**Winter of 2013-14**

Total snowfall, 123 inches “and counting;” first snow, Oct. 20.  
Coldest temperature, 30 below zero; first below zero day, Nov. 24; first 50-degree day of spring, March 10; first 60-degree day, April 7; first 70-degree day, April 20.

“I was surprised when I looked at the totals how much more snow there has been this past winter,” Cochran said. “I guess that really shouldn’t come as a surprise, though. What seemed to make this winter so unusual was how deep the snow cover was and how long it maintained its depth throughout the winter.”

“The cold this last winter started a bit earlier than normal with the first below zero day in November (like the old time winters),” Cochran added. “The cold also was deeper, more constant and longer lasting than previous years without long breaks of toasty plus-20s.”

“The snow started earlier, too, with the first measurable snow in October,” Cochran said. “Even though that didn’t start our snow cover for the winter I almost thought it was going to.”

As many readers will remember, temperatures for the opening weekend of the nine-day deer hunting season were just above zero during the daytime with wind and light snow on the ground. And the weather didn’t become any less wintry from there on, although there was plenty of snow for skiing and snowmobiling the entire winter and into spring.

## New Website For RLPOA

Round Lakes Property Owners Association has a new website. The new address, or Uniform Resource Locator (URL), is:

[RoundLakes.org](http://RoundLakes.org)

The new website is expected to launch on May 15, 2014. The former website is under private ownership and although it may continue to exist, will not be the official source of information for the Association. You are encouraged to set a new bookmark in your browser for our new website.

The website is not done, nor will it ever be! It will continue to evolve and incorporate the ideas of the members.

To that end, please contribute your comments, suggestions, and yes, even your criticisms so that we can make the site best meet your needs. Send all feedback to

[Webmaster@RoundLakes.org](mailto:Webmaster@RoundLakes.org).

We intend this site to be both a source of current events and issues and a repository of association information. We will also maintain areas for the social events, fisheries resource, invasive species (Eurasian water milfoil and others), and water safety. There is a calendar that will provide current information for social events and association meetings. We will also include association documents, organization leadership, and contact information. We are open to adding other informa-

tion that will help your communication and understanding of the lake and the association.

As part of the new website rollout, we are also introducing the new logo for the association. Your board is in discussions on how and where to exhibit the new logo to promote the association. The new logo is intended to capture the spirit of the lake.

We are encouraging all members to contribute scenic photos for the website. These will be used on a rotational basis on the home screen and placed in the photo gallery. You can send your submissions, along with the photo date and a suitable caption to

[Webmaster@RoundLakes.org](mailto:Webmaster@RoundLakes.org).

## A Word of Thanks—and a Word of Welcome: Tom Wolf

Recently one of our directors needed to resign his position because of other commitments. I wish to thank Bob Sosnowski for his nearly three year participation in the Association board and the countless hours and energy he put into maintaining the membership records, heading our efforts to expand the member-

ship, observing and recording water levels daily, and many other contributions. The Association is in his debt.

Bob's decision left open a seat on the board. In its April meeting the board decided unanimously to fill that position and thereafter ex-

tended an offer to Joan Buehrle, who graciously accepted. Joan will serve out Bob's term and hopefully stand for reelection in the fall. Joan has been instrumental in providing leadership and energy behind our social initiative. If you see Joan, welcome her to the new role.

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## Water Safety— Jack Gardner

I hope by the time you are reading this, summer has finally come. The Hayward Town Council is meeting on May 13th to give us the go ahead to make the buoy placement legal. Frank Tyson has been instrumental in obtaining the permits, applications, filling them out, writing the proper ordinance and working with the town council. Frank, our thanks for all the hard work.

The buoys should be in around June first. Some need to be repaired and some additional ones will be added. Please remember whether the buoys are in or not, when you are in a boat, you must be at “slow, no wake speed” within 100 feet of shore or other boats.

Deputy Craig DePew has accepted the position of Recreation Deputy for Sawyer County. Among other duties, Deputy DePew will be working on the boating patrol on area lakes this summer, along with DNR Wardens.

Here are some DNR websites it might be handy to keep close at hand.

If you are planning to do any clear cutting, construction, installing riprap or retaining walls near the lake frontage you should check this website to see if you need a permit.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways/>

If you have any questions about size, construction, location, or anything else about piers use the following website. They also cover proper location of both your dock and the neighbors dock in case of conflict.

[http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways/factsheets/ pier\\_planner\\_082012.pdf](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways/factsheets/ pier_planner_082012.pdf)

For complaints regarding boating activities, a good contact would be the Sawyer County Sheriff's Office Communica-

tions Center at 715-634-5213. Calls to the Communication Center will be sent to either Deputy DePew or the local DNR Wardens.

For fish and game and environment violations, including shoreline rule violations, callers can call the DNR hotline at 1-800-847-9367. If you want to send an email you can use [L.E.hotline@wisconsin.gov](mailto:L.E.hotline@wisconsin.gov).

You can also send an E mail directly to Rick Peters the local warden at [Frederick.Peters@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Frederick.Peters@wisconsin.gov)

You might have noticed an ad campaign on the radio regarding what to do when someone falls overboard from a boat. Last summer there were a couple of instances in the northern part of the state where well intentioned people jumped in to help others who had fallen from the boat, with tragic results. The DNR is reminding people that the best way to help other people is to stay in the boat (or with the boat, if it has overturned) and have something available to help the person in the water. This would include a floating rope, reaching out with an oar or paddle, and most certainly having the proper PFD (Personal Flotation Device) on board and available. All too often we see these PFD stored where folks can't get to them quickly, or they are in poor repair, or an inadequate number is on board. Before you go out on the water this spring check your boat over and make sure your PFDs are in good shape and you have adequate number.

In closing it would be a good idea to take a minute and talk to your kids about how to help someone in the water without putting themselves or others at risk.

Have a safe and fun summer!!!

## Membership—Bruce McMillin

Last year the Lake Association asked for volunteers to be Road/Shoreline Captains. The purpose was to communicate with non-members as to what is happening within our lake Association, with the long term possibility of them joining our association. This year with new events being added to our activities, we would like to distribute a flyer for each event. This would be to inform and hopefully entice fellow “Lakers” to join us in those activities. Without non-member e-mail addresses this would seem to be one of the few possibilities open to us to reach non-members.

If you are willing to be a volunteer “Communicator” and distribute flyers please contact Bruce McMillin at [milliesnor\(at\)centurytel.net](mailto:milliesnor(at)centurytel.net) or 715-462-4566. I hope to hear from you and let's all have a Great Summer!

**HELP WANTED!**

### Membership Report

Potential Membership:..... 635  
 Paid Members as of 5/5/2014 ..... 241  
 Paid Members 2013:..... 382  
 Record year of 2007:..... 405

#### NOTE:

The numeral after your name on the address label is the year thru which you are currently paid — i.e. '13 means paid thru 2013, and you have not yet paid for 2014. If there is no numeral behind your name it means you have **NEVER** paid since we have been keeping records. Please consider supporting the RLPOA.

**WHY JOIN?** We need your support to protect your lakes for future generations:

1. Water Quality—clean and safe for all.
2. Invasive Species eradication.
3. Water level concerns.
4. Fishing quality.
5. Property values.

### RLPOA Board of Directors

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We have numerous opportunities to be involved in the work of the Association to protect and enhance our lake. Please let any board member know if you can help. You are the primary resource we have to maintain our lake quality.

### Round Lake Property Owners Association Inc. Membership Application

I am interested in helping one of the following committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Safety         | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter    |   |

**Membership Dues: \$35 (Due by Feb. 1 every year)**

- Enclosed are my dues of \$35 for calendar year 2014
- Enclosed are my dues of \$35 for calendar year 2015
- Enclosed is my additional contribution of \$35 for the Invasive Species fund.

Total Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to RLPOA

*Please mail to:*

Round Lake Property Owners Association  
 P.O. Box 1070  
 Hayward WI 54843

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Email (required for newsletter)

**Round Lake Property Owners Association  
Membership Meeting June 7, 2014, 1:00 PM  
At Famous Dave's Convention Center**

**Please support your lake  
association and the quality of your lake.**



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