



Shore Lines

"Promoting Safe Fun on Clean Lakes"

Fall 2012 Invasive Species Update

Early surveys by ISCCW (Invasive Species Control Coalition of Watersmeet) on Thousand Island Lake were encouraging. A check on the north end of the lake where Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) was manually pulled last year revealed significant success. However, EWM was soon discovered in areas where it was not identified in the previous year. A permit for chemical treatment was secured prior to surveying and the survey results shaped the treatment plan. Early treatment intervention was delayed due to wind and rain and was further

complicated by bureaucratic glitches in securing a permit to treat the expanded

as effective as first hoped and that new EWM plants were discovered. A meeting with ISCCW biologists is scheduled to identify and implement additional management strategies. Additionally, a CCROA board member is scheduled to attend workshops pertaining to Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) at the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference during the last week of October. Both seminars will assist in shaping invasive species management plans for the Cisco Chain in 2013.



Thousand Island Lake Boat Landing

In an effort to warn boaters of areas where EWM was identified, permits were secured from both the Michigan and Wisconsin DNR allowing placement of orange buoys as visual references. Signage calling attention to these buoys was posted at all public boat launches on the Chain. Additionally, information about the buoys was included in the CCROA door hanger packets that were manually delivered to every Cisco Chain household last July.

With the presence of aquatic invasives on our Chain, new provocative and vigilant mindsets need to be adopted by all of us! It is absolutely

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IMPORTANT BY-LAW CHANGES

Enclosed on separate copy within this issue of Shore Lines is a letter from President Kully Rohlen in which he explains and outlines the necessary changes to "Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association, Inc." by-laws to accomplish the purchase of Cisco Dam and to augment the ever increasing funds needed to fight our ongoing battle with aquatic invasive species. The ballot provided should be returned no later than December 1, 2012. Please note that your membership dues need to be current through 2012 in order for your vote to be counted. You can verify the expiration date of your membership by examining the address label on this newsletter. If the date reads 2012, lifetime or any other year in the future your membership is valid. If the date is a past year, you need to bring your membership up to date in order for your vote to count. You may accomplish this by mailing a membership form, payment and ballot to the address on the form.

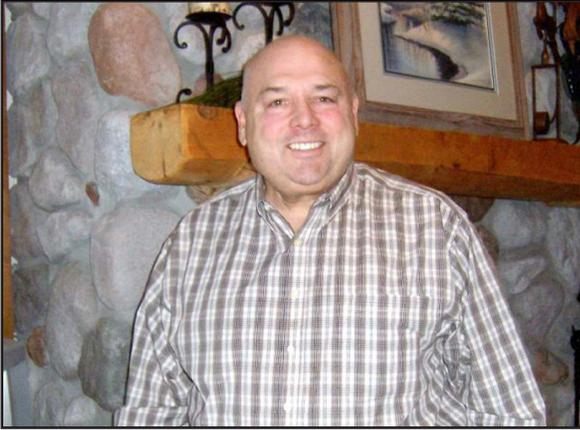
area. Our contracted treatment professionals ultimately addressed EWM on both Clearwater and Thousand Island Lakes. A scuba diver was contracted to be on hand to manually remove plants as needed, but the treatment professionals determined that the most effective strategy was an exclusive and comprehensive application of herbicide. Post treatment surveys on both lakes by Northland College indicated success.

Unfortunately, this good news was tempered by two events. First, EWM was discovered on the south end of Big Lake, and work is vigorously underway to secure grant money through the Wisconsin DNR for an early spring treatment of the infected area. Secondly, we learned that a late season survey by the ISCCW revealed that treatment results for the north end of Thousand Island Lake were not

ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday, July 18, 2013
9:30 am
at Cisco Lake Resort

ANNUAL PICNIC
Sunday, July 21, 2013
11:30 am
at Vacationland Resort

Conversations with Kully



There are many very interesting things occurring on our Chain. The first and most important issue at hand is the pending purchase of Cisco Dam. That process is proceeding very well and we now have enough money to purchase the dam and also to maintain it for many years to come. However, that doesn't mean that if you haven't made a contribution and if you can afford one, that you should stop thinking about a donation. Your gift can still be made by indicating

the amount on the membership form in this issue and mailing it along with your check to the address indicated. So far as the actual purchase of the dam, all we need to move forward is the approval by FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) to allow Integrys to sell the dam to CCROA.

Secondly, we are in the process of restructuring our by-laws to cover a new role in caring for the waters of our Chain. A letter and returnable ballot, with the recommended changes, is included in this mailing of Shore Lines. It is important to vote and to return the ballot by December 1, 2012.

AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) treatment and educational initiatives continue (see Greg Wenzel and Bob McGuffin's article in this issue). We should have the final reports from ISCCW (Invasive Species Control

Coalition of Watersmeet) and from Northland College very soon. After their receipt and review, their findings will be highlighted in the next issue of Shore Lines as well as being posted on our website (www.ciscochainroa.com). Also, let me say that we enjoyed close and effective cooperation with both the Michigan and Wisconsin DNR, who support our ongoing efforts to keep invasive species out of our waters. Your Board will continue to take the initiative to stay ahead of these aquatic nuisances.

Lastly, I wish to thank Greg Wenzel and his "Golden Jubilee Picnic" Committee for organizing our 50th Anniversary picnic last July. I feel certain that everyone who attended had a great time and I think it will be even more fun next year, so mark your calendar now. Thanks for an exceptional year and we hope to see 2013 increase our membership and bring even more people to our events.

Kully Rohlen
PRESIDENT CCROA

Annual CCROA Membership Meeting Notes

The annual membership meeting for Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association convened at Cisco Lake Resort and was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by President Kully Rohlen. Minutes of the 2011 annual meeting were approved and the treasurer's report was also accepted. Items of interest covered were:

- Lively discussion ensued regarding CCROA's purchase and maintenance of Cisco Dam. President Rohlen fielded numerous questions and suggestions from members. Kully stated that after extensive discussion with Gogebic County about a possible partnership, no commitment was currently on the table.
- Greg Wenzel, Picnic Chair, gave an update on plans for the upcoming picnic that will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of CCROA. The menu and raffle were streamlined and the proceeds from beer sales donated to the Invasive Species Fund.
- Bob McGuffin, Vice President gave an update on invasive species control on the Chain. He indicated that treatment would occur on Clearwater Lake and that more funds would be

needed in the future to combat invasives. Orange buoys will be placed to indicate Eurasian Milfoil growth.

After the current slate of candidates for Board positions and Lake Representatives was approved, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

*CCROA Annual Membership Meeting minutes are posted on our website www.ciscochainroa.com.



Golden Jubilee Picnic Review

On July 21, 2012, at 6:00 a.m. when we rolled out our massive tent the air was hazy and the sky was gray. There was even an ominous threat of rain looming about. As our tent was raised the sky gave way to blue sky and sunshine prevailed. Soon a small army of volunteers streamed in to set up camp and to attend to every detail that was necessary for success. Shortly before noon people were moving through the check-in line, sales of our new extensive offering of CCROA apparel were brisk and large numbers of "arm's length" raffle tickets were sold. Many members stopped by the "Ask Your Dam President" tent to chat with Kully Rohlen about the dam purchase and any other questions regarding CCROA. Soon news and updates were shared between both friends and neighbors. The serving line for the picnic style menu moved briskly with everyone being served within forty-five minutes. Post picnic reviews generated recurring comments such as: "great picnic," "best ever" and "I can't wait until next year."

Nearly 250 members, friends and guests attended this year's annual CCROA picnic at Bent's Camp. None of this would have been possible without the help and dedication of our many volunteers. Their sweat, toil and commitment were the key components of the overwhelming success of this year's picnic. This year was also special because it was CCROA's 50th Anniversary, our "Golden Jubilee."

Again this year, under the direction of Laurie Cooney the kids' games were awesome and exceeded even adult expectations. In all, twenty-one children ranging in age from fifteen months to fourteen years participated. Prizes for 1st, 2nd



Kids at the Games



CCROA Grillmasters



The Food Crew



Hold Out Your Arms

and 3rd place were awarded for each game and every child was given a reward just for participating.

As she has for many years, Helen Hayhurst shopped, organized and facilitated our "arm's length raffle." Twenty-seven ticket purchasers each won one of the super prizes, and the "coveted prize" a framed birch bark mirror crafted by President Kully Rohlen, was won by Carol Bauer.

The food crew headed by VP Bob McGuffin, moved the chow line through at break-neck speed. Freshly grilled brats, burgers and hot dogs were served along with several picnic sides, dessert and beverage.

Meal ticket sales, membership updates and apparel sales were under the direction of Denise Fauntleroy, who with the capable assistance of Jessica Ryden, organized and scheduled all of our volunteers.

Plans for next year's picnic are already in the works! Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 21, 2013. Over the past few years we have held and enjoyed our picnic at Bent's Camp, but now have decided to make changes to both the day of the week and the location. We're excited about holding next year's picnic at Vacationland Resort on Thousand Lake. The day change will allow Craig and Lisa Hesse, Vacationland owners, to have Saturday free for their turnover of resort guests. We promise to bring you great food at a reasonable price, fantastic raffles, fun kid's games and hopefully, perfect weather. Mark your 2013 calendar now for: Sunday, July 21, 2013, Vacationland Resort, 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

*Greg Wenzel
and Helen Hayhurst*

Fire Safety for All Seasons



As we begin a new winter heating season in the Nothwoods, I would like to cover a number of safety items that you should consider implementing within your home. The following tips are compiled from what is known as a "Fire Safe Home."

1. Make certain that all of your smoke detectors are working properly. Change their batteries when you change the time on your clocks (spring and fall.)
2. Make sure that all of your exits are clear and that you have an escape plan. Make certain that everyone, including guests in your home, is well aware of the planned route or alternates.
3. Keep at least a thirty foot area around your home free of leaves, branches and other debris. Make sure that there are no live tree branches overhanging or against your home.
4. Within one hundred feet of your home, keep tree branches trimmed at least six feet up from the ground as this helps to prevent the spread of fire along the ground.
5. If you burn wood, keep your wood pile at least thirty feet from your home or deck. Do not stack wood on your deck or against your home as this adds to the "fire load."

6. Do not keep hot ashes inside your home or on your deck or patio. Remove them in a metal container and then place them in another heavy metal container with a tight lid. Place

the container at least thirty feet from your home and deck. The can containing the ash should be secured so as not to tip or blow over.

7. Have your chimney checked annually by a professional chimney cleaner. Any heating appliances should also be checked annually by a professional.
8. Make every attempt to keep your driveway clear so that large vehicles and other emergency apparatus can easily access your home and maneuver around in the event of an unfortunate emergency.
9. The emergency telephone number for our area is "911." If you call on a cell phone make sure you are speaking with the proper dispatch center as cell calls do not always reach the proper center. Be prepared to give correct information. Know your fire number and the name of your road.
10. In the future and in cooperation with the United States Forestry Service (USFS) we will be conducting safety meetings and chimney fire classes. Future newsletters, including *Shore Lines* and your website will include the dates and locations.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Land O' Lakes, Conover and Boulder Junction Fire Departments, as well as the USFS for their assistance in extinguishing a recent structure/wildland fire in Watersmeet Township. Without their assistance the damage incurred could have been far more extensive.

Sincerely,

Dick Caudill

WATERSMEET FIRE CHIEF

***Editor's note: In the aftermath of a tragic fire on October 4, 2012 that resulted in total loss of the Pesek home at the north end of West Bay Lake, it appears appropriate that the utmost attention be given to Fire**

2012 Walleye Planting

For many years the CCROA has planted walleyes on the Cisco Chain. The practice continued through the 1990's until Michigan DNR determined that the Cisco Chain had a sustainable population of walleye. At that time, both the Michigan and Wisconsin DNR would not issue us a permit to continue planting.

Then in 2010, the CCROA again applied for and received a permit to plant walleyes on the Cisco Chain in Michigan. The Association planted 5000, 6-8 inch walleyes in October 2010, at a cost of \$10,000. We were grateful to receive a few very large donations from our members to resume walleye planting. In 2011, Michigan again gave the Association a permit to plant 6,500 walleyes. The cost at that time was \$2.00 each for a total of \$13,000. These fingerlings were certified and inspected as disease free and were obtained from a Michigan hatchery.

If anyone is interested in donating for future restocking, please send donations and specify the donation to be earmarked for walleye planting. Any questions concerning the fish plantings can be directed to Phil Wolbrink at 906-358-4734 or 715-367-9976. The Wolbrink's email address is pawolbrink@gmail.com

Chief Caudill's points on fire safety. It should also be noted that our fellow CCROA members provided assistance at both the active scene of this fire and afterwards with their many offers to provide immediate essential needs to the Pesek's. The heroism and compassion of our members is to be respected and commended. If there is a bright spot, it is that there was no loss of life as was the case with a fire that occurred four years ago at the McNicholas home on Lindsley Channel. Not just October, but every month should be deemed "Fire Safety Month."

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crucial to minimize the spread of these troublesome plants. Any aquatic plant that becomes snagged on fishing lures or boat anchors should be removed but not returned to lake waters. Boaters are encouraged to check their motors frequently for aquatic hitchhikers and to remove them. It is also suggested that a container be carried on your boat in which to deposit snagged

plants for later deposit on land well away from lake waters. This procedure is especially important when moving from lake to lake. By doing your part, we can substantially minimize the threat and expense caused by the spread of aquatic invaders.

Lastly, thirty people participated in two great hands-on training sessions that focused on the identification of Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil. The training was presented by

ISCCW biologists in early August 2012. Additional classes will be scheduled next summer and CCROA members are encouraged to attend in order to gain the knowledge necessary to become valuable components in our battle against aquatic invasive species. Please do not underestimate your role in this fight!

*Greg Wenzel
and Bob McGuffin*

Cisco Dam Update

Sincere appreciation is afforded to each and every member who gave generously to CCROA's Dam Fund. As of September 29, 2012, there were 340 donations made to our Cisco Dam Fund and of that total 278 members have given twice. Actual cash deposits into the Cisco Dam fund at the end of September totaled \$289,000 and there are still outstanding pledges that total \$110,000. Additionally, donations are still being sought from the approximate 160 members who have not as yet given. The amount donated is not as important as the opportunity to participate and to become a "stakeholder" in the process of acquiring Cisco Dam for the benefit of all Riparian Members. Your gift can still be made by indicating the amount on the membership form in this issue and mailing it along with your check to the address indicated.



Ask your Dam President

With regard to CCROA's application process with FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission), the period for public comment was completed and we are now waiting for final approval to purchase Cisco Dam from Integrys. The expected time frame for waiting is usually about one year and we're several months into this period. Please see "Conversation with Kully" on page #2 for additional comments. Also, please feel free to contact President Kully Rohlen at 906-358-4460 with any further questions or comments. We are also attempting to keep all updates about the dam posted on our new website: www.ciscochainroa.com.

Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association Membership Application 2012

NEW RENEWAL DONATION

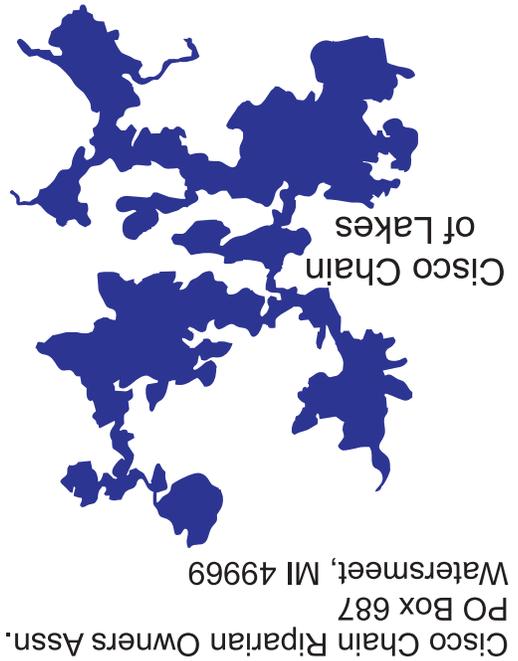
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 Dues are \$25.00 per year. Advance payments are welcomed. Just indicate how many years in advance you wish to pay _____ Amount Enclosed: _____
 Lifetime Membership is only \$450.00. Amount Enclosed: _____
 Amount of Invasive Species Donation: _____
 Amount for Dam Purchase Donation: _____
 Amount for Walleye Stocking Fund: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CISCO CHAIN RIPARIAN OWNERS ASSN.

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Be a Volunteer! Here is an opportunity to join in and make a difference!

Officer or Lake Representative _____ Picnic Volunteer _____ (only takes one-half hour of your time)
 Seasonal Committee _____ Educate at Boat Ramps _____



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your Board makes every attempt to keep
membership updated on important dates
and issues.
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