



Shore Lines

"Promoting Safe Fun on Clean Lakes"

Cisco Lake Dam

Recently, all CCROA members should have received a letter from our President Kully Rohlen in which he summarized the status of our Association's endeavor to purchase, maintain and operate Cisco Dam. We are now at a crossroad and it appears that the most favorable option is for our Association to purchase the dam on its own. The situation has become urgent with the deadline for commitment of donations being September 1, 2012. Realizing that the current financial climate is unfavorable to some we would only expect that members donate according to their ability. What is important is for everyone to contribute something so that, as stake holders, we are all invested in dam ownership. Your Board realizes that you may have many more questions and concerns. Our Annual Board meeting is scheduled on Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 9:30 A.M. at Cisco Lake Resort. Please mark your calendar as the main topic of discussion will be the dam purchase and it is best to receive this information first hand. Finally, try to imagine what your waterfront would look like if the dam were to be opened and lake water levels reduced five feet.

When you have a question, you are always invited to

contact your individual Lake Representative as they welcome the opportunity to answer your questions to address your concerns. The following



Intake, Cisco Lake Dam

is a compilation of letters from several of our CCROA Lake Representatives in which they express their various thoughts and also their commitment to dam ownership:

BOARD MEMBER LETTERS

I would like to introduce myself with this communication. My name is Joan Cavanaugh and my family has lived on the Chain since 1955. Over the past sixty-seven years, my family and I have enjoyed all the benefits the Chain has to offer and I am writing this today to assure that all of this is preserved.

As your CCROA Lake Representative for south Thousand Island Lake, I feel our Association has done many

good things for the preservation of our pristine chain of lakes, but now we have an immediate deadline to raise \$400,000. You should have recently received a letter from President Kully Rohlen giving all of the details since Gogebic County will not cover the liability insurance as we had hoped.

I feel that we all have the opportunity to take out some "Investment Protection" (not fund raising) to save our Chain by donating to the dam project. Many of you have already donated and I thank you for that.

However, it is necessary to dig deeper and to try to give a little more. For those of you who have not given, please consider doing so to help preserve all of our shore lines for the benefit and common good of all who live, boat, fish and play on the Chain.

I realize that all would like

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ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday, July 19, 2012
9:30 am at Cisco Lake Resort

ANNUAL PICNIC
Saturday, July 21, 2012
11:30 am

FUNDING DEADLINE
September 1, 2012

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to give and all have probably planned on doing so, but now is the time to make that pledge. The deadline to fund this "Investment Protection" is September 1, 2012. It doesn't need to be a large sum, any amount that you can afford will help. Thank you in advance for your support. Feel free to call me at anytime with your questions or concerns.

Joan Cavanaugh

SOUTH THOUSAND ISLAND LAKE REP

The future of the Cisco Chain is in Jeopardy. The power company who now owns Cisco Dam and maintains its water levels is interested in selling it because it does not produce income. As Cisco chain property owners, we have the opportunity to band together and buy the dam. We have a vested interest in maintaining proper water levels to assure navigation between our lakes and to prevent erosion from high water. As dam owners we would have the ability to maintain water levels that are best for all property owners.

Presently, the dam holds the water levels about five feet above the river bed and thus creates the Cisco Chain flowage. Without the dam we would have a group of lakes connected by non-navigable, shallow rivulets.

Please join my wife and I in making a significant contribution to insure the future of the Cisco Chain. We need to protect our water levels and thus our property values. Send your tax-deductible donation now. Do not wait until September first, as the opportunity may be lost. The future of the Cisco Chain is in our hands. If you have any

question regarding the dam purchase or any other regarding CCROA activities on the Chain, please call me at 906-358-0469 or e-mail me at tom.krautkramer@ciscochainroa.com.

Tom Krautkramer

BIG LAKE AND MORLEY LAKE REP

To my Fellow West Bay Lake-Front Property Owners:

I am writing this letter to share with you my concern for the Cisco Lake Dam purchase opportunity. I want to stress to you what your property would look like and how much its value would drop if the dam is not



Out flow, Cisco Lake Dam

operated in the same manner as it has been in the past. Please make a tax-deductible donation to the Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association (CCROA) dam fund in order to preserve the value of your property.

Please feel free to contact me by telephone or e-mail with any questions or concerns. My e-mail is: tomw@wilsonindustrial.com or telephone is: 219-275-1023. Thanks for your donation.

Tom Wilson

WEST BAY LAKE REPRESENTATIVE

Our lake (Clearwater) may be small but it is one of the prettiest and has some of the friendliest people on the Chain! We have an ongoing problem with Eurasian milfoil and CCROA will be chemically treating our lake in July 2012. Cisco Dam has become a priority issue. I can't

say that anything will actually happen if CCROA doesn't control the dam, but the chance that some other entity might take charge is a threat I can't abide. I feel we must raise the funds to preserve our Chain and also our property values. If you wish to make a donation or discuss any other issues, please call me at 906-358-4125 or e-mail me at hayhurst@gmail.com

Helen Hayhurst

CLEARWATER LAKE REP

The preservation of our pristine Chain of Lakes rests in our hands. Our goal of \$400,000

will allow us to meet ongoing expenses. A donation to help meet that goal would seem incumbent on all of us. Please realize that dam preservation and our ability to control water levels is not only a short term investment but one for years to come. Thanks to all for your participation.

Dean Challed

FISH HAWK LAKE REP.

Judy Challed

CCROA SECRETARY

Annual Meeting

The CCROA annual Membership meeting will be held on Thursday, July 19th at 9:30 A.M. at Cisco Lake Resort. The agenda will include updates on invasive species surveys, invasive species treatments, the launch of our new CCROA web site and the status of our efforts to purchase and maintain Cisco Lake Dam. Since we are facing very critical and urgent issues the attendance of all members is strongly encouraged. Coffee and treats will be provided.

Golden Jubilee Picnic

Come and celebrate the 50th anniversary of CCROA at our 2012 Golden Jubilee Picnic on July 21, 2012, 11:30 A.M. at Bent's Camp. Socialize with family, friends and neighbors for an hour followed by a "free picnic" for pre-registered members (whose dues are current) and their house guests. The menu will consist of burgers, brats, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips, dessert and a soft drink or bottled water. The meal will cost \$5.00 for members who are not pre-registered, \$10.00 for non-members or free to Chain residents upon completion of a CCROA Membership Application Form and payment of annual dues.

This year our picnic will feature expedited food service, affordable pricing (Did we mention free?), a new streamlined Arm's Length Raffle featuring such prizes as a kayak, Kindle Fire and a bicycle. Pre-registration will also earn you a raffle ticket for the annual coveted prize. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and a trivia raffle. Our President, Kully Rohlen will be seated in the "Ask Your Dam President" tent to answer questions about Cisco Dam, invasive aquatic species or any other concerns you may

have regarding CCROA and its initiatives on the Cisco Chain. A suggestion bobber will also be available to collect your ideas for future activities and events. Laurie Cooney will again be organizing the ever popular children's games with prizes awarded. Miller and Coors brand beer will be available for purchase at \$1.00 per cup courtesy of Board Member Paul Lucas with all proceeds

going into our invasive species fund. Other beer brands and beverages, including a special Golden Jubilee fundraiser drink will be available for purchase at the cash bar. Donations to the Dam Fund will be gladly accepted. For seating, look for tables marked with your lake's name. This is a great opportunity to meet your CCROA Lake Representative as well as your neighbors and also to catch up about the latest scuttlebutt on your lake.

We are looking for a few good members to volunteer for various duties during the picnic. The assigned shifts will be for only one half hour increments and should not interfere with your ability to socialize, dine or participate in the many festivities. Jessica Ryden has accepted the responsibility of organizing our picnic volunteers and can be reached at 815-601-7095 for sign-up, or you can designate your willingness to help by returning and marking the picnic pre-registration form contained in Shore Lines.

Please join us in celebration and show your support for our Association by attending the Golden Jubilee Picnic!

Greg Wenzel

POOR LAKE REPRESENTATIVE

Clothes Line

A brand new clothing line has been developed exclusively for CCROA by Rossi Wear in Hurley, Wisconsin and will debut at our Golden Jubilee Picnic. We have not as yet found a permanent home to display our "wears" and are searching for a few clothing racks. For now, the racks are intended to travel to events throughout the summer giving members the opportunity to make purchases or place special orders. If you have questions or are able to donate a rack, please contact Denise Fautleroy: denisefautleroy@cisochainroa.com

Picnic Pre-Reservation Form

Reservation in the Name of: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

No. of Adult Meals: _____ No. of Children's Meals: _____

Volunteer to work at the picnic: _____



Mail form by Monday, July 16th to:
 CCROA c/o Greg Wenzel, E19579 Roddis Rd.,
 Watersmeet, MI 49969
 (or email: gswenzel@yahoo.com)

Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association Membership Application 2012

NEW RENEWAL DONATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ e-mail Address _____

Name of Lake _____ Lake Address _____

Lake Phone _____ Lake e-mail Address _____

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.

MAIL TO: CCROA P.O. BOX 687 WATERSMEET, MI 49969-0687

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 _____

Adopted Highways

Many thanks to CCROA members at both ends of our Chain who have stepped forward as volunteers to support the highway clean-up programs in both Michigan and Wisconsin which are designed to keep our roadsides clean and attractive.

In Wisconsin CCROA is committed to a one mile section on County Hwy. B just west of Thousand Island Lake Road and extending to Helen Creek. The highway marker reads: "CCROA, Clean Water, Clean Roads". This year we owe a large

"thank you" to volunteers Jim and Claire Okraszewski who completed the spring clean-up in Wisconsin without assistance. For Michigan CCROA volunteered to cover a stretch of



Highway US2 starting about one mile east of Cisco Lake Road and extending for two miles toward Watersmeet. This year the pick-up was accomplished on Thursday, June 7th under the direction of Jim Claypool. Those who participated were: Diana Mehlhop, Jessica and Lee Ryden, and Dick and Gloria Andersen. After many years of dedication to this activity, Jim Claypool has resigned as coordinator for the Michigan program. Thank you to Paul Lucas who immediately

stepped forward to assume Jim's responsibilities. There will be another cleanup sometime in early fall. When the date is set, we will be looking for volunteers.

Gloria Andersen

2012 Dues

Reminder - your CCROA membership fees were due on January 1, 2012. Our recent shift in the dues payment date now corresponds to the calendar year which began at the start of 2012. If you are not current, please send your check for \$25.00 (annual dues) or \$450.00 (lifetime) to the address on the CCROA Membership Application form. Dues may also be paid at our Annual Membership Meeting on July 19th or at our Golden Jubilee Picnic, July 21st. Remember, your picnic dinner is free if you pre-register your meal(s) and your dues are current. If you are uncertain of your membership status, see your mailing label, your expiration date appears below your address. Questions to Denise Fauntleroy at: denise.fauntleroy@ciscochainroa.com

2012 Aquatic Invasive Species Update

Your Association has recently fielded many questions regarding aquatic invasive species, specifically Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and what we are doing to prevent its introduction and spread throughout the Cisco Chain. In order to give our members first hand information we have decided to post our survey results on our web site. Our surveys are conducted by Northland College over the summer months. The 2012 survey will begin in late June and will take approximately six weeks to complete.

During 2011, your Association was in partnership with the Invasive Species Control Coalition of Watersmeet (ISCCW) and delegated the survey of the north half of the Cisco Chain to them. Because we did not pay for or have any input into the methodology of their survey, your Board does not feel comfortable posting their survey results. However, for 2012 we are having Northland College survey the entire Cisco Chain. Their survey results will be posted as soon as they become available. In addition, the ISCCW will overlap our own survey in areas where we have previously identified EWM thus giving us a second set of eyes in those areas.

Last fall several areas of EWM were identified in Thousand Island Lake. All of the plants were hand pulled by divers and one area near the boat launch was a candidate for additional chemical treatment which will occur some time in June or July along with the one already scheduled for Clearwater Lake. Depending upon the

findings of this year's survey, we will determine what action is necessary to eliminate these invaders.

Your CCROA is an organization of volunteers. In that spirit, we are looking for people to help with the fight against invasive species. We need people on multiple fronts to become trained in combating these invaders. Two specific initiatives will be conducted this summer in partnership with ISCCW. First, we need

Pondweed (CLP) is encouraged to sign up for a workshop. In addition, we will also need people to assist with the actual pulling of invasive species: scuba divers in the water, crew assistance top side and pontoon boat loaners. If you can volunteer your time, talent and/or equipment please contact Greg Wenzel at 414-581-5444 or e-mail gswenzel@yahoo.com.

With regard to EWM, you will be seeing something new -

orange buoys that are approximately nine inches in diameter. They will be placed by our volunteer spotters and Northland College teams to mark the locations of invasive plants for divers so that they can be pulled. Both Michigan DNR and Wisconsin DNR have recently approved this procedure which is expected to begin later in June.

The next point can not be stressed enough "IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL BOATERS AVOID THESE BUOYS." One of the ways EWM spreads is when the plant is

broken by props, fishing lures, fishing-line, or paddles and the separated piece drifts to a new location and takes root. Please educate those who may not know about the dangers of operating watercraft of fishing in proximity to these buoys.

Bob McGuffin & Greg Wenzel



Up and Running

With much anticipation and a winter's worth of work, we are very excited to announce the launch of our very own website:

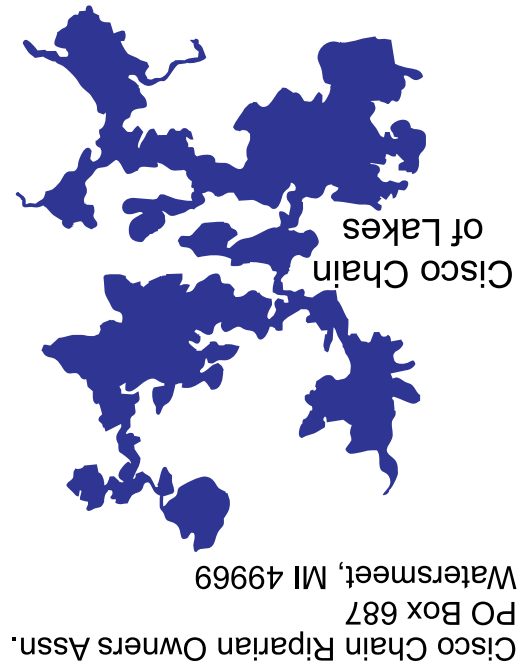
www.ciscochainroa.com

The site contains general information about CCROA and we will make every attempt to update with such topics as invasive species treatments, dam updates or other prevalent information when it is received from various committee members. Please let us know what you think. Send your comments and constructive criticism to Gary Ebert: garyebert@ciscochainroa.com or denise.faultleroy@ciscochainroa.com

(A sincere word of thanks to Denise Faultleroy who worked many hours over the past winter to bring this project to fruition and to Gary Ebert who stepped forward as a volunteer to perform website updating and maintenance. Thank you!)

volunteers to receive Clean Boats, Clean Waters training. Their responsibility would be to educate boaters at the Chain's boat launches when ISCCW boat washers are unavailable. Secondly, we need people to help prevent the spread of the invasives that have already made their way into our Chain. Short educational, hands on workshops will be conducted and will include training spotters, preferably kayakers, to identify and mark suspect plants. Everyone wanting to learn more about EWM and Curly Leaf

*Annual Business Meeting
July 19, 2012
Golden Jubilee Picnic
July 21, 2012*



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