

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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Linda Tennesen
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The next newsletter deadline is:
August 17, 2023



Get Ready for
another GREAT
Summer on
Squash Lake!

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,

Lake Love. There are so many ways to love Squash Lake. I love hot summer days on the water, chilly winter days in front of the fireplace and everything in between. Squash Lake is a place where family and friends connect and it's one of my favorite places to be. Every resident of the lake has their own reason to love Squash Lake and it's what we have in common.

Summer is a great time to meet fellow lake lovers and the Squash Lake Association has many activities planned for lake residents. Once again, we will host Silent Sport Saturdays on the second Saturday in June, July and August, the annual members meeting in June, and a fishing workshop and the annual boat parade in July. These are wonderful opportunities to meet your neighbors. Visit our website for details about all these events (squash-lake.myshopify.com). Our website also has new items to proclaim your love for Squash Lake for sale. Start shopping today!

Supporting the Squash Lake Association by renewing your membership is one more way to love your lake. The SLA continues to be dedicated to preserving and protecting Squash Lake and its surrounding ecosystems by providing social and educational opportunities and continued work on improving the fisheries.

If you have not done so, you can renew your membership
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membership using the membership form in the newsletter or via our website (squash-lake.myshopify.com). I'm looking forward to a summer filled with sunshine, lake water, and fellow lake lovers. Take care,

Kathy Tournour
Squash Lake Association President
920-912-3883

SLA BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER EVENTS

June 10, 2023	Silent Sport Saturday, 9:00 am
June 24, 2023	Annual Meeting at Town Pump Pizza & Social Hour at 4:00 pm Meeting at 5:00 pm
July 8, 2023	Silent Sport Saturday, 9:00 am
July 15	Fishing Workshop, 10 am—12 pm
July 29	Annual Boat Flotilla, 3:00 pm
August 12, 2023	Silent Sport Saturday, 8:00 am & Lake District Annual Meeting, 9:30 am



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The boat is currently winterized, and garage stored. We'd be available to give serious potential buyers the ability to take the boat for a test ride on Squash Lake next spring.



If you have something to sell or give away, or are looking for something, this is the place to post it.

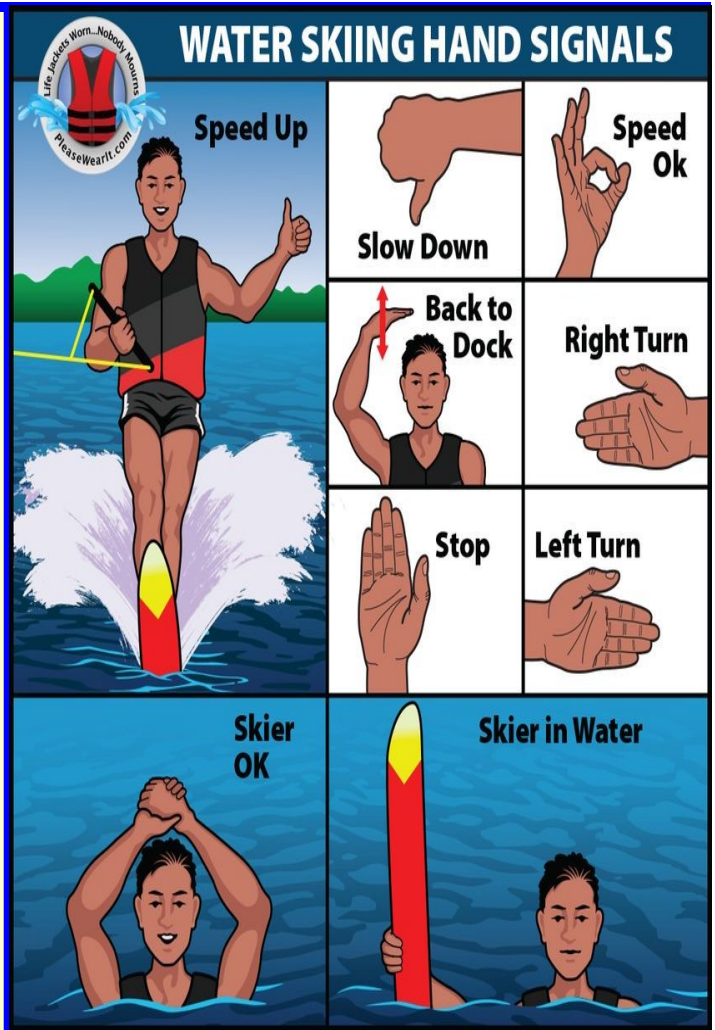
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COME ONE! COME ALL!
Squash Lake Association Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 24, 2023
5:00pm
Town Pump – 7161 Highway 8

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order / Welcome
2. President’s Report
3. Meeting Minutes from 2022 Annual Meeting
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. 2024 Budget
6. By-Law Change
7. Long Range Project – Lake Level Monitoring
8. Committee Reports
9. History Project
10. Elections
11. Other Items
12. Door Prizes





SILENT *Sports* **SATURDAY**

Second Saturday
June 10
July 8
August 12


Gudis Landing
9:00 am



Silent Sports
Outdoor activities that rely solely on self-propulsion — no noisy motors or fossil fuels involved

All are welcome! Walk, run, bike, swim, paddle or drive to the boat landing to socialize with fellow Squash Lake enthusiasts and enjoy coffee and donuts.

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

[Milfoil Identification Workshop](#)

Marj Mehring is hosting a milfoil identification workshop before each Silent Sport Saturday.

Meet the boat landing at 8:00 am with a canoe, kayak or SUP for the workshop on June 10th and July 8th. Meet at 7:00 am for the workshop on August 12th.

Stay for coffee and donuts after!

Fisheries Committee

By Dale Smith

The Fisheries Committee met in January and made some plans for Spring and Summer. The plans include building 4 cribs and placing them in one location approximately 8 feet apart. Materials have been secured. Cribs will be approximately 4' x 4' x 5'. They will each weigh approximately 1200lbs. each. Tentative plans are to have them built and placed by June 1. The cribs will then be monitored to assess their use and effectiveness. If positive results are shown, additional cribs may be built in the future. Several sites are presently being considered. They will not be placed in front of someone's personal property.

Plans to rebuild reefs for spawning walleyes have been dropped at present. A report from the DNR's research on lakes where this has been done, has shown little if any improvement in walleye numbers. Their recommendation was to build more cribs and promote fish sticks (downed trees) for fish habitat.

The Fisheries Committee will again sponsor a fishing workshop this summer. The date is July 15. Craig Zarley will again be the presenter. The workshop will be held at Dale Smith's beach at 2621 Oak Lane Drive. The hours are from 10am – 12:00pm. Registration is need for attendance. There is a limit of 20 people. Please use the registration form below.



FISHING WORKSHOP

JULY 15, 2023

10:00AM – 12:00PM

Sponsored by the Squash Lake Association

-FEATURING-
CRAIG ZARLEY

Craig Zarley is a journalist who has paddled in
Boundary Waters

and Quetico for more than 50 years and now writes fishing books for
wilderness canoe travelers. His titles include "Catching Canoe Country Walleyes",
"Quetico Fall Fishing legends", and "Catching Canoe Country Lake Trout".

Location: On the beach at 2621 Oak Lane Drive

Topics: simple techniques, bait and tackle, time and location

Register by mail or e-mail. Send to Dale Smith, 2621 Oak Lane Drive, Rhinelander, WI.54501. If registering by e-mail, send to: dws2621@gmail.com. For questions, call Dale at 715-367-0088.

If the workshop needs to be postponed due to weather, you will be notified. There is no fee for the workshop and everyone attending will be eligible for the door prize which is a certificate for 2 fish fries at the Town Pump. Deadline to enter is July 13. The workshop is limited to 20.

FISHING WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Name (s) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____



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Remember, if you want Amazon to donate to Squash Lake Association, you need to start each shopping session at the URL <http://smile.amazon.com>, and they will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases.



Congratulations to the following members who have been randomly drawn as winners of a \$5 gift certificate to **The Pump** as part of our **2023 Membership Drive**:
(see article on page 12 about new owners)

- Jerry & Bev Barnett
- Tim Berkley
- Gary & Heidi Buntrock
- Gary & Linda Cirilli
- Kendall Gullo
- Ryan & Kimberly Hetland
- Erid & Valarie Johnson
- Tyler & Tessa Laber
- Dan & Marj Mehring
- Mark & Ruth Mortensen
- Greg & Nancy Nevinski
- Paul Price
- Terry & Therese Saunier
- Russ & Linda Tennesen

- Barbara Brunner
- Ed & Jacqueline Bartiasis
- Maria Butkus-Bomier
- Tony & Gina Giannola
- David Hermann
- David & Deanne Jenkins
- Derek Kasten
- Mark & Lori Markee
- Chad & Nicold Mertes
- Soraya Nevin
- Craig & Marty Olafsson
- Timothy & Kerry Ripple
- Sharon Sparling
- Dollie Trainer



Town Board

- Robb Jensen, Town Chairman
- KylaWaksmonski, Supervisor I
- Michael Pazdernik, Supervisor II
- Tracy Hartman, Clerk

- Carla Fletcher, Treasurer
- Keven Mahner, Fire Chief
- Michael Schnautz, Assessor
- Clerk Brad Gerdies, Road Crew



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*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

\$ _____ Fisheries

\$ _____ Educational Programs

\$ _____ Other _____

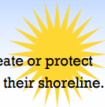
\$ _____ **Total** (Check # _____)

Mail to: Tom Eggert, Squash Lake Association, or you can pay by credit card or pay pal @
Treasurer
PO Box 511 [Join the Squash Lake Association \(squash-lake.myshopify.com\)](http://squash-lake.myshopify.com)
Rhineland, WI 54501

Thank you for your generous donation and support.
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Spring Into Summer Series

A Series of Events sponsored by Oneida County Land and Water to inspire homeowners to create or protect habitat, turn off their outdoor lights, introduce native plants, plant for pollinators, and stabilize their shoreline.



WEBINAR

May 2, 2023 - 1:00 p.m. (CST)

Registration is Required

Shoreline Living – Property Owner Experiences in Lakefront Conservation

Register on line at the link below:

<http://midwestglaciallakes.org/resources/webinars/>

Get tips and other first-hand information from two riparian landowners who have lakefront conservation experience.



Presented by:
Erin Fuller,
Quality Project Manager and
Natural Shoreline Specialist with the
Van Buren Conservation District, Michigan

FIREFLY WATCH

June 17, 2023 - 9:30 p.m.

Rhinelanders Soccer Fields
1266 Air Park Road, Rhinelanders



Bring the family to learn about fireflies and how they need your help.

Firefly Watch is part of Northwoods LIGHTS OUT!

For more information on the LIGHTS OUT event, go to www.oclw.org/special-projects.html

Northwoods LIGHTS OUT!

"Only in the darkness can you see the stars"
Martin Luther King, Jr.
June 17-18 (Fireflies) & August 12-13 (Metears)

NATIVE PLANT WORKSHOP

June 22, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Hanson's Garden Village
2660 County Road G, Rhinelanders



Join the Hanson's as they take us on a walk through the benefits, importance, and diversity of native plant varieties.



Learn about how using native plants can attract beneficial pollinators to your garden, yard, or shoreline.



Workshop is FREE.
No registration required.



Oneida County Land and Water Conservation
Call us at 715-369-7835; e-mail us at lwcd@co.oneida.wi.us; or visit our website at <https://www.oclw.org/special-projects.html>



SITE RESTORATION

FIELD DAY

June 29, 2023 - 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration is Required

Join us on a tour of sites that have already been restored, are in the planning phase, or ones we really hope we can help restore! We will be visiting sites at the following locations:



Wisconsin River • Two Sisters Creek Stream Crossing • Sand Lake • Lake Nokomis • Bridge Lake

You can come to as many or as few locations as you want. Register Early, Space is limited: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/site-restoration-field-day-tickets-609766968417>

2022-2023 IS THE SNOWIEST WINTER ON RECORD!



April 24th Snowfall

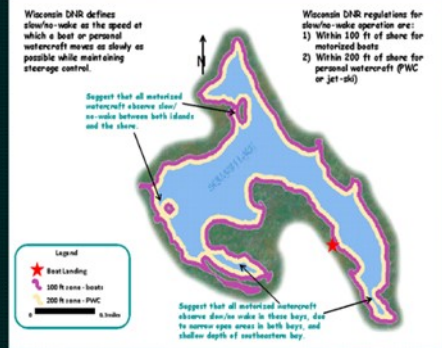


April 30th Snowfall

Tom Eggert shared these photos of the winter that wouldn't end!

The winter of 2022—2023 set the all time record with snowfall totals of 122.9 inches!

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



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.

The Squash Lake Association also reminds boaters on Squash Lake that during the summer months, active diving will take place to remove Eurasian Water Milfoil. We ask that you please be observant and follow the Wisconsin Boating Regulations regarding keeping a safe distance from active divers. Please keep clear at least 100 feet of the dive boat and any dive buoys. Do not approach the dive boat or buoys with your motor running. The buoy & dive boat display a red flag with a diagonal white stripe, typically known as “diver down” flag.

Please keep yourselves and the divers safe this summer season!

4TH ANNUAL
SQUASH LAKE

BOAT FLOTILLA



DATE:
JULY 29, 2023

TIME:
3:00 PM

The SLA will host the 4th Annual Boat Flotilla on Saturday, July 29 beginning at 3:00 pm. 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 9, 2023

1:00 pm

Meeting Format: *Zoom*

Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Officers

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Jerod Bennet, Secretary

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Peggy Jensen

Peggy.jo.jensen@gmail.com

Dan Butkus, Treasurer

dan.butkus@yahoo.com

Bob Mott

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Lake District Report

The annual review we received from our lake consultants, Onterra LLC., for the 2022 dive season was positive. Diver hand harvesting met or exceeded its predetermined goals in all target areas on the lake. The divers harvested 2960 pounds of EWM from the lake, the fifth highest total since we started, and the highest since 2015. This was consistent with other lakes in the northern regions of the state.

The divers reported that the milfoil returned to areas more quickly and more vigorously after being harvested than in previous diving seasons. Some new areas of the lake had heavy milfoil this year that had previously seen only low levels of milfoil. Those included the shoreline north of the boat landing and the bay area in front of Tom Hanson's property. The Loon Bay area continued to be an area of concern because of the difficulty of harvesting this shallow water bay.

Two of our regular divers will be returning next summer to dive. We continue to look for new divers. If you have interest or know of an interested diver please contact Tom Johansen (district chairperson). Next summer we will also be using a milfoil removal company from Minocqua. This company uses a dive boat with four air hoses for divers to swim in front of the boat and harvest milfoil. Please look for them next summer, and like our other dive boat, maintain a safe distance (over 100 feet) from the boat and divers.

Chloride levels were measured as per the request of the electors at the 2021 annual meeting. The level was recorded at 14.4 mg/l which was an elevated level from the only previous recording in 1993 at 4 mg/l. Salt runoff from highway 8 is assumed to have made an impact on the increased chloride levels. We are communicating with the state and county highway departments to share our future readings and potential concerns.

The lake district has received approval from the Crescent and Woodboro town boards to pursue approval from the WIDNR for placement of educational marking buoys on the lake. Marking buoys for loon nesting areas and dangerous rock shoals will be purchased and placed after approval from the WIDNR is received. These actions are to fulfill the requests of the electors from the 2022 annual meeting.

Squash Lake Association News & Events



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To those of you that do not know who we are the new owners of Town Pump (formerly Henkel's Town Pump), this is us...Scott, Lindsey, Caleb, Chase, & Briar.



I, Lindsey, have waitressed/bartended on and off for Dusty & Joy for the past

17 years. I've had the pleasure of meeting so many people through the years that have become like family to me. Town Pump has had a piece of my heart since day one. The people. The atmosphere. The FOOD. Since the day they listed it for sale, I envisioned taking it over and keeping it in "the Town pump family." I think I talked about it so much that Scott decided to let me have what I wanted.

So here we are. Ready to take on this fun, adventurous journey together. We are excited and honored to serve our community and visitors with open arms and warm hearts.

Thank you all in advance for your love and support. Come thirsty and with empty bellies and let us show you why Town Pump is such an amazing place to dine at.

**The Squash Lake Association is a
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Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association*