

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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April 17, 2023



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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

Dear Squash Lake Neighbors,

Happy Holidays from the Squash Lake Association! Where did 2022 go? The end of the year always brings reflections and resolutions for me. 2022 was a social year. Entertaining was the Squash Lake theme for our family and we made many special memories. The Squash Lake Association also had a very social summer filled with memories. Silent Sports Saturday was fun and well attended (weather permitting). Hanging out with neighbors, sipping on coffee and enjoying a donut or granola bar was a great way to kick off the weekend. Our Fishing workshop was also a great way to socialize and learn about fishing Squash from fishing expert and author Craig Zarley. The second annual boat flotilla was capped off the social season on Squash with some brilliantly decorated boats... so much fun!

As 2023 approaches the SLA is once again looking forward to a new year. We will once again hold a membership drive during the first months of the year – watch for details in January. Of course, winter and spring will be busy planning summer activities for the summer. We are always looking for ways to connect members, provide information on ways to promote the health of Squash Lake, and to support efforts to improve the fish population. As always, any suggestions from lake residents are welcome. *(...cont in next column)*

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I would like to close this with a book recommendation. If you are like me and are always looking for a good read then I suggest picking up Ripple Effects How we're loving our lakes to death by Ted J Rulseh. The book covers the many challenges facing lakes in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan and solutions for a sustainable future.

My family and I wish you a happy and healthy new year.

Kathy Tournour
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SLA BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER EVENTS

February 4, 2023

April 1, 2023

May 13, 2023

June 24, 2023 (annual meeting)

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

**Everyone is welcome!
to attend!**



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Just send an email with pictures to: russ.linda.tennessn@gmail.com



A Short History of Gudis Landing

By Linda Tennesen

Last fall I asked Janet Appling to share with me any background she knew of Gudis Landing. Between her memories and the 1940 census...

Anton Gudis was born in Lithuania in 1895 and later came to America. According to the census, Anton and his wife Antoinette were renting a house

in Crescent, Wisconsin in 1940. They paid \$8 a month in rent!

I couldn't find when he bought the land, but Janet recalls that he bought the Squash Lake property in the 40's for pennies on the dollar for back taxes. He owned both peninsulas on Long Lake Road as well as most of the surrounding lakefront property. He also owned some Squash Lake property on Crescent Road. He farmed the land until lake property became popular, at which time, he sold some land.

Anton Gudis donated the land for the Squash Lake boat landing about 70 years ago in the 1950's. At first, he was going to donate a parcel down the peninsula, near what is now Dyreby's but didn't feel that there was enough room for parking so he was persuaded to create it where it currently is.



The Lake is Sleeping

By Marj Mehring

The lake is sleeping in its blanket of ice & snow. Now during this winter season we can make plans for next summer. Would you like to be able to recognize Eurasian Water Milfoil easily and be able to spot it growing in the water? Protect your water front area. The divers appreciate all help spotting EWM plants.

I am planning on leading several training sessions on spotting and marking EWM plants. Also for plants in the shallows (arms length deep or less), how can you remove them completely. The classes will be held on the water near interested people's property.

All you need is an interest in protecting your lakeshore, a little time, and some way to get on the water. Any type of water craft, canoe, rowboat, kayak, stand up paddle board, even a mask & snorkel or floating device all work well.

To participate in this fun and important activity contact/email Marj Mehring at dm.mehring@gmail.com





New Water Point Sign at Gudis Landing

Water points help the firefighters identify lakes and streams in case it takes alternate water sources to exit extinguish a blaze.



Ice Fishing Safety & A Request from the DNR

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is asking the public to report any observations of mudpuppies they may accidentally catch while fishing this winter. Data collected from these sightings will help determine the distribution and range of the species statewide.

Mudpuppies are Wisconsin's only fully aquatic salamander and can be found in streams, rivers, ponds and lakes year-round. Due to their elusive behavior, surveying can be difficult and labor-intensive. However, because mudpuppies can be a common bycatch during the winter ice-fishing season, officials are hoping that anglers will share their mudpuppy observations with the DNR this winter. The DNR encourages those who catch a mudpuppy while fishing to snap a picture of it, then gently remove the fishing hook and release it back into the water. Try not to touch the mudpuppy too much because amphibians have sensitive, permeable skin.

“Observations from the public are incredibly valuable,” said Lena Carlson, DNR Conservation Biologist. “Every report allows the DNR to have a better idea of how mudpuppies are doing in the state. This information will show us where we will need to direct future management efforts to help declining populations.” Once considered a common amphibian species in Wisconsin, evidence suggests that populations may be declining. They have been listed as a species of special concern in Minnesota and are currently threatened in both Iowa and Illinois. Wisconsin's mudpuppy populations have not been studied extensively, and there are still many unanswered questions.

More information about Wisconsin's mudpuppies and other herpetofauna can be found on the [Herps of Wisconsin webpage](#).

Mudpuppy observations and photographs can be submitted to DNRherptiles@wisconsin.gov. Please include location details and any pictures that were taken.



Squash Lake Fisheries Committee

by Dale Smith,

This past June a trip was taken to Pelican Lake to meet with Jeff Griffey, Chairman of Pelican Lake Fisheries Committee. They were in the process of completing a 40 fish crib project. A lot was learned from the trip. A special thank you to Jeff for spending time with us and answering all our questions. He even volunteered to help us when we get our project started. The 2 biggest things they emphasized were to have lots of vertical height in the cribs, and to place a number of cribs fairly close together. They had underwater pictures of fish on their cribs. It was very impressive. At the next Squash Lake Fisheries Committee meeting, it was decided to start a project to construct 4 cribs of larger size and place the 4 together in the lake. A prototype crib was to be built by fall and the rest constructed in the spring. They would then be placed in the lake in the late spring or early summer.

The first step was to get prices and develop a budget for the project. The next step was to secure the building materials. We got off to a good start by securing about 70 cement blocks for free. They were donated by Andrew Lockman, a neighbor on Long Lake. Cement blocks are needed to weight the cribs so they sink and stay in place. Getting the blocks donated was a real boost for the project. Jeff had mentioned that Nicolet Hardwood in Laona had worked with them on some special deals for wood. After a call, it was arranged for us to pick-up a load of lumber 4"x 6"x 10' at a great price. The gentleman we worked with was Steve Cornell. He was great ! Thank you Steve! He actually ended up donating the wood. I asked about slab wood for filler in the cribs. They didn't have any available, but said we could have some 2"x6"x10' for free. Another trip was made to pick-up a load of that lumber. To cut down on the weight of the cribs, it was decided to use some 4"x4" lumber. This would have to be purchased. The last item needed were threaded steel rods. These were ordered from Home Depot. Unfortunately, they took a long time to get and resulted in the prototype crib not being built. Materials are stock piled and covered for the winter. Construction will start in the spring. A definite location for where the cribs will be placed is still to be decided. It will not be in front of someone's personal property. If the project is a success, additional cribs may be built.



FISH CRIB REQUEST

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
E-MAIL _____
PHONE _____
COMMENTS _____

Send requests to Dale Smith, Fisheries Committee, 2621 Oak Lane Drive, Rhinelander or e-mail to dws2621@gmail.com. Fish crib locations will be selected based on date request is received and location.



A Baby Alone in the Woods

By Linda Tennesen

When fawns are discovered all by themselves, it is important to know they are not abandoned and should be left alone. Fawns are an interesting wildlife story that is worth noting. They are only six to eight pounds when they are born and are very vulnerable. They are protected by their camouflage and a lack of scent.

Once the fawn is born and is licked clean by the mother, it is left alone. Because it has very little scent, it is protected from predators. Although left alone, the mother will be close by watching and ready to defend the baby, if needed. A couple of times a day, the doe will return to the fawn so it can nurse. Typically, the doe will move the fawn to new locations when this happens. This prevents a build-up of scent in one particular area. The fawns grow quickly and will start nibbling vegetation within two to three weeks. Once fall comes and they lose their spots in exchange for a typical coat of fur, they will weigh 70 to 80 pounds.

If you should happen upon a fawn that appears to be abandoned, **please leave it alone.** The doe is close by and will return to take care of it. Being left alone is nature’s way of protecting the helpless baby.

Town of Crescent

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Phone# _____

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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 # _____)

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Treasurer
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www.Squashlakedistrict.com

District Meeting Notice

January 8, 2023

1:00 PM

Meeting Format: Zoom

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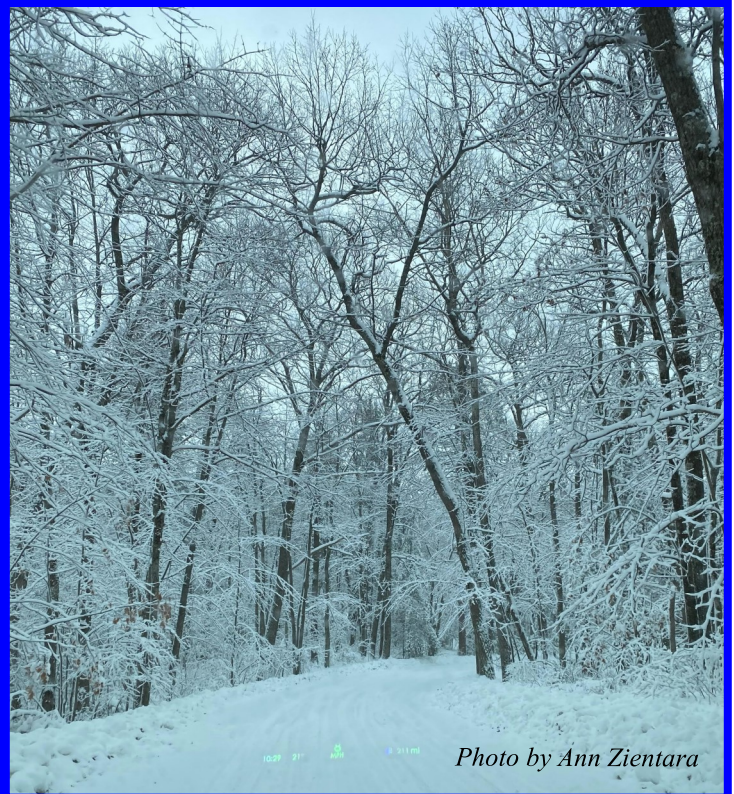


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