

Boy oh boy, you know when fall is in the air. All you have to do is note the growth of cut wood piles. The neat thing about them is in their artistry. I'm not included in the artistry but I'll tell you Knott Lane folks are. Some of those mounds of wood have purpose other than just heat - like when spring arrives, much of the cut logs will find them turning raw sap into wonderful maple syrup!

What else do we have facing us in the next several weeks? Well fall brings on lots of good things like the chatter of happy birds, the harvest of veggies and cash crops, the upcoming hunt, ice fishing (pretty soon), and some other stuff to follow.

The smells. If you spend time in the woods in the fall there are odors that are so spice like. I guess they are primarily there because the flora and fauna are in their late stages of life and release those wonderful smells.

While in the woods some of us will want to mix the colors. Yellow, reds, oranges and their mix blend in with the more vivid greens as the conifers prepare themselves for the winter season. Now we go from the woods to the water.

The state of the lake is surely more encouraging. Lots of new fish planted and a rising water level. There is hope at least. C' mon lake water, do keep rising.

Couldn't have written this piece without a mention of what many folks consider an intrusion. The noisy four wheelers are an intrusion to the tranquility of lake living. So the only answer seems to be compromise. Since the vehicles are primarily for off road operation then when on roads slow down, add a muffler (thanks Eric for your input & suggestions) and in general drive them as your auto - but much more slowly. 'Nuff said but please consider the environment when running these intruders. Thank you.

So, think clean thoughts, do good work and stay in touch. It is a great world out there and we're so lucky to have Lake Lucerne as a part of it.

*Lake Lucerne is a uniquely special lake  
and the Association desires to maintain  
and improve its quality.*

**Fall 2014**

# Lake Lucerne Advancement Association Newsletter

## 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ACTIVITIES AT CLUBHOUSE UNLESS  
OTHERWISE NOTED

### MAY

May 9 - Clean Up Day - 9 a.m.

May 23 - LLAA Board Meeting - 9 a.m.

### JUNE

June 6 - Membership Meeting/Pot Luck - 9 a.m.

June 13 - Meet Your Neighbor - 5-10:30 p.m.

### JULY

July 11 - Fun Days Organizational Meeting - 9 a.m.

July 31 - Fun Day Set Up - 9 a.m.

### AUGUST

Aug. 1 - FUN DAY -10 a.m.

Aug. 2 - Fun Day Clean Up - 9 a.m.

Aug. 29 - LLAA Annual Meeting - 9 a.m.

### SEPTEMBER

Sept. 8 - LLAA Golf Outing - 12:30 p.m. - Nicolet CC

Cocktails & Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

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# Fall Fishing Survey Summary

Submitted by Michael Preul, Fisheries Biologist, Sokaogon Chippewa Community

On October 15, 2014, fisheries staff from the Sokaogon Chippewa Community and Rick Hermus and Steve Bunda from Lake Lucerne performed a fish survey on Lake Lucerne using two electrofishing boats. The survey consisted of making a complete trip around the lake shoreline at night, and netting all gamefish, with an emphasis on walleye. Survey conditions were good with a water temperature of 52°F and an air temp of 45°F and a slight chop on the water from a north wind of 5mph. Due to higher water levels, for the first time in many years, the survey included shorelines and bays south of the islands. The survey began at dark and was completed by 10 pm.

Catch rates of all fish species were relatively low.

Results were dominated by smallmouth bass. A few big fish of all species were sampled. Walleye naturally reproduced in Lake Lucerne in 2014 (5.6 - 6.6 inches) and walleye stocked in fall 2013 (9.1 – 11.2 inches) were sampled in low numbers. The highlight of the survey was the netting of a 14.5 inch cisco. In late fall 2014, 225 adult cisco, 12-16 inches in length were transferred into Lake Lucerne. Cisco are a cold-water pelagic forage species that is native to Wisconsin. They were historically found in Lake Lucerne, and they were most likely extirpated from the lake by the invasive species rainbow smelt. Cisco will benefit many fish species in the lake, but they should have the biggest impact on walleye and particularly lake trout. Cisco are late fall spawners, so hopefully they will successfully reproduce later this fall.

In 2015, the Sokaogon Chippewa Community will partner with WDNR Fisheries-Florence to perform an adult walleye and bass population estimate on Lake Lucerne. Volunteers will be welcomed to assist with performing the survey work. In addition, approximately 10,000 large fingerling walleye will be stocked into Lake Lucerne in the fall as part of the Wisconsin Walleye Initiative. It is likely that the stocked walleye will be raised locally at the Sokaogon Chippewa fish hatchery pond complex.

### 2014 Lake Lucerne Fall Fish Survey Results Summary:

Species	Walleye	Small Mouth Bass	Large Mouth Bass	Northern Pike
Total Sampled	23	81	11	15
Size Range (in)	5.6 - 23.9	3.5 - 16.4	3.0 - 19.9	14.0 - 31.4

The Sokaogon Chippewa Community just wrapped up a successful year of raising and stocking walleye. Beginning in early May, walleye eggs collected from a local lake were incubated and hatched at the Tribal fish hatchery, and then raised from fry to large fingerling size at the Tribal pond complex. Approximately 30,000 walleye up to 8 inches in length were stocked into local lakes. Lakes included Franklin, Jungle, Mole, Pickerel, Pine, and Rangeline in Forest County, and Rose in Langlade County. The Tribe currently operates four-0.6 acre rearing ponds, and is currently completing the construction of two additional 1-acre ponds that will be operational in spring 2015. In 2015, the goal will be to produce 45,000 walleye for stocking into local lakes.

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

And another summer season on the lake comes to an end. It was a great season, not too hot and not too cold...maybe a bit too cool! Seems as though the fishermen, swimmers, boaters, skiers, and sunbathers all had the opportunity to enjoy our beautiful lake.

Following are several items in no particular order I'd like to share with you. First- our building projects are completed. We have one of the best meeting facilities in the county. Thanks to all the volunteers, especially Norm Heberer and Jack Kloss, the brains behind the project. The facilities can be rented for \$150 and a \$150 refundable deposit. The really good news is that we still have \$9,000 in the bank.

A few things about next years calendar of events. We moved the Meet Your Neighbor event to June 13, 2015, and will have a free grilled chicken dinner for all that attend. Mark your calendar! Fundays may have a silent auction and the paddle wheel will have steak, rib eyes, and bacon included. All events will begin at 10 am NOT 9 am as in the past. The prize drawings will be at 4 pm NOT 5pm. Auction preview will be at 9:30 am.

Regarding the lake: The DNR has allowed us to put our building at the boat landing back near the dock. This will allow boaters and visitors easy access to all the brochures and invasive samples we have on display. Also the DNR put a short dock at the landing for the first time in 5 or 6 years. Thanks, it sure helps launching and loading our boats. As for the water level... the late rains sure helped raise the water level. I believe that the water level is now the highest it has been in maybe 10 years, but it is still down 4' from normal.

Just signed: NR115 was signed into law by the governor in September. The board will try to keep you updated on any changes that might affect us riparians in spring.

Dues for Lifetime Membership were approved by membership to be \$225. This will include a terrific embroidered cap made in the USA. If interested send a check now. See form in this newsletter. I'm going to!

Phragmites have been discovered on our lake. See map and article from John Preuss in this newsletter. Thanks to John, the DNR, and a concerned riparian it was discovered early and is currently being treated.

Note to our ATV and UTV riders. The Forest County ATV Club has replaced the 25 mile an hour speed limit sign with a 10 MPH sign around the lake. The Town of Lincoln adopted an ATV ordinance last year in September making this an enforceable ordinance. Please respect the speed limits and others using our roads. This also includes car and truck drivers that are not observing the 25 MPH limit.

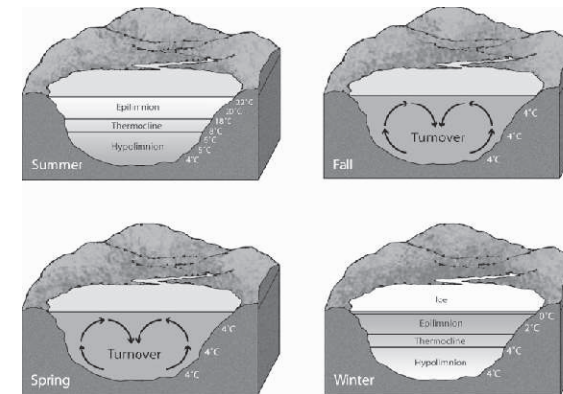
Another issue concerning many of us is the personal lake signage at many of the road intersections. They are old and rotting. The membership voted to discontinue the program. They will be removed in the spring and returned to the owners. I will be checking into the possibility of having several color metal signs showing our lake and the roads with "From - To" Fire numbers indicated. They would not include names and would be placed at key intersections. More on this in the spring.

On the day of this writing, Mike Preul, Fisheries Biologist of the Sokaogon Chippewa Community, will be bringing 2 electro fishing boats to continue the study of our lake and its fish type, size, etc. It's 45 degrees. Hope all will dress warm. This newsletter will be held until Mike's report is ready and it will be included plus some pictures.

That's all for now. I'm wishing all of you a safe winter season, hopefully with much snow to continue raising the water level of our beautiful lake. See you in spring!

Larry Sommer, President

## LAKE TURN OVER - Submitted by Sara Austin



Something strange and wonderful happens when water reaches a temperature of approximately 39° Fahrenheit (40° Celsius). Well, it is wonderful for lakes and the life in them, not so for the roads on which we drive. In any case, as water cools to that temperature, it contracts and become more dense, ultimately sinking to the bottom of the lake and pushing the water it has displaced to the surface, where it too can cool. With continued cooling at the surface, the decreasing temperature should eventually cause all water to eventually freeze solid and sink to the bottom... meaning that the lake would freeze from the bottom up -- eventually destroying all life beneath the waves. Why then does this not happen? The chemistry of the

water molecule dictates that at 39° (39.20° to be precise) Fahrenheit, water actually expands and becomes less dense, allowing it to float above the warmer water! The water that cools below that temperature, to 32°, freezes and stays on the top, effectively capping the lake. It also stops further energy loss from the lake. Everything beneath the surface of the ice never gets any colder than 39°.

Source: www.onthelake.net/fishing/turnover

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR ANNUAL DUES

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

LAKE ADDRESS (FIRE # & ROAD): \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

IF NEW TO LAKE - FORMER OWNERS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(For record keeping purpose)

PHONE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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9:00 a.m. Breakfast was provided by the Lake Association and its members. Thank you to all who prepared and served breakfast.

9:30 a.m. Meeting was called to order by President Larry Sommer, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Welcome and introduction of Board Members, Vice President-LexAnn Hitchcock, Treasurer-Rick Hermus, Secretary-Cheryl Hermus, Board Members Sara Austin, Jack Kloss and Wayne Daul. Board Member, Judy Nelson was absent. Also introduced were guest speakers Mike Preul, Mole Lake Fish Biologist and Todd Vesser, Boat Landing Coordinator.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** Chuck Zwerg motioned to accept the agenda as printed. Andy Wienser seconded. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2014 SPRING MEETING.** Tom Austin motioned to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2014 Spring Meeting as printed. Carol Tomasi seconded. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2014 BOARD MEETING.** Tom Austin motioned to accept the minutes of the August 25, 2014 Board Meeting as printed. Carol Tomasi seconded. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT.** Rick Hermus presented a recap of the financial statements, which were included with the agenda for the meeting. Carroll Halsted asked if the building expenses were taken out of cash flow. Rick responded with the exception of snow jacks to be purchased for the latest pavilion addition, all building expenses were taken out of cash flow. It was moved by Tom Austin, seconded by Carol Tomasi and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. President, Larry Sommer thanked Jack Kloss for his inspiration of the construction for the pavilions. Also a "thank you" to Norb Heberer for heading up the project and all the volunteers who devoted their time and hard work to complete the project. Larry also thanked everyone for a successful Fun Days. Wayne Daul stated that we are still looking for someone to Chair the Kids Games for Fun Days. Renee Daul volunteered to be Chairperson for the Kids Games. Thank you Renee.

#### PROGRAMS:

Mike Pruel, Mole Lake Fish Biologist. "DNR Walleye Initiative". Questions and Answers. Mike opened his program with a brief explanation on the DNR Walleye Initiative program that Lake Lucerne is taking part in and then moved the discussion to questions and answers. The program started in 2013. Luke Lucerne was stocked with 10,600 Walleye in 2013 and will be stocked in 2015 and 2017 according to the program. Because we are in the program we cannot stock ourselves and research shows that stocking every year is not a benefit. Mike's boat will be on the lake on October 15th to survey fish. He can accommodate 3-4 people. Anyone interested should contact Mike. Next year there will be discussion on the bass situation.

**Todd Vesser, Boat Landing Coordinator.** Todd thanked all members who have been volunteering at the boat landing, but we are short volunteer hours at the boat landing for the 2014 Grant. Asked that if anyone could spend some time at the boat landing, would be much appreciated.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

2014 Grant, Rick Hermus. Rick asked that all shoreline monitoring hours be sent to him. This refers to time spent (whether boating, kayaking or just walking the shoreline) monitoring the lake bottom or water's edge. The end of the 2014 Grand period is September 30th, so please get hours in as soon as you can.

**GOLF OUTING.** Everything is ready to go. Golfers tee off at 1:30, with dinner to be served at 6:00. 39 golfers are signed up. A general discussion was held as to if the outing should be moved to an earlier date for more members to participate. Dick Hosler will check out with the golf course to see if possible and report back.

**OLD BUSINESS.** None.

#### NEW BUSINESS.

**Increase Lifetime Membership to \$225 (includes a hat with logo and Lifetime Member embroidered on it).** A general discussion was held and it was proposed that as of January 1, 2015 a Lifetime Membership be increased to \$225 with a hat with logo and Lifetime Member embroidered on it. A motion was made by John Saarinen that as of January 1, 2015 a Lifetime Membership be increased to \$225 and to include a hat with Lifetime Member embroidered on and amend the LLAA Bylaws as follows:

"Section 1.6 **Membership Dues.** The membership dues shall be established by the Board and voted on by the membership at the annual meeting. Dues shall be payable by the first meeting of the year. As of January 1, 2015, a \$225 lifetime membership, to include a hat with Lifetime Member embroidered on it is also included." Motion seconded by Jeff Spitzer. Motion carried.

**Sign in right-of-way at intersection of Cty. Rd. W and Hwy 8.** A general discussion was held as to whether or not the sign should be taken down or stay up. It was decided that the sign should be taken down. A motion was made by Jeff Spitzer that the sign be taken down, seconded by Dick Hosler. Motion carried. Val Blazich suggested that maybe the sign could be auctioned off after it was taken down.

**Lake Signs.** The lake signs/posts are in bad shape. There were three options discussed: (1) repair the lake signs/posts and continue as we are doing; (2) have new signs done by a company in Green Bay; or (3) discontinue the signs altogether. A general discussion was held and it was decided to discontinue the lake signs, remove them and have 4 or 5 "Lake Lucerne" signs made and put up in certain areas around the lake. A motion was made by Ann Spitzer to discontinue the lake signs, remove them and have 4 or 5 "Lake Lucerne" made to be put up in certain areas around the lake, seconded by Meg Weinser. Motion carried.

**Fall Newsletter.** Reminder that anyone wishing to put an article in the Fall Newsletter please submit it to Judy Nelson by October 10, 2014.

**Consider applying for 2015 Clean Water/Clean Boat Grant.** A general discussion was held as to whether or not the association should apply for the 2015 Grant. The application process starts December 15, 2014. A motion was made by Carroll Halstad that the association should apply for the 2015 Grant, seconded by Steve Bunda. Motion carried.

**Donation request from Crandon Water Ski Club.** A request was received by the Crandon Water Ski Club for a \$500 donation for 2013 and \$500 for 2014. A general discussion was held and it was decided to table the donation until the 2015 Spring Meeting and that Rick Hermus would talk with Angie Schaefer regarding the concerns of the members of Lake Lucerne. A motion was made by Carroll Halstad to table the Ski Club donation until the 2015 Spring Meeting and have Rick Hermus meet with Angie Schaefer to discuss the concerns of Lake Lucerne members, seconded by Dennis Midtvedt. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion on a portable platform for a Loon's nest. No decision was made.

**ELECTIONS.** The following Officers and Board Members terms were up for election.

Vice President – LexAnn Hitchcock

Treasurer – Rick Hermus

Board Member – Judy Nelson

Board Member – Jack Kloss

Carroll Halsted moved to cast a unanimous ballot to reelect the slate of officers and board members for another 2-year term. Motion seconded by Dick Hosler. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

# Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring

## Submitted by Rick J. Hermus

The Lake Lucerne Advancement Association, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and many volunteers from around Lake Lucerne, have completed another successful year of monitoring for aquatic invasive species (AIS).

With the assistance of Todd Veaser, our Volunteer Coordinator, the public boat landing was manned with volunteers from May through September to both monitor and educate boaters about AIS, how they spread from lake to lake, and how they affect our waterways. As the many volunteers discovered, boaters are very appreciative of the efforts to monitor and educate. As I traveled to various lakes this year, I experienced several levels of interaction with volunteers, and our Lake Association does a great job of supplying our volunteers with a great location and access to boaters visiting Lake Lucerne.

The discovery of some boaters who traveled to Lake Lucerne with weeds on their trailers was disheartening. Luckily, all weeds discovered were NOT invasive species. However, the boaters were informed about the stiff fines which can be leveled against them by law enforcement officials if weeds are transported on boat trailers (regardless if they are invasive species or not.) All boaters appreciated the warnings and did not realize they had weeds on their trailers. Our educational process certainly provided incentive for them to change their habits in the future.

The many hours provided by lake residents conducting shoreline monitoring did not reveal any invasive species or suspicious plants in Lake Lucerne. The vigilance of shoreline monitoring continues to provide the best "eyes on the water" for our efforts to contain any invasive species that could creep into our pristine lake.

The Phragmites discovered along the south shore last year by residents conducting shoreline monitoring are being addressed this month. The Department of Natural Resources will be hand pulling these patches of invasive species to remove them from Lake Lucerne. Due to the vigilance of local residents, this invasive species was discovered early and will easily be eliminated. This is a great example of just how important your efforts are to maintaining the quality of Lake Lucerne.

If you conducted shoreline monitoring, and have not yet reported your shoreline monitoring hours, please email them to me at [rchermus@yahoo.com](mailto:rchermus@yahoo.com). There is still time to include them in this years grant.

At the Annual Meeting, residents did vote to once again apply for a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Clean Boat/Clean Water – Aquatic Invasive Species Grant for 2015. That process will begin very soon, and we should know by next spring if we are once again successful in securing that grant and partnering with the Wisconsin DNR on CBCW-AIS monitoring.

## Building and ground maintenance

### Submitted by Jack Kloss

Our new pavilion was completed in time for the auction and fun days. This is a big addition to our Association grounds and worked perfectly for the auction. We want to give a big thank you to Norm Heberer who led this project and to all the volunteers who worked on it, job well done. At this time we are installing snow jacks on the north roof and also a rain gutter. Next spring we have a volunteer who will install the electrical work. Once again Tim Turriff will be cleaning up the leaves with his tractor and lawn sweeper. We owe him a big thank you. Bill Perry has winterized the Association building so would like to thank him also. Have a good winter, we'll see you all next spring.

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

### Submitted by- LexAnn Hitchcock

It was a very enjoyable night with over 65 people attending. It was a great night of socializing, relaxing and enjoying our clubhouse. Food, pet supplies and donations were collected for the local food pantry and Humane Society. Yummy pork and beef sandwiches were served. Thank you to all of the attendees the brought salads and desserts to add to the meal. Next year we are changing the date of the event to June 13th. Grilled chicken will be the main entrée. Any new ideas??? Call LexAnn Hitchcock 715-478-2233.



# FCAL Fall Forum

Submitted by Carol Tomasi

On September 13, the Forest County Association of Lakes held its annual Fall Forum at the Lake Lucerne Club House. Format for the day was a question and answer session with a panel consisting of Mike Preul Fish biologist with the Sakogon Chippewa, Jim Kreitlow DNR representative from Rhinelander, John Preuss, Forest, Langlade and Lincoln county Invasive Species Coordinator, and Emily Anderson of the Wild Rivers group at Florence. Attached are responses to questions submitted by attendees and remarks from the panel.

With the rain we had this summer, Bishop Lake is back to the water level of fifty years ago.

Riparian owners control the areas above the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) but not the lake bed. The OHWM is the typical water level as the water level fluctuates from year to year.

On some of the lakes with low water levels, property owners have cleaned up the lake bed to provide a pristine area for recreation. Hand removal of weeds for a 30' corridor to the water is allowed. Mowing and other maintenance using vehicles is not allowed. Water regulation and zoning staff is the regulatory agency for shoreland maintenance. A natural shoreline will filter nutrients before the reach the lake.

•On another lake, algae is a problem. There are two kinds of algae filamentous and plantonic algae. Filamentous algae is fertilized by the waste products of zebra mussels. Plantonic algae (blue green algae) goes where the wind blows it.

•Phragmites, a type of tall grass, has been found on Lake Lucerne. Several patches have been reported. On some of our lakes especially where soil quality is poor, native plants do not grow well but hybrids do. Hybrid black eyed susan, hybrid columbine and hostas do well along lake shores. There was a caution regarding lupines. There are two species. The taller variety that comes in pink as well as blue is not a native specie and is invasive in many areas. The native variety is shorter and only blue. It is less prolific.

•The water level in Lake Lucerne is the highest it has been in ten years. But it is still down about four feet.

•Lake Lucerne has introduced lake trout which were natural in the lake. In 2011, Mike did not find smelt in the lake. 250 ciscos (from North Twin Lake in Vilas County) have been reintroduced into the lake. There will be a followup to see if they have survived. Cisco predators are lake trout and walleye.

•Lake Lucerne is part of the Walleye Initiative, 10,000 walleye will be added every other year, lake trout a total of three times in a seven year period (through 2017). After that, natural reproduction will take over and no further stocking will be necessary. Lake Lucerne will not add fish during the study period. Some of the other lakes involved in the Walleye Initiative are: Roberts, Silver, Franklin and Pine. Lake Metonga has been part of the Walleye Initiative since 2008 and has had great success. Walleye are now naturally reproducing in Lake Metonga. Funding for each lake will continue for three stocking events. Stocking is done in either even or odd years. Stocking is done every other year to determine if natural reproduction is occurring. Natural fish will be of an indeterminate size between two stocking years.

•Perch and walleye coexist. Most good walleye lakes have yellow perch. Lake Lucerne has minnows and shiners but these are not available for walleye at the appropriate time. Timing is critical. Perch hatch after walleye and are just the right size for young walleyes. Lake Lucerne has asked about stocking perch.

•The fish rearing facility at Mole Lake will be expanded. Currently there are four ponds. Next year there will be six ponds. In 2015 it is anticipated that Mole Lake will be able to produce 45,000 fingerlings. They hope to build an indoor rearing facility.

Tours of the fish rearing facility at Mole Lake are available. Call Mike Preul for information or to schedule a tour.

Mike remarked that walleye thrive at temperatures between 68 and 75 degrees. Recently, having lost 12 degrees, the walleye were in a feeding frenzy.

•The Potawatomi will do restoration work on the Rat River.

•Windfall Lake will begin extensive weed harvesting next year. Grant money will provide a weed cutter. Volunteers will operate the machine. Maintenance and liability will be the responsibility of the lake association. Predator lanes will be established. Cost of the cutter is \$60,000. There will be a contract with the manufacturer to maintain the machine. The annual cost of Windfall membership is: Full Member \$150. (20 full members), Associate Member \$75. (12 associate members), Supporting Member \$50.

•Lost Lake is an 80 acre lake with an average of five feet of water and eighteen feet of muck. The lake association is looking for a grant for aeration. (The oxygen level is low in winter.) Aeration will not help the sediment but will help with fish survival. A grant program requires public access to the lake. A Lake Management Plan costs about \$15,000. To \$20,000.

•Arbutus Lake has good news. For the first time in ten years, water is moving into and out from the lake. The level of large leaf pond weed is down. Weed growth is down. (In many lakes the late ice out and cool temperatures have caused less weed growth.)

•2003 to 2011 were drought years. Ground water is rebounding.

•Roberts Lake has started a first responder program. They purchased three oxygen kits and an AED defibrillator. Lake people were trained with the defibrillator. First call 911 then call a first responder.

•Butternut Lake has spiny water fleas. These forage on the bottom end of the food chain. There is no remediation available.

# Common Reed Grass (Phragmites)

Submitted by John Preuss

Have you been to Green Bay and noticed the tall grass covering much of the shoreline on Lake Michigan? This tall grass is Phragmites or more commonly known as common reed grass. This grass is a long-lived perennial invasive species that grows up to 16 feet tall and is extremely aggressive. Leaves are wide, dark green to blue-green and up to 30 inches long. The leaves will be dropped in winter but the leaf sheathes will remain attached to the stem. The seed heads are fluffy and usually 8 to 12 inches in length. This grass spreads mainly by its extensive rhizomes and in ideal conditions can spread up to 16 feet in a single season. The plant can also spread by plant fragments and seed. When established it can create dense monotypic stands that offer little food or habitat for native birds and animals. The plant can also make access to the water very difficult and often blocks the view of water if well established.

Phragmites was discovered on Lake Lucerne in 2013 by a concerned lake resident who noticed the plant. The plant was confirmed as invasive phragmites by AIS Coordinator John Preuss shortly after. It is very fortunate the Phragmites was discovered early before it had a chance to become established. Currently the plant is found in 16 locations throughout the lake. The plant populations are currently very small and not well established. Eradication efforts are being conducted on the lake in 2014 and 2015. If you notice an aquatic invasive species, please contact Lumberjack Resource Conservation AIS Coordinator John Preuss at (715) 369-9886 or johnpreuss@frontier.com.



## Golf Outing - Submitted by Val Blazich

We enjoyed great weather for this year's golf outing on September 2nd. There were 39 golfers comprising 10 teams.

**The 1<sup>st</sup> place team winners** - Jeff Spitzer, Meg Wienser, Laurie Bunda, and Dave Meier were awarded green jackets.

**2<sup>nd</sup> place team** - Bernice Geurts, Wayne Daul, Betty Conrad, Jim Wienser

**3<sup>rd</sup> place team** - Ann Spitzer, Andy Wienser, Steve Bunda

**4<sup>th</sup> place team** - Lexann Hitchcock, Marc Blazich, Marcia Rippey, Don Broman



**Longest Drive for Men**-Roy Conrad, **Longest Drive for Women**-Mary Lou Collins,

**Closest to the Pin 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot Men**-Terry Coughlin, **Closest to the Pin 1<sup>st</sup> Shot Women**-Meg Wienser

Thanks to our volunteers Rick & Cheryl Hermus, Marian Kloss, Chris Hosler, and Val Blazich.

Huge thanks to Mark Orlovsky for volunteering to organize next year's golf outing. See the website for pictures.

## Fun Days - 2014 Submitted by LexAnn Hitchcock

Another Fun Day is in the history book. Friends, families, new faces and members enjoyed a very successful day. The day cooperated with good weather. There were plenty of auction items sold and the paddlewheel was busy most of the day. Many brats, burgers, beverages and fries were consumed. Over \$9,000.00 was raised! A huge THANK YOU goes out to all of the members, friends and relatives who helped set up, run the event and clean up. Looking forward to next year for more people to volunteer a couple of hours. If you wish to chair or co-chair a committee, please contact LexAnn Hitchcock 715-478-2233 or Jack Kloss 715-478-3425. Please contact us if you have some new ideas, etc. The more people involved the more it will be a success!

Next year look for a **new** revised schedule of the day and **new** items for the paddlewheel and boards. Thank you to Renee Dahl who has stepped up to chair the Kid's Games.