

The Voice of Squash Lake



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Mission Statement

The Squash Lake Association's mission is to preserve and protect Squash Lake and its surrounding ecosystems, and also to enhance the water quality, the fishery, the wild natural habitats, of Squash Lake, as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations.

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Next newsletter deadline is
August 24, 2019

Squash Lake Association Annual Meeting

JULY 20th, 2019
4:00 - 6:00 PM



Come one, come all, its that time of year again. Yes, time for the Squash Lake Association Annual Meeting. This year it will be held at our local favorite, Henkel's Town Pump. Free hors d'oeuvres. will be provided beginning at 4:00, meeting will begin at

5:00.

Alcohol and dinner will be available for people that choose to purchase it themselves.

Join us at the meeting to learn about the Lake Association and catch up with your neighbors.



The Squash Lake Association proudly participates in the Wisconsin DNR and the UWEX Lakes, Clean Boats Clean Waters Program.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Kathy Tournour

Ah spring. That wonderful time of year when you start to think about putting your winter coat away for the season. As the days get longer, I find my thoughts turning to summer often. Each spring I form summer to do list – sort of a bucket list of summer fun. Some of the items are summer traditions and some are new adventures. Read 10 books is on my list every year and my favorite reading spot is on our boat in the morning with a cup of coffee. I have my stack of books ready and am impatiently waiting for summer.

The Squash Lake Association has a summer bucket list as well. We are planning a paddleboard demonstration/lessons for anyone interested in giving SUP a try. Our Annual Meeting is on July 20 at Henkel's Town Pump and we are hoping to see many of you there. The Pump has awesome food and we promise the meeting will be informative and fun. The Crescent Volunteer Fire Department is hosting their annual picnic on July 27 and the SLA is donating a raffle prize for the event. Finally, we will be offering Squash Lake apparel for sale this summer. Watch your email in box and the website for more information.

Summer weather and summer fun are right around the corner!



**PREVENT THE SPREAD OF
INVASIVE SPECIES
IT'S THE LAW**

PENALTIES MAY EXCEED \$2000

Before *launching* and before *leaving* **YOU MUST:**

- ✓ **INSPECT** boats, trailers, and equipment.
- ✓ **REMOVE** all attached aquatic plants and animals.
- ✓ **DRAIN** all water from boats, vehicles, and equipment.
- ✓ **NEVER MOVE** plants or live fish away from a waterbody.*

 **STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!**
Prevent the spread of invasive species, it's the law

*Limited exceptions apply. Visit WWW.DNR.WI.GOV and search for "BAIT LAWS."

**Good
NEIGHBOR**



If you have something to sell or give away, or are looking for something, this is the place to post it. Just send an email with pictures (if possible) to

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The paddle boat and cover has finally been claimed, *not sure whose it was but it is gone!*

Squash Lake Association
Membership Form

Thank you for your generous donation and support.
The Squash Lake Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
Your donation is tax deductible.

Name(s):

Mailing Address:

Lake Address:

Email: _____

Phone# _____

We will email you a receipt.

I would like to help with (circle your choice): boat inspections, EWM monitoring, mailings, or ?

Instead, I would like to contribute towards hiring an inspector (\$12/hr. increments, please use "Landing Inspector" below)

\$ _____ Yearly Membership (limit 2 per property) \$25.00 Dues are for July 1 - June 30

\$ _____ CBCW & Landing Inspector

\$ _____ Educational Programs

\$ _____ Other _____

\$ _____ **Total** (Check # _____)

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In Case You Haven't Been There Yet...

By Linda Tennesen



You will remember it as Schaefer's Wharf, right across from the Windmill Ice Cream Shop on Lake Nokomis in Tomahawk. Over the winter, it has been renovated and is under new ownership! It was purchased by two brothers who have updated it and completed it with a friendly staff, fresh new menu, and full bar!

The Tilted Loon Saloon is open year round. The owners invite you to *"come on over, enjoy the great views, food and drinks with friends from our spacious dining room and outside decks. Kick back, relax, and watch a game on our large screen TV's...Bring the family over for lunch or dinner... Take the boat or snowmobile across the lake..."*



Party with us on the weekends... Hang with us after work... Oh! We have gas for your boat and sleds as well! (The only place on Lake Nokomis that does!)"

We stopped by for their Saturday Bloody Mary Bar and enjoyed some great sandwiches too.

They offer a Happy Hour Monday

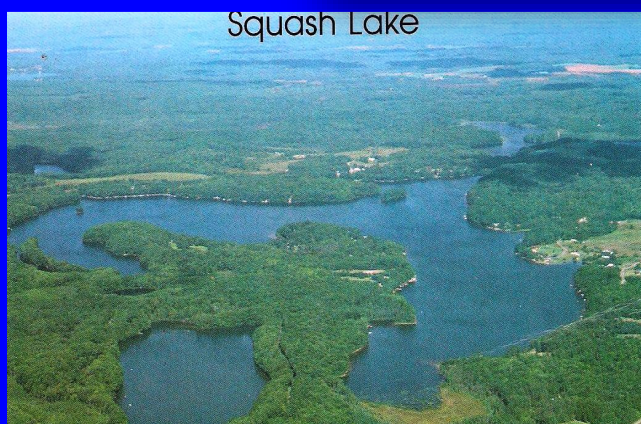


thru Thursday from 2-5 PM with \$2 bottles of beer and \$2 rail cocktails.

Check their Facebook events



page for other specials and



Squash Lake Theme

"SQUASH LAKE, A PLACE TO COME HOME TO"



Squash Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Welcomes You!

Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Meeting Notice

Lake District Quarterly Board Meeting

Date: July, 14 2019

Location: Crescent Town Hall

Time: 1:00 p.m.

AIS Training Session

June 14, 2019

Due to a scheduling conflict, this year the AIS Training, which the District holds for our volunteers as part of our EWM grant work, is being held in conjunction with the Three Lakes Waterfront Association's training. As before, Stephanie Boismenu from Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department will conduct the training. But this year, it is being held on Virgin Lake, near Three Lakes. If you'd like to attend, please contact Dan Butkus (email dan.butkus@yahoo.com, or 608-628-5151) to sign up. Your attendance will count as volunteer hours towards the District's EWM grant as in-kind donation of time at \$12/hr per person.

Date: Friday, June 14, 2019

Time: 1:00pm

Duration: 1 1/2 to 2 hrs

Location: Bob Borek's home on Virgin Lake, 6534 Safar Rd, Three Lakes, WI

Agenda:

- Steph – “Brief Introduction to AIS”
- Sandy – “AIS from a WI DNR Water Resource Management Specialists Perspective”
- Sandy – “Aquatic Plant ID”

Sandy, Steph, & participants – Field training - EWM identification from the pontoons and see the rapid response divers in action.

EWM Blitzes

As a reminder, this year two (2) EWM Blitzes are scheduled. Due to the success of letting volunteers schedule their sections of the lake for convenience, and to avoid having bad weather for a scheduled blitz day, the District will again have a 2-week window to complete each blitz.

- Blitz 1 - June 29 thru July 14
- Blitz 2 - August 17 thru Sept 1

Contact Dan Butkus for forms and for securing your section of shoreline:
dan.butkus@yahoo.com, cell # 608-628-5151



The Chorus of the Frogs

By Linda Tennesen

Earlier this month, I sat outside in the late afternoon and the chorus from the woods was so loud, I could not concentrate to read my book. I took the time to read up on the spring chorus and this is the simple explanation I found..... If you want to hear how loud it was, I put a video with sound on my Facebook page (dated May 4th).

If you're out in the woods this time of year, you may hear something you haven't heard all winter: a drawn-out chorus of trills, punctuated by sets of high-pitched peeps.

It's a nocturne played by a band of toads and spring peepers that, to a human audience, signals that spring is finally here. But the amphibious musicians behind the recital are beckoning to each other that it's breeding season.

Between now and early summer, all of Wisconsin's 12 frog species will get their turn to perform. These include one species of toad, five tree frogs and six true frogs.

"There are probably about four species people can hear out right now," said Rori Paloski, a conservation biologist at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: "The wood frog, the spring peeper, chorus frog and the leopard frog."

But Paloski said that anyone who frequents the state's woods and waterways over the next few months will likely be rewarded with a rich assortment of arias as different species take turns scheduling their performances.

"(They) stagger the breeding times so they don't all try to breed at the same time and fight for the same pond locations at the same time," she explained.



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Become a Clean Boats, Clean Waters Volunteer

It's everyone's job to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species to Wisconsin lakes. The main way aquatic invasive species like zebra mussels and Eurasian water milfoil spread to new waters is often by hitching a ride on the boats and trailers of the very people who enjoy the water the most. Similarly, other aquatic invasive plants and animals are introduced into lakes and streams through accidental and sometimes intentional releases.

**Take these steps to ensure that your actions are not part of the problem, but the solution!
Boaters, paddlers, and anglers**



INSPECT your boat, trailer, and equipment.

REMOVE any attached aquatic plants or animals (before launching, after loading, and before transporting on a public highway)

DRAIN all water from boats, motors and all equipment

NEVER MOVE live fish away from a waterbody.

DISPOSE of unwanted bait in the trash.

BUY minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer. Use leftover minnows only under certain conditions*

*You may take leftover minnows away from any state water and use them again on that same water. You may use leftover minnows on other waters only if no lake or river water or other fish were added to their container.

Become a Clean Boats, Clean Waters Volunteer

With the growing concern over the spread of aquatic invasive species to Wisconsin's inland lakes, many lake association members and other concerned citizens are looking for ways to get involved. [The Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program](#) provides one opportunity to take a front line defense against the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Schedule of Events

SLA Board Meetings

(The meetings are held in the Crescent Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. They are open meetings.)

July 20, 2019 ANNUAL MEETING 4—6 pm

Join us at :
HENKEL'S TOWN PUMP

August 17, 2019

8:30

Slow/No Wake and Diver Reminders



As boating season approaches, the Squash Lake Association would like to remind property owners and visitors to the lake of the DNR regulations regarding slow/no wake. Additionally, the association suggests that boaters use caution in certain areas where slow/no wake boundaries of opposing shorelines create very narrow channels. A map is included with this article to help guide everyone, and ensure safe boating, as well as help preserve sensitive shorelines.

The regulations state that **boats may not operate at wake speeds when closer than 100 ft from shore** and **Personal Watercraft (PWC) may not operate at wake speeds when closer than 200 ft from shore**.

Also, we have divers on our waters harvesting Eurasian Water Milfoil. Typically they are out between 8am and 5pm Monday through Thursday. But we also have recreational divers as well. Please be mindful of dive flags and keep your distance from marked diving areas (100ft from flags).

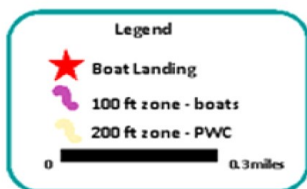
Squash Lake Slow/No-Wake Shoreline Zones - DNR Regulations

Wisconsin DNR defines slow/no-wake as the speed at which a boat or personal watercraft moves as slowly as possible while maintaining steering control.

Wisconsin DNR regulations for slow/no-wake operation are:

- 1) Within 100 ft of shore for motorized boats
- 2) Within 200 ft of shore for personal watercraft (PWC or jet-ski)

Suggest that all motorized watercraft observe slow/no-wake between both islands and the shore.



Suggest that all motorized watercraft observe slow/no wake in these bays, due to narrow open areas in both bays, and shallow depth of southeastern bay.

Squash Lake Association News & Events



Be sure to visit our Facebook page and please Follow and Like it! Share your photos!



SLA WEBSITE

<http://www.squash-lake.com>

This is a new website so please update your records!
Please visit our website for more up-to-date news and info. If you think something should be listed on our website, contact Kathy Tournour at: ktournour@gmail.com

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