



July 2023 - Association Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

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Association Members,

It is so amazing how the summer flies by when you live and or recreate on the lake. Hard to believe we are cruising into the 4th of July Holiday Weekend already. Please be very careful boating and with any fireworks due to how dry this summer has been.

After June's meeting, I couldn't help but ponder about the culture of our chain of lakes. I smiled broadly when the DNR talked about what a pleasure it is to be on our chain of lakes vs. some of the other larger lakes in our area. I believe that is a testament to the overall culture we have on our lakes. As I think about any sort of culture- I think about how a culture can make or break a workplace, a neighborhood, a school, a sports team, etc. I also find that when a culture is positive and when we "can play nice in the sandbox together," it makes for a very enjoyable place to be. Sadly, a culture can also be impacted greatly and negatively by even a couple bad apples.

Holiday weekends really give us the opportunity to show how well we can play with others. As we all know this is a fun but extremely busy time on our chain of lakes. This requires us all to slow down, be patient, watch out for others and to show respect for all. Please have fun, boat safe, and be proud of the culture we have on our chain of lakes.

FIREWORKS DATES:

Saturday, July 1st ~ Shep's ~ on Island Lake at dark

Tuesday, July 4th ~ Bonacarda/Higgins fireworks on Chain Lake at dark

REMINDER:

Please stay 1000 feet away from the firework launch areas. Also, please no traveling between the small Chain Lake Island and the shoreline during the fireworks display.

THANK YOU:

I would like to personally thank Tom Scalzo (Chain Lake) and Jerry Shadick (Chain Lake) for suggesting and installing solar lighting to the navigation buoys in the channel between Island and Chain Lakes. This is going to greatly improve safety traveling at night through the channel and was implemented a few weeks ago. Great Job men!

Beetles v. Purple Loosestrife



Galerucella beetle on a purple loosestrife leaf. Photo by R. Casagrande.

The vivid flower spike of purple loosestrife is common in wetlands across the northern United States, but the colorful flowers belie the destructive power of this invasive plant. As it spreads, purple loosestrife chokes out native foliage, destroying precious wetland habitats. IPM programs in the Northeast have recently enlisted the help of three of the plant's natural enemies to slow the spread of this weed.

Purple loosestrife was accidentally imported from Europe, so researchers looked there for the plant's natural insect predators. In the late 1980s, a multinational team began rigorous screening of 120 insects and ultimately found three to be suitable for release in the United States. These species showed a strong preference for eating purple loosestrife, meaning that other types of plants would be unaffected by their presence.

In Rhode Island, Lisa Tewksbury and Richard Casagrande (Univ. of Rhode Island) have tracked the effects of the three species in a wetland where purple loosestrife had taken over. Two beetle species, *Galerucella californiensis* and *Galerucella pusilla*, quickly became established at the site. These small beetles reproduce yearly, and the larvae feed on leaves, stems, and buds. Within four years, they had significantly inhibited the growth of the original stand of purple loosestrife.

At the University of Connecticut, Donna Ellis oversees a program through which 700 volunteers raised Galerucella beetles for purple loosestrife control. Since 1995, this group has released 1.5 million beetles at more than 100 sites statewide.

Researchers continue to explore the exact benefits of this biological control approach. According to Tewksbury, there may be limitations to the beetles' effectiveness; for example, their impact seems to

be more significant in sunny, open areas. Several federal, state, and private groups help to monitor the success of this control strategy.

Source:

<https://www.northeastipm.org/about-us/publications/ipm-insights/beetles-v-purple-loosestrife/>

ICOLA MEETING LOCATIONS, DATES AND TIMES

July 8, 2023 ~ Brat Feed 11 AM @Sunny's (Note the one hour later start for the Brat Feed)

August 12, 2023 ~ 10 AM @ Hawks *Will need to hold elections for Vice President, Treasurer, And Lake Reps for McCann and Chain Lakes

Follow-up from DNR Warden Dylan Belisle from his June Association Presentation 6/10/2023

- Attached is a swim raft requirement check list. It needs to be within 200ft from shore, less than 200 square ft and can't interfere with the right to navigable waters or other property owners.
- Chinese Mystery Snail
 - [Chinese Mystery Snail \(wi.gov\)](#)
 - Looks like it's been verified in the Island Lake chain since 2013.
 - [Aquatic Invasive Species Contact](#)
 - ShorelineTree Removal
 - Clear-cutting of trees and shrubs is not allowed in the strip of land from the ordinary high water mark to 35 feet inland unless you are performing the following:
 - Routine maintenance of vegetation.
 - Removal of trees and shrubs to create an access or viewing corridor that may not exceed 30 percent of the shoreline frontage or 200 feet.
 - Removal of trees and shrubs on a parcel of at least 10 acres, consistent with "generally accepted forestry management practices."
 - Removal of exotic or invasive species, damaged or diseased vegetation, or vegetation that poses an imminent safety hazard.
 - Any other vegetation removal would require a permit from the county.

Island Chain of Lakes

June 10, 2023

Agenda/ Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order- 10 AM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Welcome new members

- V. Secretary report - approve as mailed out in newsletter. Motioned by Linda Grefsheim, second by Deb Krahn. Approved.

Treasurer report (submitted after the meeting)- Prepared by John Kowalewski:

Walleye	\$16,669.38
Land	\$15,537.10
Shoreland Restoration	\$24,438.42
Unrestricted Funds	\$26,445.58

Total Funds	\$86,146.75
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Membership as of June 8, 2023

Members	212
Associates Members	15
Total	227

VI. Committee Reports

- Walleye- Rod Steege-conducted 10-11 days of netting with the DNR. DNR shocked on Island and Chain. Hoping for a report from the DNR at the August meeting.
- Invasive Species- Kent Gierhart- unable to attend provided written report. Tom indicated that no extra expense was needed to obtain beetles for purple loosestrife. Beetles are replicating well and will need to go out earlier than expected. The beetles are 3/16 of an inch long, have a hard shell, hang out on the top of the plants, and eat holes in the leaves. **Always looking for volunteers to help with this.**
- Shoreline Restoration- Carol Hakala- Out of town- provided written report. Another \$10,000 donation from the Presto Corporation Foundation and Joseph Stenison was received.

Other Old Business

New Business:

- X. Presto Foundation gift- Thanks to Joseph Stenison
- XI. Highway Clean up: Segment of County Hwy D from Plummer Road to State Hwy 40. Volunteers should text or call Nancy Rothwell. 715-577-3618
- XIII. Lake Courtesy- radios, watching for loons and other wildlife, watching for non-motorized watercraft.
- XIV. AED Renewal reminder- Karl Nordin asked if there is an interest in CPR training. Karl Nordin reminded people that AED machine batteries and pads to expire and have to be replaced. Replacement parts can take a while to arrive when ordered. The AEDs purchased and placed by the board have been updated. ILCOLA AEDs are located at Shep's, Backwoods, and Hawk's.
- XV. Boating in heavy submersed weed areas-Jeff Pippinger commented that boats should try to NOT boat through the weedy areas as that cuts up weeds that end up on shore. Boats should try to stay in at least 10 feet of water in order to avoid cutting weeds with props.
- XVI. Other New Business-Karl Nordin recognized Ralph and Carol Deluga from Chain Lake for their past service to the board. They are moving to Florida.

Motion to adjourn by Sandy Johnson, Second by Mark Johnson. Approved.

Door Prizes

Next Meeting, July, 8th This is the brat feed so meeting start time will be 11:00

Sunny's Bar- N. 207 Park Lane- New Auburn

4th of July Firework Dates: Saturday- July 1st Island Lake, Tuesday July 4, Chain Lake

SPEAKER: June 10th Dylan Belisle, Wisconsin DNR and Rusk County Deputy Zielke took questions from the crowd and provided information on boating and shoreline issues.

*****LAST CHANCE to order your ICOLA merchandise. The online store site closes on July 11th at midnight so that orders can be processed. <https://cvsports.chipply.com/icla20232>**

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