

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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The next newsletter deadline is:
April 23, 2022



....Jackie Whitney

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

2022! Hard to believe we've made another rotation around the sun! New Year's is always a time of reflection, and 2021 certainly was a memorable year. Most of the special moments that I reflected on this year took place on Squash Lake. We are so lucky to be able to enjoy all four seasons at the lake and to spend time with loved ones at our cabin.

2021 was a memorable year for the Squash Lake Association as well. We continued to support the Lake District's work on controlling invasive species by monitoring the boat landing for the Clean Boats Clean Waters program. The Fisheries Committee built fish cribs and continued to work on improving the fishing on Squash Lake. The Education Program arranged a class that taught Squash Lake residents about native plants that thrive on the lake and attract pollinators. Lastly, our Annual Meeting held at Henkle's Town Pump in June was a great success.

New Year's is also a time to look forward to the upcoming year. The Squash Lake Association will be working diligently this winter to prepare for another memorable summer on Squash Lake; watch for an exciting upcoming membership promotion.

Don't forget to check out the SLA website for up-to-date information. There's a new electronic mem

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bership form that allows you to pay your 2022 membership dues online and pay with a credit card. There's also an online store with fun Squash Lake items.

As always, if you have a question, concern, or a suggestion I would love to hear from you.

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SLA BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER EVENTS

February 12, 2022 (via Zoom)

Saturday, May 14 (Tournour cabin)

**June 25, 2022
(Annual Meeting)**

August 13, 2022

Unless otherwise noted, the meetings are held in the Crescent Town Hall.

**Everyone is welcome!
to attend!**

Safe Ice Thickness
Don't Take An Unnecessary Risk

STAY OFF! < 2"

4" Walking or Ice Fishing

5-6" Snowmobiles & ATVs

8-12" Cars & Small Trucks

12-15" Medium Trucks

With the weather turning colder, many lakes and ponds will be freezing. It's important to know how thick the ice is before you venture out. Your life could depend on it!

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE



2022

IT'S A NEW YEAR ... PLEASE RENEW !

*You can fill out and mail the form below to
Tom Eggert or
visit our website and pay by credit card or PayPal*

\$25

[Join the Squash Lake Association \(squash-lake.myshopify.com\)](http://squash-lake.myshopify.com)

Squash Lake Association Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Lake Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone# _____

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

\$ _____ CBCW & Landing Inspector

\$ _____ Educational Programs

\$ _____ Other _____

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

Mail to: Tom Eggert, Squash Lake Association, or you can pay by credit card or pay pal @
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Shoreline Stabilization Guide for Lakefront Property Owners Now Available

Shoreline erosion is bad for water quality in Northwoods lakes, not to mention eating away at the property of people who live there.

The guide gives people a guideline for scoring the vulnerability their shoreline to erosion. Wave energy hitting the shoreline, what kind of aquatic vegetation you have, what your shoreline vegetation is, and the slope are all important in what impact that might have on potential for erosion. Soil type and the amount of impervious surfaces also play a role.

The guide gives a suggested erosion protection solution, complete with pictures. Those solutions range from a no-mow suggestion to installing riprap and bioengineering. The pamphlet is available in your county conservation office or view online at the link below:

[Stabilization-Guide-for-Homeowners Web 6.25\(wisconsinlandwater.org\)](http://www.wisconsinlandwater.org)

*(Pictures of shoreline erosion at the boat launch,
exposing communication lines & eroding the shore)*



Town Of Crescent Election Dates

February 15—Spring Primary
April 5—Spring Election
August 9—Partisan Primary
November 8—General Election

Visit myvote.wi.gov for voter registration information *or*
Contact Crescent Clerk Tracy Hartman @ 715-499-0500 *or*
crescentclerk@townofcrescent.com

Joel Knutson, Chairman
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Carla Fletcher, Treasurer

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SQUASH LAKE,
A PLACE TO COME
HOME TO

Squash Lake Association's Fisheries Committee



The Squash Lake Association's Fisheries Committee built and placed 2 more fish cribs in September.

The cribs were constructed using green logs with plastic rods and one concrete block on each corner. The plastic rods were trimmed prior to installation of the crib. The cribs were placed in approximately 17-18 feet of water and are over 100 feet from any swimming locations. The coordinates are 45.592148, -89.557030 and 45.598315, -89.542118.

Additional cribs may be built and placed next summer. People helping on the project included Denny and Randy Scott, Jeff Paddock, Russ Tennessen, Gary Buntrock, and Dale Smith. One crib was placed on September 11 and the second on September 12. The wind came up on September 11 making it



impossible to place the second crib in the desired location. A valuable lesson was learned, and cribs will not be placed on windy days in the future. Check out the picture with the boats attempting to get the crib in the right location.

The Fisheries Committee is presently gathering information on restoring fish spawning areas. More information on this project will be presented in the future.

A Little Bit of History....



The lakes around Woodboro, Squash included, were at one time filled from shore-to-shore with timber from the logging industry. The town of Rhinelander was founded in 1880 while the town of Tomahawk was founded in 1886. The land between them was covered in timber!

George Wood started his lumbering operation in the Woodboro area around

1890. Wood Company lumberjacks began to work before there was a even a sawmill or means to transport the lumber out of the region. In those early years, the felled pine logs were placed into Squash Lake until it was full. Most remained there for the better part of a year until the sawmill started operations. The Soo Line, which had built to Rhinelander in 1886, passed through the area and became the transportation link once the Wood Company sawmill was complete.





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

District Meeting Notice

January 9, 2022

1:00

Via ZOOM

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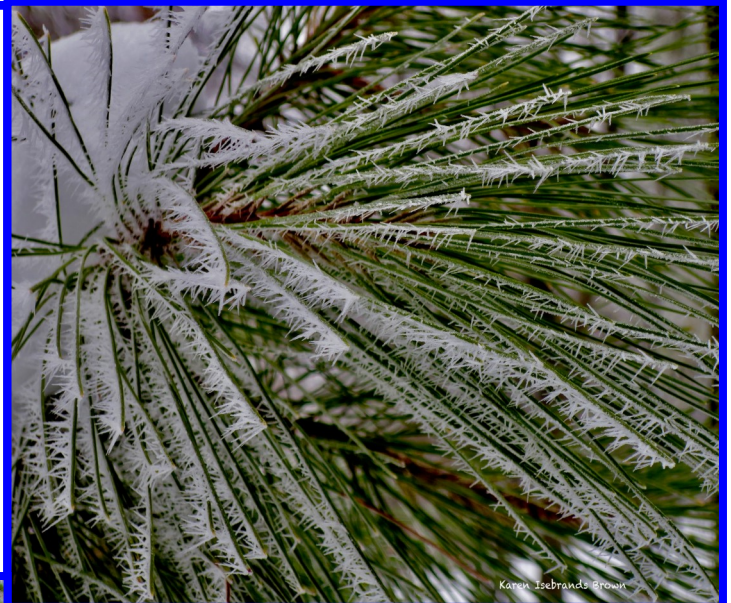


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...Ann Zientara