



# PCLA NEWSLETTER

Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association, Inc.

Summer 2012

## Pike Chain of Lakes Association Annual Meeting Sat. August 4, 2012-meeting starts at 9 a.m.

**PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE:  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2012**  
and get involved by attending the Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Association Annual Meeting at the Iron River Community Center from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Doors open at 8:30** giving you time to enjoy coffee and refreshments, socialize , pay membership dues and lake management contributions before the business meeting begins.

The meeting will start **promptly** at 9 a.m. and only last 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Any member in good standing (paid dues) may speak

and vote. Young people are also encouraged to attend! We want this to be a fun, informative fast-paced, productive meeting.

We need your involvement and input. You are the PCLA. Without you, there is no association.

Please consider taking just 2 hours on Saturday morning, August 4th to learn and voice ideas to promote the sustainable management of the Pike Chain of Lakes.

### Annual Meeting Highlights

- *Iron River tipster and vacation check program-Scot Eisenhower, Iron River Chief of Police*
- *Eurasian watermilfoil update*
- *DNR Fishery study report*
- *Information on the fishery study will be on the website as well as two papers by Dr. Bill Swenson on "The Importance of Fishing Regulations to Large Mouth Bass Population" and "Walleye Feeding and Behavior"*
- *Time for questions from members*

### 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## PCLA Adopt-a-Highway Litter Pickup

On Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, a group of 18 enthusiastic Lakes Association members gathered to pick up litter on our designated stretch of Highway H. Our portion consists of a 3-mile stretch from Rooster Road to Twin Bear Park. A total of 5 full bags was collected. Because of the great turn-out, the task was completed in one hour. Those that participated include: Howard Lehman, John Joseph, Rita Viager, Eddie Wangenstein, Amy Arneson, Ted & Donna Callahan, Jack Brickson, Bob Ruef, Mary Stodola Rapacz, Joe Rapacz, John McLennan, Ed & Linda Brunner, Clarence Richter, Martha Oie, and Jerry & Julie Peck. **Another pick-up is scheduled for the fall. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jerry or Julie Peck at [gjpeck@cheqnet.net](mailto:gjpeck@cheqnet.net).**



**2012 Spring Highway Pickup Crew**

## Meet Steve and Brenda Garrett: Twin Bear Park Campground Managers

Steve and Brenda Garrett are entering their second season as managers of the Twin Bear Campground (TBC) and they come with a lot of experience. In addition to TBC, they also manage the campground at Delta Lake and have been doing for many years, and the campgrounds at Atkins Lake and Big Rock. Steve states it's "second nature for him." He grew up on a resort in Marcell, MN doing this type of work and has also managed 3 golf courses in Florida.

Steve regularly camped at TBC with his family when he was younger. Brenda grew up in Bayfield. They have 5 children and 3 grandchildren.

Steve and Brenda have been working hard to bring TBC back to a family park and campground as it had been in the past. They credit the Forest Service for doing a great job with all of the campgrounds. Cabin owners have been pleased with the clean-up efforts at TBC. They also work closely with Karen Austin, Clean Boat Clean Water Program Coordinator, and her crew at TBC and Delta Lake.

For reservations and information for Twin Bear and Delta Lake:

Tele: 715-372-8610 or 715-209-8423

Email: [deltacamp@cheqnet.net](mailto:deltacamp@cheqnet.net)

[www.bayfieldcounty.org/parks.asp](http://www.bayfieldcounty.org/parks.asp)



**Steve and Brenda Garrett**

## An open letter to Pike Chain visitors and residents:

What can top the Pike lakes lifestyle in the summer? We all love “the Chain” for many different reasons—for fresh air, the simpler life in the country, fishing, and the joy of water activities.

But increasingly, our clean air is obliterated by noxious wood smoke from bonfires. Suddenly we have a summer of smoke. Some fishing friends lament the smoky air that is rampant at night, spoiling the atmosphere for them. My husband and I once relished dining on our deck at night with our family. But now, when wood smoke is in the air, we must retreat indoors and close all win-

dows for the night, rather than breathe its caustic fumes that contain cancer-causing and hormone disrupting chemicals.

Wood smoke is even implicated in premature death in people of all ages. But children, and anyone with breathing disorders or heart disease are especially vulnerable.

Wood smoke is chemically almost identical to tobacco smoke, but it is far more concentrated and travels



much farther. Wood smoke is bad for pets and wildlife too. And it also affects our water quality by depositing fine soot particulates into the lakes, paving the way for invasive species. For the facts, see

[www.burningissues.org](http://www.burningissues.org) or [www.takebacktheair.com](http://www.takebacktheair.com).

Please consider switching to gas or propane fire pits, which are cool and portable, without the toxic smoke. Because the lakes are for everyone to enjoy—not just those who burn wood.

Julie Mellum, Lake Millicent

Founder, “Take Back the Air”  
[www.takebacktheair.com](http://www.takebacktheair.com)

## Leaving a Legacy

My dad - Ed Kernan - bought our property on Twin Bear from Pete Knutson in 1962, and we've been avid users of the Pike Chain ever since. My brother, sister and I grew up on the lakes in the summer - fishing, skiing, working at Wheeler's (now Hyde's), and now our kids and grandkids are doing the same. Dad was always keenly interested in the health of the lakes, and in their sensible use, and was a member and fan of the

PCLA. When he passed away last Fall, it was a very natural step to include the PCLA as one of the recipients for memorials from friends and families. It would have made him very happy to know that he was able to help the organization and the Pike Chain.

I'm sure there are many other families out there for whom the Pike Chain has been a similar part of their lives, and hope

Our thank you to Ed and the Kernan family for remembering PCLA.

they'll consider a similar step when the time comes. The organization does a great job of protecting the lakes, and ensuring that they'll be there for many future generations to enjoy.

Jay Kernan

## Protect the Lakes

It's important to protect the lakes. It's important to protect them because otherwise all the fish and some other animals would die. Also then people couldn't swim, ski, or tube in the lakes. My last reason to protect the lakes is because then the lakes would be abandoned. That's why it's important to protect the lakes. Written by William.

(Will is 12 years old and lives in the Twin Cities. He's been regularly coming to the Pike Chain at his grandma's on Hart Lake since he's been an infant enjoying time with his extended family, fishing, swimming, tubing/skiing, and having friends up to enjoy the lake experience).

**Right: Will with a 37.5” musky caught on the Pike Chain in 2011.**



## 2012 COMMITTEE REPORTS

### • Fisheries Committee

The fisheries committee was established to improve the fishery while striving to achieve the overall goal of sustainable lake management. **Where are the walleyes, what happened to the perch and how come there are so many bass, are the questions being repeated throughout the Chain** We are working with Scott Toshner, WI DNR Fisheries Manager, to answer these questions and to arrive at management options that help achieve our goal. Scott is in the process of completing the second draft of a report covering the Fishery Survey the DNR completed last year. The report will summarize all previous work by the agency on the Pike Chain and will be shared with fishery committee members during June. Committee members will also be provided scientific papers that should help promote understanding of how changes in Wisconsin fishing regulations have impacted bass populations and the relationship between yellow perch abundance and walleye. **Two papers by Dr. William Swenson are posted on the website.**

The committee should meet during early July to discuss what fishery management options are best suited to our sustainable management goal. We hope to meet with Scott Toshner during late July to work through proposed management options. The options will be brought before the members at the Annual Meeting for review. Committee members: Bill Swenson-Chair, Derek Ogle, Al Bochler, Scott Bochler, Mike O'Conner and Howard Lehman.

### • Education and Communications Committee

The Education and Communications Committee functions to provide educational approaches and programs to promote sustainable lake management. This year the committee will continue to work on the Lake Management Poster project. During the winter, Bill Swenson framed 50 additional 11 x 17 inch posters. These posters will be gifted to those property owners who have yet to receive one. Fifteen larger 13 x 19 posters will be gifted to businesses and public facilities to stimulate Responsible Boating. A spread sheet listing the private properties, resorts, businesses and public facilities that have received posters is posted on our website. **Because of the lack volunteers among Pike Chain property owners, no additional activities are presently planned this year.** Committee members: Bill Swenson-Chair, Sue Davis, Jeremy Bates and Howard Lehman

### • Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

Our AIS Committee will be working with our consultant Onterra LLC and Northern Aquatic Services to chemically treat Eurasian watermilfoil in our Chain in late May or early June depending on weather. These treatments have been taking place since 2005 under close supervision by the consultant and the Wisconsin DNR. **The locations to be treated are posted on maps in our lakes association official website [pikechain.org](http://pikechain.org).** The day of the treatment, all docks within 150 feet of the treatment areas will be posted. **Our association has treated a high of 27 acres and now has the area to be treated at less than 12 acres. We have reason to feel our efforts have not been in vain. Many lakes have shown less success and have boating and swimming issues.** The need for our efforts and your support will not end as we will not be able to control all the areas to eliminate it completely from our Chain. Our members efforts are very positive and contacts with your neighbors and friends need to continue.

Our 5 year DNR Grant has been a major part for our management plan and actions. We are in the later stages of this grant and will have increased local costs in the future. A requirement for our grant is that we provide matching funds, part of which can be "in kind," i.e. credit for documented volunteer labor such as monitoring and/or pulling EWM, marking purple loosestrife etc. **We are in need of volunteers for monitoring and pulling EWM-training will be provided.** Committee members: Barb Bochler, JoAnn Bassett, John Westman, Al Bochler-Chair.

# THANK YOU for your 2011 donations for lake management!

Angster, John/Susan	Kohlhepp, John/Jann	Sharbonno, Randy/Deborah
Anonymous	Korailia, Barb	Swanstrom, Patricia
Bassett, Bob/Jo Ann	Koval, Lois	Swenson, Bill/Dana
Bender, James/Julie	Kukull, Donald Jr./Pat	Swenson, James/Susan
Bender, Robert/Thurza	Lehman, Howard	Tenerelli, Kaye
Black, James/ Dorothy	Lemcke, Robert/Heytens, Rhonda	Theien, Richard/Gwen
Bloomquist, Eric/Ann	Leonidas, David/Lisa	Thul, Mark/Kathryn
Bochler, Al/Barbara	Leonidas, Katherine	Tuttle, Richard/Kathryn
Bochler, Jack	Mader, Ralph/M.A.	Viggiano, Glenn/Susie
Bochler, Mike/Amy	Magnuson, Violet	Wangensteen, Eddie
Bochler, Scott/Ann	McKinney, Clayton/Betsey	Wilson, Bradley/Sally
Bowman, Lawrence/Karen	McLennan, John/Susan	Zinnecker Trust, Marion/Thomas
Bretting, David/Rebecca	Melander, Donald/Nancy	Zivic, Donna
Brickson, John	Molis, Donald/Metzinger, Lynn	Zivic, Kenneth/Ann
Brown, Dennis/Susan	Mott, Timoth/Prudence	
Brunner, Ed/Linda	Nelson, James/Judith	
Buran, Robert/Linda	O'Connor, Robert/Alice	
Compton, Ken Jr./Donna	Ogle, Derek/Kim	
Czaplewski, Dennis/Judith	Ogren, Greg/Christine	
Gessner, James	Ogren, Willard	
Gilbaugh, Craig/Susan	Oie, Martha	
Gillick, Fred/Nancy	Olson, Donald/Barbara	
Glew, William/Sarah Leach	Onan, David/Patricia	
Gregor, Raymond Sr.	Oujiri, John/Beth	
Hagstrom/Gary	Podlesny, John/Mary	
Halada, Andrew/Denise	Prell, Howard/Ann	
Hazel, Stewart/Schlosser, Mary E	Prescott, Bob/Ann	
Howenstine, Richard/Susan	Ramsland, Jim	
Jensen, John/Jeanne	Rantala, Robert/Velvet	
Jensen, Robert/Margaret	Riley, Michael E. Trust	
Jerome, James/Dale	Ruef, Bob/Roberta	
Johnson, Hazel/Walli, Karen	Sandager, Tom/Kris	
Johnson, Willys/Marry	Schaller, Janet	
King, Dan/Christine	Sederberg, Robert/Jeanne	

*(While every effort was made to acknowledge everyone, some names may have been accidentally missed. If you donated in 2011 and your name was not listed, please contact Kristen Sandager at sandagk@yahoo.com or call 715-839-7663 and your name will be in our next newsletter).*

# Step-Up Give Back

The Pike Chain is a beautiful chain of lakes that we **ALL** enjoy and we want to keep it that way. To do so, your involvement is key. One way you can become involved is through your financial support by becoming a PCLA member and donating to lake management. Our annual dues are minimal and membership gives you an opportunity to share your ideas, concerns, and help determine future directions. Becoming a PCLA member doesn't come with any obligations-get as involved as you want. Your financial support for lake management helps toward implementing our lake management plan:

- Protecting the lake from invasive species such as zebra mussels
- Controlling Eurasian watermilfoil
- Maintaining high water quality, fishery and quality of life on the Pike Chain

There are some who are content with letting others handle this. Perhaps they don't realize that each and every property owner benefits from PCLA's work. PCLA is working for you. Your financial contribution for lake management and membership dues are important investments you can make to protect the Pike Chain and lake property values.

## NORTHERN AQUATIC SERVICES

### Professional Aquatic Weed Control Services

When you choose Northern Aquatic Services, you are hiring an expert in the aquatics field with whom you will solely deal with. I have a bachelor's degree in ecology from UW-Madison. I worked as a water quality scientist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for 10 years and then managed a branch office for an aquatic plant management company in Brainerd, MN for 3 years. In 2003, I formed Northern Aquatic Services in Dresser, WI. I don't hire college students to do the applications. I survey your vegetation and apply the proper dosage of herbicide(s) that I believe will be the most effective in killing your nuisance vegetation with the least detriment to the aquatic ecosystem. Northern Aquatic Services is insured. I will stand behind my work and do everything I can to satisfy my customers. Thank you for the business. Dale Dressel



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Education and Communications Committee members Contact: Bill Swenson 715-394-4680
- Volunteers for EWM monitoring and pulling Contact: Al Bochler 715-682-6370
- Interested in writing an article pertinent to lake management for the newsletter Contact: Kris Sandager 715-839-7663
- Postings pertinent to lake management for our website Contact: John Joseph 715-372-8614
- Other ideas? Contact any board member

## ART YOU'LL RECOGNIZE-GENEROSITY YOU'LL APPRECIATE

Thank you Sally Witz for your ongoing support of PCLA. Sally, an artist, has created a series of paintings, "The Pike Chain Perspective," that are for sale. 100% of the proceeds from these sales are donated to PCLA. Check out her paintings through the PCLA website.

# 2012 CONTRIBUTE TO LAKE MANAGEMENT FORM

## FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

2012 membership dues (\$15.00) (annual dues) \_\_\_\_\_

2012 donation to lake management-tax deductible  
(Suggested \$1.00 per foot of frontage annually or other ) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:** Iron River Pike Chain  
of Lakes Association

**Mail to:** Iron River Pike Chain of Lakes Assoc., Inc  
P.O. Box 602  
Iron River, WI 54847

## VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS (check any areas of interest)

\_\_\_ EWM Survey and Control: Continuing \_\_\_ New \_\_\_

\_\_\_ Boat Landing Monitoring: Time \_\_\_ Special fund \_\_\_

\_\_\_ Water Quality Monitoring

\_\_\_ Purple Loosestrife Control

\_\_\_ Shoreline Restoration

\_\_\_ Fundraising and Social Activities

\_\_\_ Serve on PCLA Board

\_\_\_ Serve on PCLA Committee:

Aquatic Invasive Species \_\_\_ Education \_\_\_ Fisheries \_\_\_

Fundraising \_\_\_ Water Quality \_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lake** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lake address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no I prefer to get the PCLA my email. (If yes, be sure your email  
address is noted above and legible)

## PCLA

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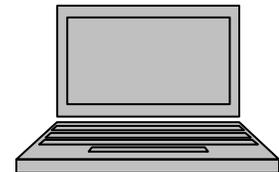
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Promoting the sustainable  
management of the Pike Chain

## Notice of Aquatic Plant Management on the Pike Chain in Bayfield County

Northern Aquatic Services hereby notifies as specified per Chapter NR 107, WI Administrative Code, that it intends to treat approximately 6 acres of the Pike Chain with aquatic pesticides to control nuisance aquatic vegetation *Myriophyllum spicatum* a.k.a. Eurasian watermilfoil. Pre-treatment aquatic plant surveys could increase the proposed treatment area. The proposed treatment would occur during the spring and summer of 2012. Northern Aquatic Services will conduct a public informational meeting on the proposed treatment if five or more individuals, organizations, special units of government, or

local units of government request one. Any request for a public meeting on this treatment must be made within five days after this notice is published. The request must specify the topics to be discussed at the meeting, including problems and alternatives, and must be sent to: Northern Aquatic Services, 1061 240th St., Dresser, WI 54009 and to the WDNR, 810 W. Maple St., Spooner, WI 54801. (Prior to the 2012 spring treatment, in accordance with Wisconsin statute, public notice of the proposed treatment was published in the local newspaper, The County Journal).



**[www.pikechain.org](http://www.pikechain.org)**

You'll find information on:

- Saving WI Bats and White Nose Syndrome
- 2 papers on large mouth bass and walleye by Dr. Bill Swenson
- Secchi Disk readings for each lake
- 2012 EWM treatment map
- Useful links to WI DNR, WI Assoc. of Lakes, Bayfield County Lakes Forum and more
- IR Police Vacation Check
- PCLA Lake Management Plan
- **HAVE SOMETHING TO POST-contact John Joseph, webmaster ([ironriver@hotmail.com](mailto:ironriver@hotmail.com))**