# The Voice of Squash Lake Squash Lake ASSOCIATION

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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 newsletter is published in January, May and September. Pease submit your articles, pictures & submissions to:

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The next newsletter deadline is: August 24, 2022



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

Summer 2022 is right around the corner and the Squash Lake Association is ready! The SLA board members have had a busy winter/ spring season preparing for an exciting summer. We held a very successful membership drive during the month of March and currently have 84 members in the Squash Lake Association. If you have not yet joined the SLA it's not too late! We are hoping to increase our membership and include new members. If you would like to join or know someone who is new to the lake, information on membership and a membership form can be found in the newsletter and on our website. Time spent with friends and on Squash Lake are what make summer special. The SLA has planned several summer events to create opportunities to socialize with lake residents and have some fun. These events include the SLA Annual Meeting, Silent Sports Saturdays, and the Third Annual Boat Flotilla. Details regarding these events can be found in this newsletter and on the website. (squashlake.myshopify.com)

Wishing all of you a safe and happy Memorial Day.

Kathy Tournour Squash Lake Association President ktournour@gmail.com 920-912-3883 Thank you

THE SLA WOULD LIKE TO THANK HENKEL'S
TOWN PUMP FOR THEIR GENEROUS
DONATION OF 30 \$5 COUPONS TO OUR
SPRING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

# **SLA BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER EVENTS**

Saturday, May 14 (Tournour cabin)

Saturday, June 25, 2022

Annual Meeting: Henkel's Town Pump
4:00

August 13, 2022

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

Everyone is welcome! to attend!



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In good condition (incl 2 wheels)

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



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



Join the Squash Lake Association (squash-lake.myshopify.com)

## **Squash Lake Association Membership Form**

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#### **Wisconsin Lakes Convention Report**

#### Hi Squash Lake Neighbors!

While waiting for the ice to melt, it is a good time to evaluate & plan summer projects & activities.

This year I attended 2 classes you maybe interested in.

"Shoreland tools" (there are webinars in May)

One thing I found out was the importance of leaves & sticks in the lake shore area to provide fish food. The insects that live there feed the new hatchlings food so they can grow up into the big fish we love to catch. Another thing I found interesting was the study done on the effects of impervious surface on the fish. At 7% impervious surface on a lot 100% of the fish can live along the shore. At 15% none of the game fish can survive there! Of course, that is without the land owner implementing any of the Healthy Lakes best practices. For more information on Healthy Lakes go to "Healthy Lakeswi.com" or contact Pamela Toshner@wi.gov

Also if we can allow the rain water to soak into the ground where it chills down before seeping into the lake, our lake water stays cooler. The results in less algae growth.

Speaking of Algae, that was the other topic I'm reporting on. I'd noticed more algae in the last few years. The cause of algae growth is an abundance of phosphorus in the water. Why? The extra nutrients in the water from runoff & the high water of the last few years. How does one get nutrients out of the water? Native Lake plants, some water wildlife and algae. The algae by my house is "Filamentous Green Algae" a not harmful kind (but I don't like it). Two other common but not harmful "algae" lookalikes are Duckweed & tree pollen.

Harmful Blue-Green algae sometimes produces harmful toxins. Never swim, wade, or water your yard with water containing Blue-Green algae. Specially, keep your pets & kids out of the water if it is suspect. The "pea soup" look to the water means stay out! You can take a jarful to the DNR for testing. But when in doubt, just stay out.

Here are some waterfront property owner publications you might be interested in.

Enjoy; Marj Mehring

www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/clue/Pages/publications-resources/water.aspx and video links below



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwjAoRwLrmM

Impacts of impervious surfaces on fish, wildlife and waterfront property values (12 minutes)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPjPnaGNB1c&feature=youtu.be

Larry the All-American Bullfrog (one minute video about habitat for frogs)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fABglKV6MLc

Sebastian the Goose Encourages Natural Shorelines (two minutes)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uhKIGxXgrLg



#### Social Media Coordinator, Laryl Laetsch

Hello!! I'm Laryl Laetsch and my husband, Jay, and I have been married for 21 years. We are a blended family with 3 daughters, 2 sons, 2 SIL, 1 DIL, 2 grand daughters, 2 grandsons and one on the way, a Llasapoo and a Shih Tzu. We have owned the family cottage on Squash Lake since 2013. Jay's parents, Jerry and Kate Laetsch, built the cottage in 1989. Prior to that they owned a different cottage on Squash Lake after vacationing on Squash every summer.

We are currently 3/4 of the year on Squash and 1/4 of the year in Fort Collins, Colorado, mixing our months with both summer and winter weather.

However, we spend the entire summer and early fall on Squash Lake!

I love EVERYTHING outdoors! UTVing, fishing, kayaking, hiking, boating, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling.

I love to travel around Wisconsin and Michigan, but most of all you will find me with my camera catching Mother Natures beauty!!

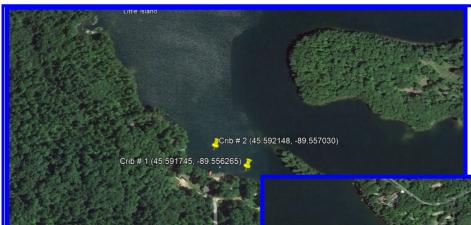
#### Squash Lake Association

- Non-profit organization
- Funded my member dues
- Create opportunities tor neighbors to meet
- Share best practices around lake living
- Works with DNR to improve fisheries
- Supports the Squash Lake District to control invasive species

Working to preserve and protect Squash Lake

#### Squash Lake District

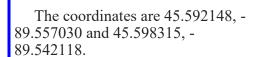
- Government body
- Funded by Lake District taxes
- All property owners are part of the Lake District
- Purpose is to control invasive species



# **Squash Lake Associations Fisheries Committee**

The fisheries committee has built and placed three fish cribs so far.

These maps show their location in the lake.



Additional cribs will be built and placed this summer.



#### **Town Of Crescent Election Dates**

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

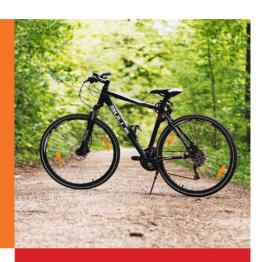
Joel Knutson, Chairman Kyla Waksmonski, Supervisor I Michael Pazdernik, Supervisor II Tracy Hartman, Clerk Carla Fletcher, Treasurer

Visit www.townofcrescent.com for town information and to sign up to receive emails.









# SILENT Sports SATURDAY

Second Saturday

June 11

July 9

August 13







#### **Silent Sports**

Outdoor activities that rely solely on self-propulsion no noisy motors or fossil fuels involved walk, run, bike or paddle to the boat landing to socialize with fellow silent sport enthusiasts and enjoy coffee and donuts

for further details visit us at squash-lake.myshopify.com

#### THIRD ANNUAL

### **SQUASH LAKE**

# BOAT FLOTILLA

#### Date & Time

July 30, 2022 3 pm



The SLA will host the 3nd Annual Boat Flotilla on Saturday, July 30 beginning at 3:00pm. Meet at 2:30 between the big island and the shoreline to the west. Face your boat to proceed counter clockwise around the lake. Boat decorating is encouraged. Join in on the fun!



# **Squash Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District**

www.Squashlakedistrict.com

# **District Meeting Notice July 10, 2022** 1:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88386939194? pwd=S3FjajNZUFIyYmdrQzVjWlhPR2s5UT09

Annual Electors Meeting

August 13, 2022 9:30 a.m.

# **Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Officers**

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#### Squash Lake Association News & Events



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If anyone has any other stories or interesting facts/articles to share, please send to me by email.

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#### www.squash-lake.myshopify.com

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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For more information, contact Linda

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Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association