

LAKE WAUSAU ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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STAY INVOLVED WITH THE LAKE WAUSAU ASSOCIATION!

Highlights of LWA efforts in 2016

Join Us! - The full board meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 at Gulliver's. Board meetings are open to members and guests! Our board work continued to center around the following topics: fund raising, education, weed control, water quality, partnerships with state and local government, and community organizations. Listed below are several highlights from our efforts in 2016

- Raised over \$23,000 at our 2016 Fund-raiser which will be used for improvements to Lake Wausau including weed control.
- Weed Control - Worked to remove 220 tons of aquatic plants chiefly comprised of curly pond weed from Lake Wausau in the summer of 2016.
- Filed a State Surface Water grant to update our Aquatic Macrophyte survey, (Wisconsin State requirement to continue weed management on Lake Wausau.)
- Collaborating with the US Army Corp of Engineers to start the hydrodynamic modeling - the last study needed for our total Lake Management Plan!
- Helped organize a lake clean up with the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association which resulted in the removal of more than 3 tons of debris!
- Met with Domitar to gain insight into the lake draw-down in order to communicate proper information to our lake community.
- Organized a LWA public information hearing on the proposed draw-down, that included a panel of 8 experts that were available for questions and comments.



**Contact Us! We'd
love to connect!**

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SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE LAKE WAUSAU

RENEW YOUR 2017 MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

"Membership is open to all friends of Lake Wausau and provides opportunities to network and socialize with other lake users, receive important news and information about Lake Wausau and its surroundings, and to be involved in one of our community's greatest resources."

Your membership dollars support the work of the Lake Wausau Association to continue our efforts maintain a healthy, beautiful lake for today and future generations. Please consider becoming involved today as a new member, or a continued supporter of our vital efforts. Help us continue to grow as a lake centered community by recruiting new members. Pass on the word to your neighbors, friends and fellow lake users. The Lake Wausau Association is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3d) of the IRS Code, your membership dues of \$25 and any donations are fully tax deductible. The Association is supported almost entirely by member dues and donations.

Mark Your Calendars for the Lake Wausau Association Social February 8, 2017!

The Lake Wausau Association Social will be held on February 8th at Gulliver's Landing, 1701 Mallard Lane. It will start at 6:00 with appetizers provided (purchase your own drinks), and a chance to socialize with your fellow lake users. We will also have Chris Hamerla as a guest speaker. Chris is an Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator with the Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development. He will provide a brief presentation on identification and eradication of invasive aquatic plant species in Lake Wausau. Mingle, learn, and enjoy!



2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please check applicable box: Membership Renewal New Membership

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Mobile _____

Email* _____

Date Dues Paid _____

ANNUAL DUES - \$25.00:

Dues are valid for one calendar year ending 12/31 upon payment of membership dues, except a new member joining during the last two months of a calendar year shall be entitled to membership from date of payment of dues through the entire next calendar year. If membership fees for a calendar year have not been paid by the last day of that calendar year, the member shall be in arrears and shall no longer be entitled to any rights of membership.

Please make all checks payable to the Lake Wausau Association and return with completed form to:

Lake Wausau Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 1952

Wausau, WI 54402-1952

*Email address is recommended for receiving important membership communications (i.e., calendar events, notifications, important news, etc.).

Bald Eagle Watching on Lake Wausau

The cold winter months of December through February are good times to find and watch bald eagles in Wisconsin. Since lakes and rivers freeze over in winter, dams and power plants provide areas of open water in which the eagles can fish.

When and Where to Look

The greatest number of eagles can usually be seen at open-water areas in the mornings as they fly back and forth, searching for their first meal of the day. Wintering eagles also feed on carrion and later in the day can frequently be seen searching for and feeding on dead deer and other animals in the countryside. Once a carcass is located, several eagles often congregate to feed. Late in the afternoon, the eagles head to their favorite night roosting areas - places with large trees that provide protection from cold winds and severe weather. A 2016 midwinter Bald Eagle Survey reported 19 eagle sightings in Marathon County.

Bald Eagle Territories In and Around Lake Wausau

There are two known bald eagle territories in the Lake Wausau area. One, located in the northwestern region of the lake, was first reported in 1997 and has been occupied by breeding adults every year since. The second territory is located in the central region of Lake Wausau and has been active since 2011. Both eagle pairs have established nests in large white pine trees located in backwater areas of the lake where disturbance levels are normally less than in the open water locations of the lake. These eagles normally lay eggs and begin incubating in late March. The egg incubation period for eagles takes about 35 days and hatched chicks are able to fly about 11 weeks after hatch.

Breeding eagles can be very sensitive to disturbances, including people approaching an occupied nest tree. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recommends maintaining a buffer of 660 feet between yourself and an occupied eagle nest during the critical nesting period months of March, April, May, and June.

~info provided by James Woodford, wildlife biologist, WIDNR.



The Goal of the Lake Wausau Association is to protect and maintain the Lake for the entire community and to assure that this treasured resource remains healthy for current users and future generations. We welcome all to join our efforts

Up Coming Events

January 21-23: Free Fish Weekend, no fishing license needed on Lake Wausau.

February 1: Lake Wausau Association Monthly Board meeting, Gulliver's Restaurant, 6 pm.

February 6: 35th Annual Ice Fishing Jamboree at Half Moon Lake, Mosinee.

February 8: Lake Wausau Association Social, Gulliver's Restaurant, 6 pm.

March 1: Lake Wausau Association Monthly Board meeting, Gulliver's Restaurant, 6 pm.

April 21: Lake Wausau Association 5th Annual Fund-raiser Event, Rothschild Pavilion. 6-10 pm. See information below for admission and raffle tickets.

How many of these fish prized by Lake Wausau ice fishermen can you identify?

1



2



3



4



Lake Wausau Association 5th Annual Fundraiser Event

Friday, April 21, 2017 from 6 - 10 pm at the Rothschild Pavilion

Don't miss our 5th annual fund-raising event! Tickets are \$50 per person and include entry into cash prize drawings (1st place - \$2,500, 2nd place - \$1,000, 3rd place - \$500, 4th place - \$300, 5th place - \$200.) Tickets also include a buffet style dinner catered by Gulliver's Landing, beverages (beer, wine, and soda,) and night-long raffles and auctions. Only 400 tickets will be sold! Get yours today and join us for a fun social evening with chances to win cash and other prizes! Proceeds from this event go towards Lake Wausau improvements. For tickets email lakewausau@gmail.com or call or text Kathy at 715-571-3197 or Holly at 715-551-9550.

LWA is seeking donations for raffle items. LWA is a qualified tax-exempt nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. Donations are tax-deductible. Please contact us at lakewausau@gmail.com if you are interested in donating items or services for this event.

4. Bluegill

3. Walleye

2. Northern Pike

1. Perch

Fish Species of Lake Wausau - how many did you get right?