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Cisco Chain  
of Lakes



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## Summertime... and the Livin' is Easy, FISH ARE JUMPIN' And the PICNIC is near!!!!!!!!!!

By Helen Hayhurst

Mark your calendar for the CCROA annual picnic on **Sunday, July 19, 2015!!!!** The picnic will be at beautiful Vacationland Resort on Thousand Island Lake. Thank you to Craig and Lisa Hesse for again hosting the picnic at Vacationland Resort. Vacationland Resort is located on Hebert Road just off Thousand Island Lake Road.

The fun begins at 11:30 am. Socialize with your friends and neighbors while checking out the fabulous "Arm's Length Raffle". Pay \$25, stretch out your arms and receive that many raffle tickets to put in the various raffle prize buckets. Raffle prizes include a Ninja Bullet Blender for your smoothies, a rustic bench, one of Chuck Horn's carved sculptures and a beautiful bird feeder, just to name a few of the great raffle prizes.

There will also be the ever popular 50/50 raffle.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. The menu features charcoal-grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, brats (new addition for this year!), grilled corn slathered with butter, homemade coleslaw, baked beans and yummy desserts provided by CCROA volunteer bakers!!!!

The lunch is only \$6.00 if you pre-register & pay by July 15, 2015. At the door lunch price is \$8.00. As a bonus for pre-registering, you will receive a raffle ticket for a special "secret" prize drawing. Last year's prize was a laptop computer!!! (See page 5 for the picnic form)

There will be kid's games plus Vacationland Resort has a lovely swim beach and playground. Children are welcome to use the playground and beach; however, there are no lifeguards. Adult supervision is required.

Come rain or shine (we truly hope for shine) the picnic is always a great time. A large tent with tables



Carl & Jane Knoll (enjoying a delicious picnic lunch), Dick Melhop and, Dean Stanton (1000 Island North Lake Rep)

and chairs will be set up. Please plan to arrive by car, as boat parking is minimal.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the CCROA 2015 Annual Picnic. The picnic is the perfect way to get together with neighbors and make new friends on the Cisco Chain.

Raffle prize donations are welcome and much appreciated. Please contact Helen Hayhurst 906-358-4125 if you have anything to donate. Be a picnic volunteer and not only help make the picnic a success, but have fun and meet new people doing so. It only takes a ½ hour of your time at the picnic. Please call Lois Bates, 231-357-3738 to be a picnic volunteer



Left to Right -  
Annie Rapp  
Big Lake South Rep  
2014 Laptop winner

Greg Wenzel, Poor Lake  
CCROA President  
Invasive Species Task Force Member

Helen Hayhurst  
Clearwater Lake Rep  
Milfoil Queen

## CCROA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING – THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015

The CCROA Annual Business Meeting is **July 16, 2015 at 9:00 am at Cisco Lake Resort**. Everyone is welcome. It's a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the Dam purchase, Invasive Species and the business of the CCROA. You can meet CCROA Board Members and Lake Representatives as well as address topics and questions concerning the Cisco Chain.

Membership can be renewed or member information can be updated at both the annual business meeting and at the picnic. Membership year starts January 1st and ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

It has been a busy winter for a few available members of the CCROA Board and CCROA AIS Task Force. The three main points of focus have been pursuing grant money, preparing for our upcoming door hanger outreach and wrapping up the bylaw revisions that were presented at the 2014 annual business meeting. Before I address those topics, I wish to touch on the most frequently asked question which is "What's up with the dam purchase?" Once again, I have no progress to report on the FERC decision to release the dam from the license which would allow us to move ahead.

In regard to grant money, we have once again been awarded a grant from the Bond Falls Implementation Team. I want to express appreciation to our contracted biologist and owner of Many Waters LLC Barb Gajewski for preparing and presenting the grant application. Our proposal this year included water quality testing which will be done by volunteers from across the Chain. It is critical that I point out that each grant that is awarded to us requires substantial contributions on our part both in sharing expenses and in kind volunteer hours by association members. In kind hours are volunteer hours provided by volunteers monitoring lakes for AIS, education outreach such as Clean Boats Clean Waters at boat landings, stakeholder meetings and other activities. We are falling short on the in kind component of grants which has the potential to seriously jeopardize our ability to collect on the grants that are awarded. Unless we can secure the necessary volunteers to have eyes on the water for AIS, monitor boat launches, perform water sampling and obtain secchi disc readings, we will lose some or all of grants we have been awarded. In that case, our AIS expenses will quickly outstrip available funds and we will be limited in what we can do to combat AIS. If you are interested in assisting with volunteer activities, contact me directly to learn more about activities that may interest you. The annual Lake Management donation appeal has been sent out. Please give serious thought to contributing to the fund.

The next topic is a door hanger outreach initiative. Since 2012, when we last did one, new laws and protocols have been enacted to help prevent the spread of AIS. Your Lake Rep will be distributing a bag of current information on the subject. Hopefully they will find you home and can answer any questions you may have. I encourage you to look it over carefully and make anyone visiting aware of the information contained in it. Of particular interest is a pamphlet titled "Fishing with Bait". The information in the pamphlet fundamentally changes practices of fishing

with live bait. Don't hesitate to call me if you wish clarification on any of the info in the packet.

The third topic is the final drafts of changes in our by-laws, articles of incorporation and investment principles which was presented by our attorney, Dave McDonald at last year's annual CCROA business meeting. The initiative was somewhat delayed due to health challenges he encountered for a period of time. The documents will be presented to the membership after the May Board meeting.

Lastly, we all look forward to a summer of fun, recreation and relaxing activities on the Cisco Chain. Please be mindful of boater courtesy, safety on the water, no wake zones and above all make sure the little ones that are anywhere near the water are wearing life preservers!

Happy Summer Everyone!!!!

Greg Wenzel-President CCROA

## Sad News

By Greg Wenzel

On April 26<sup>th</sup> 2015, CCROA past President Peter Dring passed away. Peter was a long time resident of Willow Springs, IL. He was a career naturalist and after retirement, he moved to Land O Lakes. During Peter's career, he lectured to countless elementary and secondary school students. He held the position of President of numerous organizations such as the Illinois Audubon Society, Chicago Ornithological Society, Morton Arboretum Nature Study and Camera Club, the Ottawa Interpretive Assoc. and of course the CCROA. He additionally served the local community as a Land O Lakes Library Trustee. Peter earned many honors during his life time.

Peter wrote numerous articles for a several newspapers including our local "Boarder Bulletin". I always looked forward to reading his musings on a broad spectrum of topics related to nature and wildlife. He led our organization with passion, zeal and professionalism and his contributions demonstrated his dedication to his role in life as a steward of natural resources.

Peter will be missed. His contributions and energy were boundless. The CCROA has presented his family with a gift certificate redeemable for a tree to be planted in Peter's memory. The tree will be an enduring remembrance of this giant among men.

Greg Wenzel

By Bob McGuffin

Your Association is continuing its AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) abatement program in 2015. Before we talk about 2015, let's look at our efforts in 2014.

- Whole lake treatment on Clearwater Lake with fluridone
- Spot treatment on the north shore of Thousand Island Lake with 2,4-D
- Hand pulling on Thousand Island Lake
- Spot treatment on the south end of Morley Lake

This year, we will continue our efforts on Clearwater Lake with 2,4-D spot treatments as needed. The whole lake treatment protocol requires two follow-up years of spot treatment. 2015 will be the first of two. We have high hopes that given the results of the same treatment on neighboring Langford and Bass Lakes, this year's survey will find few if any plants that survived the whole lake treatment last year.

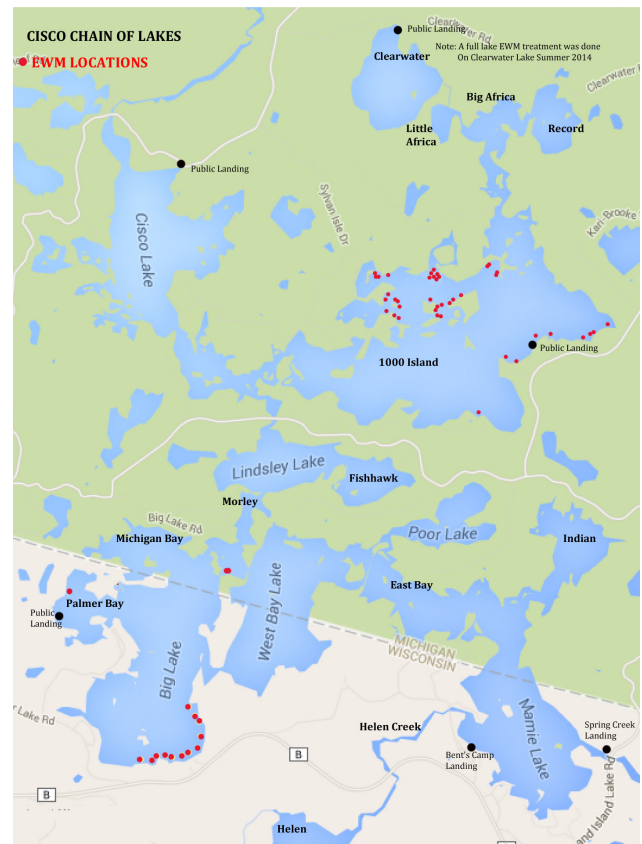
**Thousand Island Lake** will continue to receive the 2,4-D spot treatment on the north shore along with hand-pulling on the east shore. This year, we will attempt a new method of manual plant removal- Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting or DASH. We are excited to see this new method in action.

**Morley Lake** had its first year of Eurasian Water Milfoil detected last year. Depending on the effectiveness of last year's treatment, we may attempt another chemical spot treatment, hand-pulling, DASH, or nothing.

**Big Lake** continues to vex us with not showing any EWM until late in the season- too late to treat. Unfortunately, Wisconsin DNR rules do not allow us to use last year's coordinates for this year's treatment. The worst of the EWM is on the south end with isolated plants in the east shore.

By now, all members should have received our annual Lake Management (formerly AIS Fund) fund raising letter in the mail. We are pleased to offer for the first time the ability for members to make donations via our website [CiscoChainROA.com](http://CiscoChainROA.com). Making donations through our website has benefits for both you and the Association. For you, it provides instantaneous processing of your donation.

No waiting for a check to clear- and at the same time providing an instantaneous year-end tax receipt for donating to a 501(c)(3) organization.



For us, it reduces the enormous amounts of man-hours it takes to process your donation and the cost to mail out receipts. The donation portal accepts Pay Pal or any major credit or debit card. We hope you find this an easier way to help us help you!

As always, your Association and Invasive Species Task Force appreciate your support.

Above is a map of the Cisco Chain. The red dots indicate 2014 EWM locations. Clearwater Lake does not have any locations marked at this time because the whole lake treatment was done last summer.

Thank you!  
Bob McGuffin  
Vice President CCROA  
Invasive Species Task Force Member

Donate the easy way to the various CCROA funds. Go online to [www.ciscochainroa.com](http://www.ciscochainroa.com). Click on "Donations" in the bottom right corner of the home page. You are able to donate to these 4 different funds - Walleye Stocking, Lake Management, Dam Purchase or the General Fund.

All processing is secure through PayPal. You are not required to set up or use a PayPal account in order to donate. Donations can be made using any major credit card. You'll receive your tax receipt right away. Another "going green" step for the CCROA!



# Summer Road Work Update

By Bob McGuffin

As the summer construction season approaches, we want to remind our members of two important road projects around the Cisco Chain. The first is the rehabilitation of the bridge that spans the Lindsley lake channel. The second is the continuing culvert replacement on Thousand Island Lake road.

The Lindsley channel bridge rehabilitation will involve resurfacing the pavement, replacement of the guardrails, and replacement of the concrete pilings in the water that support the bridge. During the work, which is scheduled to start sometime after the beginning of July, vehicle traffic on the bridge will be reduced to a single lane with a timed signaling device installed at both ends of the bridge. At this point, the project engineer does not foresee any restriction to boat traffic under the bridge, although we may find ourselves in a single lane situation with enough width for only one boat to pass under the bridge at a time.

The culvert replacement project continues on Thousand Island Lake road this year with work planned from US2 to Crooked Lake road. There will be 11 culverts replaced this year. This multi-year project is advance work required prior to the resurfacing of Thousand Island Lake road from US2 to Roddis road in the future. Culvert work (on the shallow culverts) is expected to begin around June 1<sup>st</sup>. Do expect to

encounter single lane traffic with flag men at either end of the work zone. The two deep culverts to be replaced will require road closures for about two days each. That work is expected to begin around mid-July.

As with all road projects, please slow down and be courteous to both the workers and your neighbors who will be trying to navigate these work areas. Both these projects will enhance the Cisco Chain area and we welcome their improvements.

Gogebic County Road Commission will keep the CCROA updated on road work plans or changes. We'll keep the membership advised.



### Watersmeet Township Holiday Events

May 25<sup>th</sup> American Legion Memorial Day Ceremony at the Watersmeet Cemetery 10am. Everyone is welcome. Immediately following there is a bake sale at 11 am at the pavilion to support the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities

July 4<sup>th</sup> Join Watersmeet for an "Olde Fashion 4<sup>th</sup> of July" Parade is at 3pm - Downtown Watersmeet. Picnic & activities at the Watersmeet pavilion at 4pm after the Parade  
Fireworks are at 10pm. Fireworks can be viewed from anywhere in Town.

### Town of Land O'Lakes Holiday Events

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Summer Launch at the Park, Pavilion and Ball Field. Sidewalk sales, Food, craft & flea market vendors, music, and games.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Summer Salute Fireworks - 10pm at the Land O'Lakes Airport  
July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade at 12pm - Downtown Land O'Lakes Picnic following the parade at the Town Park Pavilion with food, refreshments, games and music

Many thanks to Watersmeet Township & the Town of Land O'Lakes for extending the refuse & recycling stations summer hours of operation.

### WATERSMEET REFUSE & RECYCLING STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Monday   | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM |
| Tuesday  | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM |
| Wednesday  | **Closed**        |
| Thursday   | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM |
| Friday   | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM |
| Saturday   | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM |
| <b>Sunday 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon</b><br><b>(June 22 - August 31, 2014)</b> |                   |
| National Holidays - Closed   |                   |

### LAND O'LAKES REFUSE & RECYCLING STATION SUMMER TIME HOURS OF OPERATION

|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| Monday   | **Closed**                |
| Tuesday  | 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM         |
| Wednesday                                      | **Closed**                |
| Thursday                                       | <b>12:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> |
| Friday   | **Closed**                |
| Saturday                                       | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM         |
| Sunday   | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM        |
| <b>Memorial Weekend through September 30th</b> |                           |
| National Holidays - Closed                     |                           |

*"Waste reduction will help preserve our way of life...Take time to sort your garbage ..."* Watersmeet Town Board

**PICNIC PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

**Sunday July 19, 2015, 11:30 am at Vacationland Resort  
(Everyone is welcome)**

Reservation in the Name of: \_\_\_\_\_

How many Volunteers to work at the picnic? \_\_\_\_\_ (just ½ hour of your time)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



No. of Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Mail form & check (payable to Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Assn)  
By Wednesday July 15th to:  
Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Assn  
PO Box 687, Watersmeet, MI 49969

**Picnic starts at 11:30am with social hour, lunch at 12:30 pm**

**Pre-register by July 15, 2015. Lunch will be \$8.00 at the door.  
Lunch features hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, grilled corn, homemade coleslaw,  
special dessert treats and other picnic favorites!**

The picnic is a great way to connect with old friends and meet new neighbors on your lake and other lakes on the Cisco Chain. Plus there are fun kid's games & exciting raffles.

**Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association  
Membership Application 2015**

NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Lake e-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Lake \_\_\_\_\_ Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$25.00 per year. Advance payments are welcomed. Just indicate how many years in advance you wish to pay

Number of years \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Lifetime Membership is only \$450.00. Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Lake Management (formerly AIS) 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! Join Us and Make a Difference!!!

Officer or Lake Representative \_\_ Picnic Volunteer \_\_ (just ½ hour of your time)

Seasonal Committee \_\_ Educate at Boat Ramps \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Membership year starts January 1st and ends on December 31st

President:  
Greg Wenzel  
906-358-0242

Big Lake North &  
Morley Lake:  
Tom Krautkramer  
906-358-0469

Lindsley Lake:  
Laurie Cooney  
630-730-4067

Members-at-Large:  
Jack Erhart  
906-358-9969  
Paul Lucas  
906-358-4767

Vice President:  
Bob McGuffin  
630-280-9542

Big Lake South:  
Ann Rapp  
715-547-6073

Mamie Lake:  
Open

Shore Lines Editor:  
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Kully Rohlen  
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Webmaster:  
Gary Ebert  
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Treasurer:  
David Fauntleroy  
906-358-0106

Clearwater Lake:  
Helen Hayhurst  
906-358-4125

1000 Island Lake N:  
Dean Stanton  
906-358-0214

Membership:  
Open

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1000 Island Lake S:  
Joan Cavanaugh  
angel5508@aol.com

WE ARE IN NEED OF A LAKE REPRESENTATIVE FOR MAMIE LAKE AND A MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

Parliamentarian:  
Wes Kiley  
715-547-3283

Fish Hawk Lake:  
Dean Challed  
906-358-4260

West Bay Lake:  
Tom Wilson  
906-544-2680

Visit the CCROA website for more news & information - [www.ciscochainroa.com](http://www.ciscochainroa.com)

## SNIPPETS

“Door Hangers” are on their way!!! Your Lake Representative will be stopping by this summer to drop off the CCROA “Door Hangers” and to stop & talk about the CCROA & the Cisco Chain. The “Door Hanger” is a packet full of information about the lakes including invasive species.

**Remember “Clean Boats – Clean Water”**  
Clean, Drain & Dry boats, props, live wells & anchors before launching. Do the same after taking boats out of the water. Please dispose of all weeds on shore away from the shoreline. Refrain from throwing weeds back in the lake at all times. Help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Thanks!!!

Check the CCROA website regularly at [www.ciscochainroa.com](http://www.ciscochainroa.com). The website has a wealth of information available, including detailed reports on the dam, Invasive species and what is done and can be done, pictures, CCROA clothing and links to other information sites.

Please note that Watersmeet Township will **not** be offering a “Free Dump” day this summer. Due to the ever rising cost of this service, the “Free Dump” day will be offered every other year. This is an opportunity for Watersmeet Township property owners to responsibly dispose of many items such as paint. For information or questions, please contact Watersmeet Township.

Below are links to the websites for Watersmeet Township & the Town of Land O’Lakes -  
  
Watersmeet Township  
[www.watersmeet.us](http://www.watersmeet.us)  
  
Town of Land O’Lakes  
[www.http://townoflandolakes.com/](http://www.http://townoflandolakes.com/)

**The Cisco Chain Riparian Owners’ Association is a completely volunteer organization.** All volunteers are welcome. Help is always needed from the annual picnic to something as simple as helping to “stuff” envelopes.  
Email the CCROA at [ccroa49969@gmail.com](mailto:ccroa49969@gmail.com) or contact your lake representative and find out where you can help. To be a picnic volunteer please call Lois Bates at 231-357-3738. (it involves only ½ hour of your time)