

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
April 21, 2021**



Tom Eggert , sunrise 12/5/20

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

One of my favorite aspects of turning the calendar to a new year is "The Year in Review" articles that flood my news feed in December. It's always fun to look back and reminisce about all the forgotten details of the past year. The 2020 Year in Review was one that left me very reflective of a year that won't be easily forgotten. I was reminded of all that I am grateful for. 2020 was different for many of us, my family included. I'm profoundly grateful for many events of the past year. I have 2 family members who suffered major health crisis' with positive outcomes. My heart goes out to everyone who wasn't as lucky and has had the heartache of loss this year.

The summer of 2020 on Squash Lake was also different for me and my family. We often entertain extended family and friends on the weekends which didn't happen this year. Although I missed spending time with friends and am already looking forward to seeing everyone again next summer, I am grateful for the opportunity to spend quality time with my family. We created different summer memories that we will cherish.

Lastly, I am so very grateful for the Squash Lake community. Spending time on the lake, waving to neighbors from our boat, chatting with neighbors made life feel normal again. Squash Lake truly is a place like no other!

Your Squash Lake Association Board has been busy preparing for a fun and exciting 2021. We are continuing to focus on the fish population of Squash Lake and are working to improve fish habitats. Our 2020 Boat Flotilla was a success and we are planning another for 2021. Keep an eye on the website, social media and the newsletter for upcoming events.

Wishing all of you a happy and healthy 2021!

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***Membership renewal for 2021 is
now due, please
submit check with membership
form on page 5***

THANK YOU!

Schedule of Events

SLA BOARD MEETINGS

February 6, 2021	9:00 AM
May 15, 2021	9:00 AM
June 26, 2021	ANNUAL MEMBER'S MEETING (time and place to be determined)
August 21, 2021	9:00 AM

Unless otherwise noted, the meetings are held in the Crescent Town Hall. Because of COVID, meetings may be conducted remotely via ZOOM.

Everyone is welcome to attend



My apologies to **Dale Smith**, I forgot to add the byline for his awesome article on the history of the **Paddock Family** on Squash Lake.

We all enjoyed the story of your family. Thank you for sharing!

If anyone has any other stories or interesting facts/articles to share, please just send to me by email. russ.linda.tennessee@gmail.com

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 to:

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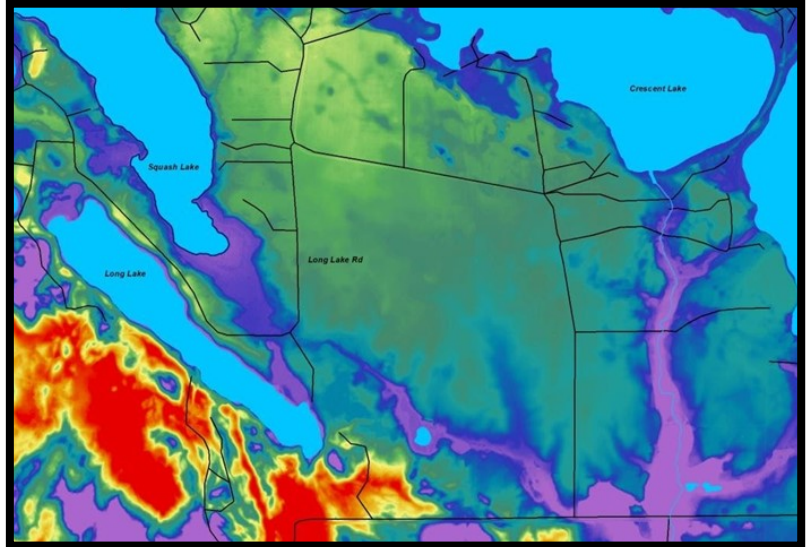


Is Squash Lake REALLY a Seepage Lake?

by Dan Butkus, Treasurer SLPRD

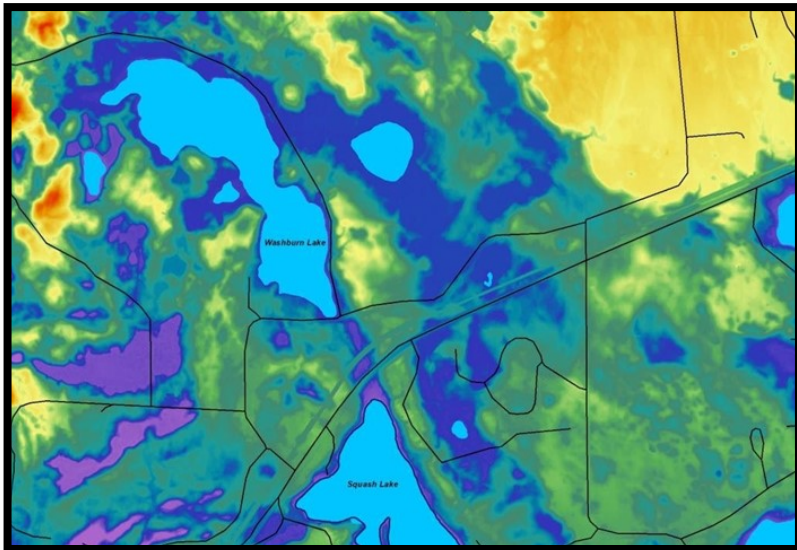
Sometimes things are not what we believe them to be. And sometimes things defy classification. Once again, Squash Lake offers some surprises. Squash Lake always has been identified as a deep seepage lake. This means that there is no inlet, nor outlet. The basin of the lake exposes the groundwater beneath us, with the water coming from runoff and groundwater filtering through the soil into the lake. Other common types of lakes in our area include spring/drained lakes and drainage lakes. Spring and drained lakes get their water from springs and groundwater respectively. They have only an outlet. Drainage lakes have both an inlet and an outlet because they are part of a watershed drainage system. So, our lake is a seepage lake, right? Not so fast. Some of us around the lake know about an intermittent stream that flows into the lake during wetter years. We never give it much thought. But where does that water come from? And there is no outlet. So, where does it go? Is Squash Lake like a bathtub with the tap on and the drain stoppered?

Squash Lake's watershed was reexamined this fall to update our 2014 Lake Management Plan. Since 2014, new tools are now available to our lake consultants, Onterra LLC. One of those tools is LiDAR, short for Light Detection and Ranging imaging. And thanks to some sleuthing by residents Peggy and Terry Jensen, our lake offered some surprises. Our watershed is bigger than was first documented in 2014. LiDAR elevation data shows that a series of wetlands feed Mazy Lake into Washburn Lake. Both lakes are about 7 ft higher in elevation than Squash Lake. Wetlands extend from Washburn Lake to Squash Lake. This fall, our sleuths confirmed the existence of a culvert at the south end of Washburn Lake extending under County Hwy N. Water was flowing out of Washburn Lake through a series of



wetlands and culverts under the railroad tracks and Hwy 8 to Squash Lake. In dry years, this water does not flow. It just seeps through the ground in those wetlands toward our lake. The imaging data further suggests that the wetlands at Loon Bay may hide more surprises. There appears to be a natural depression that connects both Long Lake and Squash Lake, heading to an intermittent stream dotted with wetlands and ponds all the way to Crescent Creek near where the creek crosses Firetower Rd. The sandy and rocky soil is likely porous enough to allow water to seep easily from our lake under Long Lake Rd without the aid of a culvert there, and continue its journey to Crescent Creek, and on to the Wisconsin River.

So, is Squash Lake still a seepage lake if it appears to have an inlet and outlet? Not exactly. It has characteristics of both a seepage lake and a drainage lake. Our lake seems to defy absolute classification. The existence of the connection to Washburn Lake also may have an impact on our lake's water quality. Water clarity and phosphorous levels may relate to periods when the creek flows versus when it does not flow. We continue to look at this to see if there's a relationship. The more we find out, the more questions it seems we have to answer.



IN MEMORIAM



Ronald D. "Ron" Appling

Ron Appling, 83, of the Town of Crescent, passed away on Tuesday evening, November 10, 2020 at his home with his family at his side and under the care of Ascension at Home Hospice.

Ron was born in Pottawattamie County, Iowa on January 29, 1937, to Ralph and Ruth I. (Reynolds) Appling. He was raised in Des Moines, Iowa. He attended a trade school in Des Moines, Iowa where he learned how to paint. This led him to serve an apprenticeship with a painting company located in Des Moines.

Ron had a love for horses, and it was during this time while living in Des Moines that he met his future wife Janet Z. Degris who also had a love for horses. The couple met at a stable where they kept their horses which happened to be right next to each other. Their dates consisted of horseback riding together. Janet was in the military and was stationed in Des Moines as a recruiter. The couple got to know each other by horseback riding for a year and a half. They were united in marriage by a Justice of the Peace on July 20, 1968 in Indianola, Iowa.

Janet was transferred to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and for the next four years the couple lived there.

Before Janet had met Ron, she had purchased land on Peninsula Road in the Town of Crescent. Upon her completion with the military, the couple then moved to Rhinelander.

Ron was employed as an Industrial Painter and happened to paint at the Beehive Mall Bakery. The owner of the bakery, Jerry Van Beymen, offered Ron an apprenticeship as a Baker. Ron changed careers and from that time on became a baker. Jerry purchased the Dutch Oven and Ron was employed there. He enjoyed baking and took pride in his craft and was well known for his apple fritters. Ron later was employed with Five Flags, Cirilli's, Reeves and Trig's as a Baker. Ron worked sixteen-hour days and seven days a week. After retiring he decided to open his own donut shop on Brown Street called "The Donut Shop" which he owned for two and a half years. Unfortunately, some health concerns caused him to close the business.

Even though Ron worked long hours, during his spare time he and Janet raised and bred Paso Fino Horses. He also had a hobby farm raising goats, rabbits, ducks, pigs, a fawn and peacocks.

Ron and Janet worked with Inter Cambio, which is a Catholic Cultural Exchange Program. This led to their traveling to Mexico to chaperone one hundred and fifty children to the United States and Canada. This led to many friendships with one special friendship which turned into the couple having an unofficial adoption of a Mexican son and his family. Ron and Janet were also involved in "TEC", Teens Encounter Christ for eight years assisting wherever they could.

Throughout his life, Ron enjoyed horseback riding. He also enjoyed fixing and collecting clocks.

He was a member of Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church.

He will be dearly missed by his loving wife Janet of fifty-two and a half years, a son from his first marriage to Sharon Anderson, Mark (Marjorie) Hilliard of Traverse City, Michigan, two sons from he and Janet's marriage; Aaron (Connie) Appling of Rhinelander and Brion (DeAnn) Appling of Bloomington, Minnesota, six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. Also surviving are two brothers; Ray (Nancy) Appling of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Paul (Beverly) Appling of Yuma, Arizona, sister-in-law; Louise Appling of Downers Grove, Illinois and a brother-in-law; Don House of Pacheco, California. Ron is further survived by nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother; Eldon Appling and by one sister; Carolyn House.

Membership renewal for 2021 is now due, please send to the address noted below!

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.

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Name(s):

Mailing Address:

Lake Address:

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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 January 1– December 31

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

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Boat
Launch
Cleanup

On November 5th, the Fisheries committee participated in cleaning leaves and debris



around the association shed as well as the boat launch ramp.

Thanks for keeping it looking good!



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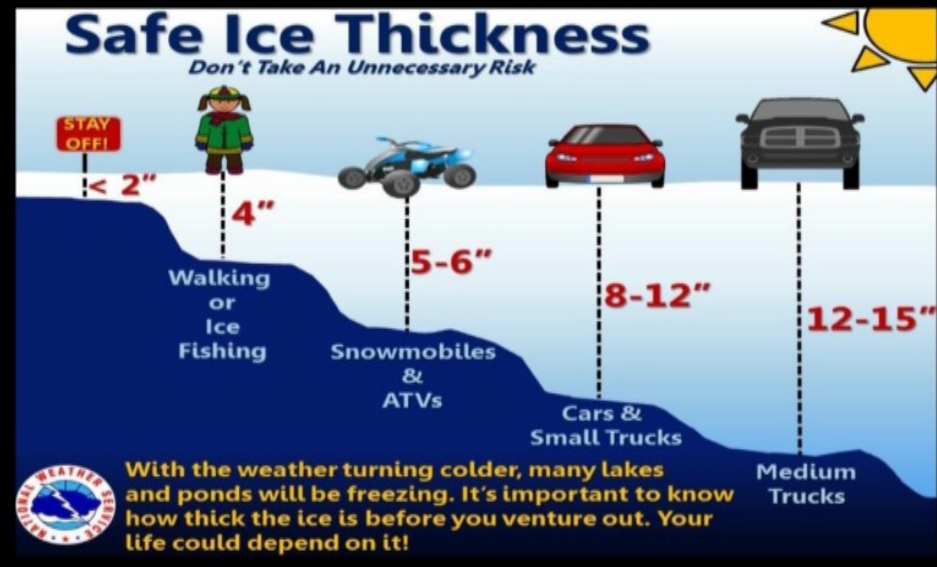


Squash Lake Inn, Rhinelander, Wis.

Ice Safety

On December 15th, Gregory Nevinski noticed an open stretch of water remaining near the deep end of the lake. It is about 200 yards long by 50 yards wide. It was never noticed in years past.

Exercise caution when traveling especially if on a snowmobile. A slight snow cover in the future could leave weak ice below!



This year the lake froze like a sheet of glass. These were taken on Sunday, December 13th, while walking



the shoreline. There was about 4" of ice near shoreline.

You could see through to the bottom while walking on the ice. If you are coming north, bring your ice skates!



**Squash Lake Protection &
Rehabilitation District**
www.Squashlakedistrict.com

District Meeting Notice

Date: January 10, 2021

Time: 1:00

Meeting Format: Zoom

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Owner Survey

Notices regarding a Lake District survey will be sent to all District property owners after January 1st. This survey is part of our Aquatic Plant Management grant through the DNR. The grant will update Squash Lake's Lake Management Plan so we remain eligible for future grants to control Eurasian Water Milfoil. It will be one survey per household.

The survey is anonymous. The District will be sending letters to everyone announcing the survey and explaining the need for owner participation. This will be followed by a postcard from a 3rd party administrator. The postcard will have instructions for completing the anonymous survey online. A paper copy for submitting the survey will be available to owners not wishing to complete it online.

The District encourages everyone to participate in the survey. To make the results meaningful, we are looking for at least 60% participation. It should take roughly 15 minutes to complete. Thank you in advance for your participation.



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