



May/June 2021 Newsletter

Lake Association Members,

I'm starting this newsletter with a Word Association Game. There is only one simple rule in this game:
Rule 1: Read the phrases below and state the first thought that comes to your head. If you happen to be reading this newsletter with someone, then start a conversation and share what each of you thought and felt when reading these phrases. Even better, include the kids to find out what they think when they hear these phrases. Let the game begin: (Phrase 1): "We are heading to the lake this weekend" (Phrase 2): "The Cabin" (Phrase 3): "Up North" (Phrase 4): "The Lake House."

I am going to guess that these phrases conjure up many different thoughts and feelings but my guess is most of them were positive. Maybe you thought of long visits with friends, maybe you thought about your grandchild catching their first of many fish off the pier, your first boat and motor, water skiing for the first time, maybe it was the comradery of a neighborhood campfire when the acoustic guitar gets dusted off for a few tunes. I would speculate I could fill this newsletter with people's feelings about these phrases.

I have been thinking about what these phrases mean to me, and how my life has been impacted by the lake/and the cabin and now my lake home. I, too realize, that my experience may be different from anyone else on the lake. The recreational activities I participate in and enjoy are different from what you might enjoy. Because we have people that recreate differently in our lake community we must not forget to do everything possible to help protect the land, water, and shorelines. As a community, we need to look out for all and extend that common courtesy to others on the lake. This means how we boat, waterski, fish, canoe, wakesurf, wakeboard, pontoon, tube or any other type of water recreation we enjoy. When we are a community that watches out for others we promote respect for each other, as well as the land and water that makes up our Chain of lakes. By showing respect and being considerate of others we will keep the memories generated in the above word association game positive as well for future generations. My personal hope is not just that we pass on our healthy lake, but we pass on our healthy lake community of respect, and courtesy for future generations to build on. I would love it if the mantra of our membership was, "Did my life and actions at the lake make it

better.” This means that no one is a passive participant and we must all make the conscious effort to protect, maintain and enhance the land we own privately and the lake we own collectively.

In efforts to continue in this thought process, I am excited that we will be joined at our June meeting on June 12, 2021, at the Backwoods by guest speaker Andrew Gullickson, Aquatic Biologist, with TSB Lakefront Restoration and Diving. He will be talking to us about the very topics above as to how we can take steps to protect our shorelines, he will share opportunities through the DNR (that are available to our Association that might help defer some costs to landowners wanting to protect their shorelines using restoration techniques). I hope you can join us to learn more.

I want to extend a thank you to the many of you who sent in your membership dues right away. As I write, we are already approaching 150 memberships. I also want to thank those who generously indicated their desire to help as needed with the organization and/or gave generous monetary gifts with their membership dues to help support the organization's mission. **Again, we kindly ask that you pay your dues before June 26th- A membership form is again attached in this newsletter.** Please also reach out to John Kowalewski at the address or phone number below to coordinate an Association Calendar pick-up or to purchase additional calendars. John Kowalewski - Treasurer Address: 30961 117th St, New Auburn, WI 54757 715-967-2109

From the President:

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REMINDER SIGN UP FOR AMAZON SMILE:

Smile.amazon.com We have now set up the Island Chain of Lakes as a beneficiary of Amazon’s charity give back programs for 501c3’s. Instead of making purchases through Amazon.com if you sign up for an Amazon smile account Amazon will donate 0.5% on eligible purchases to your favorite Charity or organization in this case the **Island Chain of Lakes Association** at no cost to you. When setting this up search for us using the EIN Number 83-0802634 or Island Chain of Lakes Association. Thanks in advance for selecting us as your Organization of choice. Once you sign up you should get a email like this...**Dear Karl Nordin,**

Thanks for visiting [AmazonSmile!](https://www.amazon.com/smile) Per your request, we have successfully changed the AmazonSmile charity you are supporting to Island Chain of Lakes Association Inc.

ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULE

June 12, 2021 10 AM Backwoods: Outdoor Meeting if weather permits-
Speaker Andrew Gullickson from TSB on Shoreline Buffer zones.

July and August meetings to be determined: Watch upcoming newsletters.

Association Brief Financial Summary Submitted by: John Kowalski - Treasure

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| Unallocated | \$14,692.67 |
| Walleye | \$19,480.34 |
| Land | \$15,261.01 |

On-going request

Do you have or know anyone that might have a small piece of property that they would be willing to donate or sell at a reduced price to the Association?

The board has suggested that I put out an inquiry to find out if there is anyone that might know of land that would have road access, would be close to our chain of lakes that could house a pole shed for Association assets such as our buoys, the association pontoon, etc. If you have or know someone who might have property, please contact Karl Nordin know at 715-577-8692

FIREWORKS:

Due to no Association meeting in May the board voted to continue donations from the association at the same level of support as in 2020. The checks have already been delivered to Shep's (Island Lake Fireworks) and the Higgin's/Bonacorda family on Chain Lake.

ONLINE STORE

If you are interested in purchasing any Island Chain of Lakes merchandise, please visit

<https://chippewavalleysportinggoods.itemorder.com/> SALES CODE:icla21

The online store will close on Tuesday, June 15th at 11:59pm

Please contact MaryB-Nordin mbbaldesh@gmail.com or 715.829.2542 with questions.



Hats (men's and women's)

Polos (men's and women's)

T-Shirts, Sweatshirts (crew, hoody's, and zip-up)

Athletic jackets (men's and women's)

Fleece vests

Women's $\frac{3}{4}$ v-neck tees

YOUTH tees and hoody's

Blankets

Totes



ICOLA Membership Form

Name _____

Check here if you were a member last year and all your contact information is the same

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Assn Address if different _____

I own ICOLA waterfront property I DO NOT own ICOLA waterfront property

Circle your Lake: Clear Lake / Chain Lake / Island Lake / McCann Lake

Newsletter delivery preference:

____ E-mail Newsletter (RECOMMENDED- also receive periodic important notifications)

E-Mail address _____

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(Please Print)

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I am interested in helping with: _____

YEARLY FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$10.00 _____

ADDITIONAL DONATION _____

I am not a ICOLA member but would like to make a donation.

Your canceled check will serve as your tax deductible receipt.

Check here if donating more than \$50 to request a receipt.

Please make checks payable to: **Island Chain of Lakes Association, Inc.**

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