

ROUND THE LAKE



Round Lake Property Owners Association, Inc.

August 2001

PRESIDENT'S CORNER ...

Gerry Keech

I'd like to express appreciation to the LCO Tribe, particularly the Conservation Department and the Fish Hatchery on behalf of the Round Lake Property Owners. The Conservation Department developed the Round Lake Management Plan and established the baseline for the quality of the water in Round Lake after the DNR was expected to grant the RLPOA funds to hire a water testing firm (Barr Engineering Company) which didn't happen. The LCO Conservation Department also has been inspecting the entire shoreline for Eurasian Water Milfoil for the past two (2) years with funds from a DNR Grant. Dan Tyrolt of the LCO Conservation Department recently informed me that they are pursuing how they can get certified to treat the EWM in the future which would be cheaper than to hire Lake Management which is presently being done. For years the LCO Fish Hatchery has been planting fish (walleyes and lake trout) in Round Lake at NO cost. Also the LCO Tribe has been funding their youth to build and install fish cribs in the lake for several years. As Round Lake Property Owners we should be grateful for the good working relationship we have with the LCO Tribe.

There are about 600 property owners on Big and Little Round Lake and paid membership in the Round Lake Property Owners Association just passed the 300 mark which is only 50% of the property owners. To get the 50% level our Membership Committee Chairman Arvid Tveit sent out a letter with an invoice to all unpaid members

requesting the property owners pay their dues. The dues pay for the important programs we have underway and I Don't understand why the unpaid 50% of the property owners don't pay their dues??? It is being considered to send out the Round Lake Newsletter to ONLY paid RLPOA members, which in the past was sent to ALL property owners, as the expense to print and mail the RLPO Newsletter to 300 non-dues paying home owners is approximately \$600.00.

The Sawyer County Zoning Department with representation from the Sawyer County Lake Association (including RLPOA) put together a comprehensive Shoreline Ordinance which the RLPOA supports. We must have strong zoning laws with enforcement to ensure that Round Lake will be a pristine lake for years to come so the next generations can enjoy its beauty and cleanliness.

Gerry Keech, President RLPOA Inc.

Your President,
Gerry Keech, 462-3904

TREASURER'S REPORT ...

Kurt Kretschmer

On June 1st, 2001 we separated the Eurasian Fund from our general checking account for easier accounting purposes.

We now have our general checking account at Peoples National Bank and our EWM fund with the Johnson Bank in CDs and a money market checking account. Therefore, it is important that donations to the EWM fund are made out on separate checks.

As of this report we have so far this year donations to the EWM fund in the amount of \$1,170 which is deeply appreciated.

We had an \$893.75 expense for the LCO's inspection of Round Lake for EWM, the results of same will be detailed in the WATER QUALITY column of this newsletter

In order to file a new application for non profit organizational status for the RLPOA, I had to file a financial report for the past three years. To accomplish this I had CE CE Bookkeeping conduct an audit.

I want to thank CE CE for doing a great job at a minimal fee and for offering to do a quarterly report without charge in the future.

A full financial report will be available for your perusal at our August 25th meeting. Hope to see you there.

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WATER SAFETY ...

Bob Strachota

DNR tips for water safety are very important

Below are some tips from Susan Miller, Wisconsin Conservation Warden with the Department of Natural Resources.

By following these tips, rules, and suggestions, you are sure to have a safer and hassle-free summer on our lakes.

Boaters:

1. You must have one personal flotation device (PDF) for each person on your boat. If your boat is over 16 feet, you need one wearable PFD for each person, plus one throwable for the boat.
2. You must operate your boat at slow-no-wake when within 100 feet of a pier, dock, raft, or buoyed area.
3. You must have a competent observer in your boat in addition to the driver while towing a water-skier, tuber, knee boat, or any device. You must be 100 feet from docks when towing a person behind your boat.
4. At sunset, you are required to have lights on your boat-red and green lights in front and white 360 degree light in the rear.
5. When you are anchored after sunset, you need a white light on at all times.
6. Your motorboat must be correctly registered and registration numbers must be displayed.
7. Your certificate number must be carried on the motorboat at all times while being operated.
8. All storage batteries must be secured from shifting and terminals covered with a non-conductive shield.
9. Persons 10 years but less than 12 years of age may operate a motorboat if accompanied by a parent or guardian.
10. Persons at least 12, but less than 16 years of age may operate a motorboat only if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian, or by a person 18 years or older designated by the parent or guardian, or if they have successfully completed a Department of Natural Resources Boating Safety Course and possess a safety certificate issued by the Department or state of their residency.
11. It is illegal to operate a motor boat while under the influence of an intoxicant or a controlled substance.

Personal Watercraft:

1. No person may operate a PWC from sunset to sunrise.
2. All persons riding a PWC must wear a PFD of the proper size and type (type I, II, III, or IV).
3. No one under the age of 12 may operate a PWC. (Rental age limit is 16).
4. PWCs are restricted to a slow-no-wake speed any-time.
5. It is illegal to operate a PWC within 100 feet of the following:
 - (a) Another boat towing a skier or person engaged in similar activity;
 - (b) The tow rope of another motorboat towing a skier or person engaged in similar activity;
 - (c) A person involved in skiing or a similar activity.

Fishermen:

1. Carry your fishing license with you at all times.
2. Know the bag limit on the lake you are fishing.
3. Know the size limits on the lake you fish.
4. Consult the current fishing regulations pamphlet for details.

If you see a violation of any of these rules, you can turn in the violator by calling 1-800-TIP WDNR...24 hours a day.

Have a safe and happy summer on the lakes of Wisconsin!



MEMBERSHIP ...

Arvid Tveit

The response to our INVOICE reminder last June was outstanding. Over 140 property owners submitted their 2001 dues to bring our paid memberships up to a total of 320 as of August 1-an all time high for RLPOA!

There are 600 property owners on Round and Little Round Lake so we still have a lot of members who haven't sent in their 2001 dues. A membership invoice form appears on the back of this newsletter. Please use the tear-off portion of this page to mail in your dues or pay directly at the August 25 General membership Meeting.

The addressee mailing label on this Newsletter is followed by a date of year indicating your current paid up dues status. If your number is earlier than '01, we encourage you to send in your dues of \$20 for 2001 soon.

Property ownership on a pristine lake like ours carries a responsibility of caring for the cleanness, safety, and overall attractiveness as a sports haven. Our Association is conducting several programs to protect and enhance these qualities. Each property owner is urged to be a part of it by attending our meetings, joining one of our committees and keeping your annual dues payments current.

GOVERNMENTAL AWARENESS ...

Bill Whitlock

Local units of government have been busy this summer considering and taking actions that affect or are of interest to Round Lake residents, namely:

*The Town of Hayward adopted a Comprehensive Plan that will serve as a guide for decisions to be made in the future to promote growth that is attractive, environmentally sound and good for the Town over the long run. Of particular interest to residents of the Round Lake area is the Town's indication that at sometime in the future, development of the area may be such that installation of a central sewerage system may become necessary and desirable. The Town has said that such a project is not now on the drawing board.

*The Sawyer County Lakes Forum, Inc. and the Sawyer County Citizens Committee for Shoreland Protection have held a series of informational meetings during the summer to explain the proposed changes to the shoreland zoning provisions of the County's zoning ordinance. These meetings evoked spirited discussions, the result of which is that further consideration is being given by the Citizens Committee and the Lakes Forum to the proposed changes before their recommendations are forwarded to the Zoning committee of the County Board. Whatever the recommendations are, it is likely that the County Board's action on such recommendations will affect future shoreland development on Round Lake. Residents of the Round Lake area are encouraged to keep themselves informed of the proposals being forwarded to the Board's Zoning Committee by reading the Sawyer County Record and attending future informational meetings, including any future presentation at RLPOA meetings.

*The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources held meetings this summer to receive comments on the issue of regulating the use of large rubber trampolines on and adjoining public waters. The DNR has taken the matter under advisement.

In connection with our application to the Internal Revenue Service to qualify as a tax exempt corporation under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, we have prepared proposed amendments to RLPOA's Articles of Incorporation as required by the Internal Revenue Code. These proposed amendments either have been or shortly will be mailed to all members for their written approval. To be adopted, the amendments must be approved by two-thirds of the members' votes cast or a majority of all the members, whichever is less. Achieving Section 501 (c) (3) status would mean that contributions to RLPOA are deductible and that RLPOA would become eligible for certain grants from the State of Wisconsin. The Board also intends to amend RLPOA's bylaws to bring them up to date.

We continue to review applications for variances, con-

ditional use permits, zoning and rezoning that involve Round Lake and to make any of our concerns known. We know of no pending applications that are cause for concern. I'm pleased to report that Wally Meisner, in response to my request for volunteers, has agreed to cover some of such meetings on behalf of RLPOA.

COMMUNICATIONS ...

Wally Baumgartner

New or additional water quality alert signage supplied by the DNR has been prominently posted at the Peninsula, Linden, and Busse public boat landings as well at Round Lake Marina, Gemoben and Hausman private boat landings.

Round Lake Marina and Famous Dave's Restaurant are also displaying similar signage on their respective indoor and outdoor signage.

The water quality alert signage identifies Eurasian Water Milfoil and other exotic species which are highly invasive and will choke out a lake if not controlled. Signage also requests that boaters remove all weeds from their boat and trailer prior to launching and when delunched.

Do not leave weeds or exotic species on the water's edge where they can be washed back into the lake.

Bait buckets should also be checked. Do not throw unused live bait back into the lake. It's against the law! It's requested that boaters do not power load as it is ruining our ramps.

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Once again we urge RLPO who have not joined to please do so. The "Let George do it" attitude is not in the best interest of Round Lake. The association needs the support of every RLPO if it is to successfully continue its campaign to Improve the water quality of Round Lake.

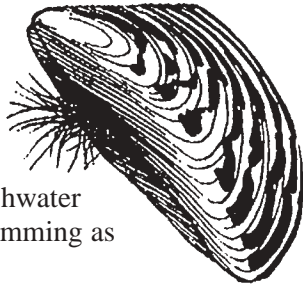
If it were not for the RLPOA, our lake would be inundated with Eurasian Water Milfoil, Algae and other pollutants.

Give some thought to what your property values will be if exotic species and pollution goes unchecked.

**Waterskiers
Take Note:
It is unlawful to engage in
waterskiing, aquaplaning
or similar activity from
SUNSET TO SUNRISE.**

ZEBRA MUSSEL ALERT

The barnacle-like zebra mussel poses a multibillion dollar threat to North America's industrial, agricultural and municipal water supplies, and it could become a costly nuisance for freshwater shipping, boating, fishing and clamming as well.



Zebra mussels look like small clams with a yellowish or brownish "D" shaped shell, usually with dark and light colored stripes (hence the name "zebra").

They can be up to two inches long, but most are under an inch. Zebra mussels usually grow in clusters containing numerous individuals and are generally found in shallow (6-30 feet), algae-rich water.

PROTECT INLAND WATERS

Boaters can unknowingly spread zebra mussels from infested to uninfested waters. Invisible in their early life-stages, zebra mussels are easily transported in water, in baitfish buckets and live wells. As adults they can attach to boat hulls, engines, trailers, fishing gear, or a number of other hard surfaces. The risk of infestation can be greatly reduced by following a few simple guidelines.

Upon removing the boat from the water, inspect the bottom, especially the underwater fittings, trim tabs and lower units. Rub your hand over the hull. If it feels grainy, there could be young zebra mussels attached. Remove any visible mussels. Put any zebra mussels you remove in the garbage, not back in the water.

Zebra mussels can attach to aquatic vegetation. It is very important to remove any plant material from your boat before leaving the boat landing.

Thoroughly drain the boat, the propulsion system, bilges, baitwell, coolers, anchor locker, and other places where water may lie.

Leave your boat out of the water in a sunny location to dry for several days.

SPECIAL NOTE OF CAUTION FOR ANGLERS

Never take bait or water from on lake and use it in another.

Take extra precaution with baitfish. Larval zebra mussels could be present in the water with the bait. If that bait is then used in another lake, the mussels can be transferred.

For more information contact:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
715-634-2688

Woodland Management Options for Lake Lot Owners

by TerryL Buchman
DNR Private Lands Forester

As the State Forester responsible for providing forest management assistance and education to landowners in Sawyer County, I receive many requests for assistance, ranging from landowners with several hundred acres, to the smaller ones who may only own a 1 or 2 acre lake lot.

Believe it or not, it's often easier and more effective to practice proper forest and land management on larger properties. Larger landowners are often more willing to follow through with my advice as well. None-the-less, I like to help the smaller landowners too whenever possible.

I often see lake lot forests full of trees that are over mature, deteriorating rapidly in health, and very close to the end of their natural life span. These over mature forests often die slowly, tree by tree, or all at once as a result of a windstorm. Many people believe that allowing nature to take its course is the best way to manage their woods. Others might believe that harvesting is needed, but simply don't know where to start.

I am a firm believer in "active" management of our forests to keep them healthy, looking good, and also to provide the wood products that we all use and need. I would much rather provide assistance to you early on when the trees are still alive and have some value. If harvesting is done while the forest is intact and relatively healthy, a selective harvest can even result in income for you. If you wait until the trees are dead, dying, or storm damaged, your options are much more limited and much more expensive. Furthermore, trees felled in a windstorm often cause considerable damage to personal property as well.

I can provide general forest management education and guidance in implementing the forest management plan to the lake lot owner free of charge. If you are interested in attending a forest management workshop this fall to learn more about managing the trees on your lake lot, please contact TerryL Buchman at 715-634-9658, ext. 3504. The date of the workshop will be announced later if there is enough interest.





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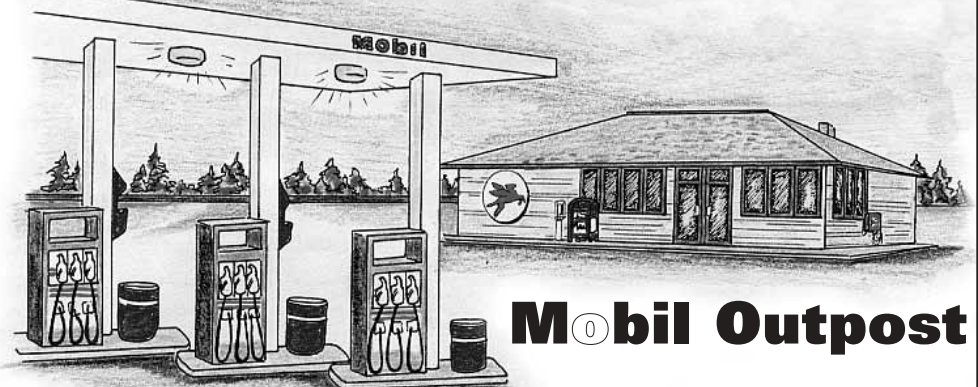
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WATER QUALITY ...

Gerry Keech

The 2001 Water Quality Plan dated June 1, 2001 has been written and approved by the RLPOA's Board of Directors. The 2001 Initiatives include (1) Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), (2) Septic Inspection, (3) Water Level, (4) Fertilizing and raking leaves into the lake and (5) Quality of the water.

2001 Eurasian Water Milfoil Financial Status

EWM Donations \$ 1,170.00
EWM LCO Inspection Expense 893.75
EWM Balance 32,404.23

The EWM inspection by the LCO Conservation Department revealed six (6) areas which will have to be chemically treated as follows:

- (a) Schoolhouse Bay - 13,500 sq. ft.
- (b) Pine Cove off Fisherman's Bay - 13,500 sq. ft.
- (c) South Shore of Richardson's Bay - 72 sq. ft.
- (d) South Shore Little Round near to swimming beach - 300 sq. ft.
- (e) East of We Do Too Campground - 27 sq. ft.
- (f) Northeast shore of Richardson's Bay, plus 2 plants in front of Grand Pines in Little Round, and a few plants around the Round Lake Marina & Rand's which will be hand pulled.

The Septic Inspection is being followed by Jim and Midge O'Conner and they state that the two (2) property owners (Rudy Hastedt and St. Claire Helm) still won't allow their properties to be inspected and fifteen (15) septic systems that failed have not been corrected. "Mac" Maki of sanitation is sending out reminder letters, a meeting will be set up with T.J. Duffy, Sawyer County Attorney to pursue getting court orders to inspect the two properties that have not been inspected and to expedite correcting the failed systems, and Dave Anderson is determining our options thru the State Attorney General's Office.

The Water Level is being followed by Marty Kyro and he states the water level is at 5.65 which is still above the 5.50 high limit but the dam is free and the water is flowing out. Two culverts were installed downstream and the Sawyer County Conservation Department is trying to fill in the water ditch/dam from Placid Lake.

The Fertilizing, Raking Leaves into the lake and Buffer Zones is being followed by Wally Narr who states he's trying to alert people of the harmful effects of fertilizing and putting leaves in the lake. He is looking at different approaches to protect the lake.

The Quality of the Water is being monitored periodically by LCO.

FISHING FOR WALLEYES

The serious angler will kiss sleep and a suntan goodbye to pursue walleye: dawn, dusk and after dark in May, June and October are the best times to fish for this underwater night owl. The average catch weighs about one and one-half pounds; walleye that tip the scales at 10 pounds plus in Wisconsin are rare. However, on some starless night dark enough to hide a raven, when the moon is cloaked by clouds and you can't see past your own nose, you could hook a chubby walleye.

Some anglers advocate still fishing from an anchored boat with live bait; others recommend trolling with spinners, drifting with the wind or current. (Traditional Wisconsin anglers will tell you that trolling for walleye with Wolf River rigs and Little John spinners is the only way to go.) Try fly casting with streamer flies or poppers on quiet, calm nights near the edges of rocky bars or weed beds. Bait-cast with minnows, worms, nightcrawlers, spoons and plugs. Ice fish with tipups or jigs. In other words, there are a lot of different ways to catch walleye and you just might have to try them all if you want to be successful.

Keep the lure or bait near the bottom and reel it in slowly-walleye are slow, deliberate biters and it's best to give them a chance to swallow the bait before setting the hook. Although walleyes are not spectacular fighters, they will put up a steady battle, always pulling for the bottom.

Wisconsin is famous for the walleye spawning runs out of the Winnebago system into the Wolf River and up part of the Wisconsin River from the flowages. The fish bite readily at this time and are likely to reward even the unluckiest of anglers with a nibble. Anglers should note that the quality of walleye fishing will vary from year to year. Successful walleye populations depend on spring flooding of spawning grounds; dry spring weather will have an adverse effect on the hatch for that year.

Not all walleyes go from the boat to the frying pan. More and more anglers are catching on to "catch and release"-releasing walleyes less than 15 inches long so that they can grow to adulthood and reproduce. It's a great way to keep the walleye population healthy and hone your angling skills. Don't land the fish; reel it in next to the side of the boat and gently remove the hook, or cut the hook off with a wire cutter. If the hook was swallowed, simply cut the line and let the fish go. The hook will gradually disintegrate.

Large, older walleyes destined for the dinner table should be eaten with caution: They may be contaminated with PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls), pesticides or mercury. Walleyes accumulate these toxins in their bodies as they feed on smaller fish which contain trace amounts of contaminant's. DNR publishes a Fish Consumption Advisory every six months listing waters that contain walleye unsafe to eat.

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COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- **August 25:** General Membership Meeting at Round Lake Town Hall at 9:00 a.m.
- **Spring:** General Membership Meeting. Date and location to be announced in Spring Newsletter and Sawyer County Record

Round Lake Property Owners Assoc., Inc. • 2001 Membership Invoice

Name _____
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Address _____
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I would be interested in serving on the _____ committee

Telephone number(s) where I can be reached _____
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