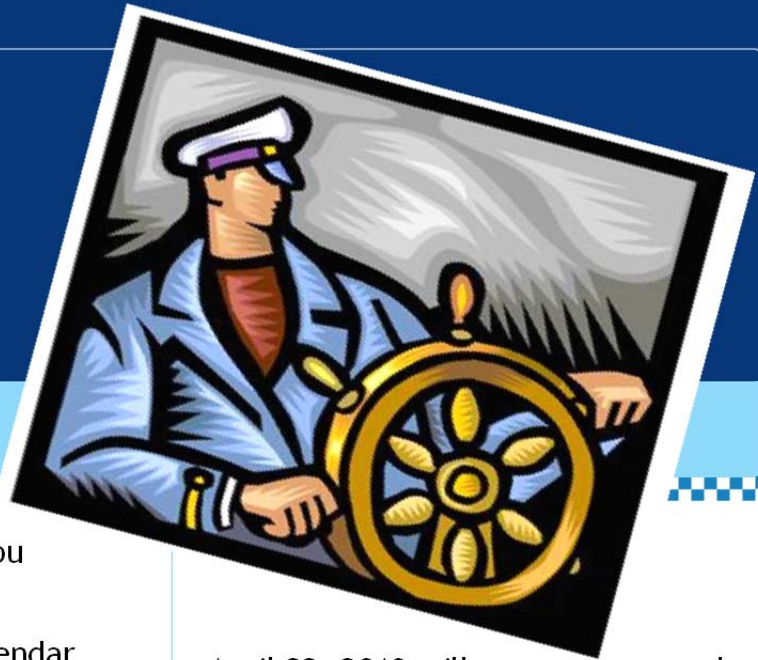


Lake Wausau Association Newsletter

Spring 2013

Captain's Chair

Ahoy fellow members!



I am hoping this newsletter finds all of you healthy and happy.

Summer is fast approaching or so the calendar tells us. (From my window over "Birthday Bay" it doesn't seem like it!)

The Lake Wausau Association has had a very busy and exiting past year. Phase one of the lake study has been completed and we have very good information in hand with more to come, as the next two phases are finished. Please keep yourselves updated on progress by checking the web site and attending informational meetings.

Thanks to all who attended the member's social in February. The guest speakers provided some really great information. The hors d'oeuvres were excellent and getting to visit with all who came out made it a success.

April 22, 2013 will mark what we hope to be our annual fund raising event. Raffle tickets to the event at Gulliver's Landing are being sold as you read this and are going fast. Contact a board member to get your tickets. Auctions, games of chance, good food and drink promise to make this a fun event.

In closing, I will say I am proud to be part of a progressive movement to protect and maintain the waters that are the "jewel" of our communities. Please remember to renew your memberships and be as active in the association as you can.

See you on the water,

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LAKE WAUSAU ASSOCIATION

FIRST ANNUAL SOCIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

April 22, 2013 held at

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Tickets must be purchased in advance. Each ticket holder is entitled to a buffet style dinner and open bar from 6pm to 10pm, entry into cash prize drawings, night-long raffles, and participation in silent and live auctions! See more ticket details below. Proceeds from this event will help fund the extensive and long-term Lake Management Development Project that is currently underway.

Contact us at lakewausau@gmail.com or call us to get your tickets:

Nathan Birchler – 715.359.1013 | Jim Wagner – 715.573.8896

Ken Wilk – 715.581.3744 | Holly Kohl – 715.551.9550

LWA is also seeking auction donations. LWA is a qualified tax-exempt nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. Donations are tax-deductible. Please let us know if you are interested in donating items or services.

NO. <u>060</u>	1st Annual Lake Wausau Assoc. Inc.
NAME: _____	CASH RAFFLE
_____	1st - \$1,000.00, 2nd - \$500.00, 3rd - \$200.00,
ADDRESS: _____	4th - \$100.00, 5th - \$100.00, 6th - \$100.00
_____	DRAWING On April 22, 2013 (6 P.M.-10 P.M.) at GULLIVER'S LANDING
PHONE: _____	Open Bar, Dinner & chance at prizes - Drawing at 9:30 PM
	Other games all night long - Live Auction at 8 PM
	PROCEEDS USED TO HELP CLEAN UP LAKE WAUSAU
	TICKET: \$50.00 per person ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
	Need not be present to win License # R0016377A-12431
	NO. <u>060</u>



Member Social Meeting

Memberships

Why be a member? As a member, you will receive e-newsletters providing updates on the latest Lake Wausau news and events, voting rights on important matters pertaining to the Lake and the Association, opportunities to socialize and meet other lake users and neighbors, and most importantly an opportunity to support the efforts to restore an incredible resource at the center of our community.

Memberships have been on the rise! In 2011, we had 96 members. In 2012, we had 117 members. So far for 2013, we have 90 paid members. General memberships run January to December for each year. Any dues that are received in October-December shall be considered paid for the following calendar year. Any dues received from January to September shall be considered for the current year. Please renew your membership if you haven't already. For more *Membership Information* please visit our website.

On Thursday, Feb 7th, about 30 members gathered for a social meeting at Gulliver's Landing. During the social, Tom Meronek, WI DNR Fisheries Biologist, presented results of the 2012 fyke netting surveys indicating positive trends in growth rates and fish counts on Lake Wausau. In fact, the current growth rates of game fish on Lake Wausau tend to be higher than state averages. The overall message was the outlook on the health of the fisheries in Lake Wausau is very good.

Additionally, Dan Belter and Mary Backus of the Wausau Bird Club presented a slide show of rare bird species spotted on or nearby Lake Wausau. A variety of unique and rare birds have been spotted off of Everest Park and Radtke Point as shown in the photos to the right. The new Lake Map that will be available for preview at our Annual Fund Raising event on April 22nd will identify popular bird watching areas.

The social proved to be a successful event! Appetizers were served by Gulliver's and were well received by those in attendance. Members were introduced to one another and visited while learning about some recreational information and activities on the lake from our presenters. Based on the positive feedback we received, we intend to hold future member socials. We encourage our members to join us for these casual events of mingling with friends who enjoy Lake Wausau!

Western Grebe



Second county record found at Radtke Point on Oct. 15th. The first record also came from this same park in the spring of 1989.

Red-Necked Grebe



Spring Sighting: Three birds seen on March 30th off of Everest Park and one bird seen on May 2nd. Fall Sightings: Three birds at Radtke Point on Oct. 15th, and a one bird on Nov. 14th.

White-winged Scoter

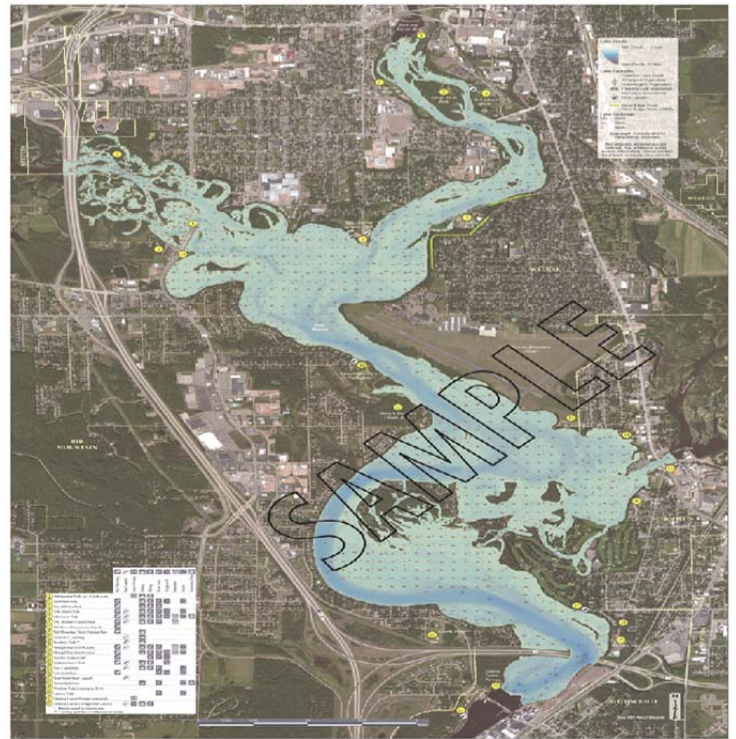


Two sightings this fall, first was on Oct. 22nd at Radtke Point with two birds present, then 11 birds(!) were seen on Nov. 10th (5 at Radtke Point and 6 at the Country Club Road overlook).

Please visit our website at www.lakewausau.org to learn more about the presentations at the February social meeting, and to check our *Calendar of Events* for upcoming meetings and events.

New Map on the Way!

Aquatic plant and map surveying was conducted in the summer and fall of 2012 by UW-Stevens Point researchers. Creating a current lake map is of significant importance to the lake evaluation project since it serves as the foundation for subsequent phases of the evaluation and the only other lake map that is available dates back to 1973. The map will be ready for preview at our April 22nd fundraiser event. There will be a limited number of 13" x 19" maps available for attendees at the fundraiser. The final map will be printed on 23" x 35" paper and a portion of the maps will be printed on water-resistant poly-art paper. The maps identify access points (i.e., parks, boat landings, and canoe portages), recreation activities (i.e., bird watching, fishing, hiking, picnic areas, playgrounds, shelters, and restrooms), bottom type (i.e., rock, mud, and sand), weed beds, water depth, main roadways, and municipal districts.



LWA is selling advertising squares on the face of the map for \$100 and \$200 to help fund the printing costs. If you are interested in advertising your business on this map, please contact Rick Parkin (715.551.4682) or Holly Kohl (715-551-9550), or email us at lakewausau@gmail.com.

A "Friendly" New Name??!!

Feedback from the community prompts the need to look at a name change for the Association. We have been getting many comments that our name gives the impression that we are a "property owners only" club. This couldn't be farther from the truth! In fact, a large number of our membership and board members live off the lake. A suggestion has been made to consider a change to "Friends of Lake Wausau" or something

similar. This could be a positive move that will hopefully demonstrate the true mission of the Association. The goal to protect and maintain Lake Wausau is something that is important to everyone in our community. Lake users, admirers, businesses, as well as, property owners all benefit from protecting and maintaining our beautiful lake.

The Board of Directors would like to hear from the membership.

Let us know if you have an idea for a different name. This issue will be put on the agenda for the September membership meeting. Lake Wausau Association is very near and dear to many of our hearts, but any effort to help our organization grow and succeed should be looked into. This Association is not a Lake Tax District. It is not an owners only club. It is a group of friends with one common bond. We all love Lake Wausau!

Lake Evaluation Project Update



Wisconsin River Clean Up 2013 Friday, May 10

Last year over 250 high school students and others participated in making the Wisconsin River(Lake Wausau) cleaner.

If you are willing to spend a few hours assisting with the day please contact John Cooksey 715-614-9003



Ongoing Meetings

Board of Directors Meetings

First Thursday of Every
Month.

7:00 pm

Gulliver's Landing

Weed & Algae Committee

First Tuesday of Every
Month

4:30 pm

Gulliver's Landing

Watch Web Site for Updates
or Meeting Changes

The lake evaluation project is progressing well and funding for the project is in place. LWA has been awarded three lake planning grants from the WI DNR totaling \$66,500. Federal grant monies of \$65,000 from the US Army Corps of Engineers have also been awarded for the project and will be handled by the Town of Rib Mountain as LWA's Local Sponsor. Contributions from Marathon County and the surrounding local municipalities of \$26,500 and member donations of \$4,400 have also been received bringing total funding to \$162,400 toward project costs of \$166,000. The shortfall is expected to be paid with in-kind service donations.

Aquatic plant and map surveying was conducted in the summer and fall of 2012 by UW Stevens Point researchers. The aquatic plant data will be used to develop an Aquatic Management Plan (AMP) that will be implemented in the spring of 2014. The AMP will be developed through a series of public meetings during 2013, the timing of which are yet to be determined, but will be posted on our web calendar at <http://www.lakewausau.org/calendar.html>. Watch for more information on this and become involved so we can create the best AMP possible.

The socio-economic study is just beginning and involves oral history interviews of citizens who have a history of information to share about their experiences on Lake Wausau. This information will be recorded and archived for reference and use in creating our developmental plan, which is the final task in the evaluation project. We are seeking interview candidates, as well as interviewers. Please contact Rick or Holly if you are interested in

participating in this portion of the study or email us. Your participation is considered in-kind service that will offset total project costs.

The US Army Corps of Engineers will conduct the hydrodynamic modeling and dye trace studies beginning summer of 2013. This will be conducted in critical areas of the side channels and backwaters to analyze water flow/movement and assess stagnant conditions and poor water quality. The hydrodynamic modeling will be conducted first and will determine whether the dye tracer studies will be necessary (the hydrodynamic modeling may provide sufficient information to address the issues).

The shore land habitat surveying will also take place in summer 2013. The 74-mile shore land of Lake Wausau will be inventoried to establish current conditions and identify areas of deterioration that may require protection and can be used to evaluate changes over time.

The final task of the evaluation project is to develop a Lake Management Plan. The Plan will be developed during a series of public forums with the assistance from researchers, technical staff, and our local municipalities. It will layout the groundwork for the remediation phase, which will be a long-term ongoing management plan carried out by LWA. A formal draft of the Lake Management Plan will conclude the evaluation project at the end of 2014.

This project is at the core of our mission and support from the surrounding communities is critical in achieving success.



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