

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:
August 21, 2021**

Squash Lake Association Annual Meeting

JUNE 26th, 2021

4:00 - 6:00 PM



Come one, come all, its that time of year again. Yes, it's time for the Squash Lake Association Annual Meeting.

This year it will be held at our local favorite, Henkel's Town Pump. Pizza will be provided beginning at 4:00, meeting will begin at 5:00.

Join us at the meeting to learn about the Lake Association and catch up with your neighbors.



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 is finally here! After a normal spring of hot and cold weather I am looking forward to sunshine and time on Squash Lake.

The Squash Lake Association has been busy this spring planning events and classes of interest. In this newsletter you will find updates from each committee highlighting summer events.

Our Annual Members Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 26 at Henkel's Town Pump. A social hour with pizza begins at 4:00 followed by the meeting at 5:00. The meeting will highlight committee accomplishments, the proposed 2022 budget, and board member elections. There are 5 open board positions with 4 incumbents running. The meeting will close with door prizes. We hope you can join your fellow Squash Lake neighbors at the Annual Meeting. An agenda will be forwarded to members and posted on the SLA website (squash-lake.myshopify.com) two weeks prior to the meeting.

The Squash Lake Association is continuing to search for a boat landing inspector. The inspector position will be compensated at a rate of \$12 per hour. Weekends and holidays from Memorial Day (Monday, May 31st) through Labor Day (Monday, Sept 6th) and Independence Day (Monday, July 5th). 4 and/or 8 hour shifts. No experience necessary. Applicants must be 18 or older. Contact Bill Akan (bill@yahoo.com) or 715-369-3773 if you are interested in the paid position or are able to volunteer a few hours

The SLA is hosting a virtual Landscaping with Native Plants on Wednesday, July 7. Brent Hanson will instruct the class via Zoom from 6 to 7:00pm. A field trip to Hanson's Garden Village (2660 Co Hwy G, Rhinelander) will follow the class from 7:30 to 8:00pm. The class and field trip are free to all who are interested. A Zoom link is available in this newsletter and will be posted to the SLA website (squash-lake.myshopify.com) prior to the class.

The SLA will host the 2nd Annual Boat Flotilla on Saturday, July 31 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!

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The SLA website (squash-lake.myshopify.com) is a great resource for all lake residents. You will find current information on SLA events, newsletters and an online membership form. There is also Squash apparel and drinkware for sale if you're interested. Check it out!

Have a safe and happy summer!

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SLA BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER EVENTS

June 26, 2021 ANNUAL MEMBER'S MEETING

*Henkel's Town Pump
4 - 6 PM*

July 7 CLASS 6:00 PM

*"Pollinators & Native Plants,"
ZOOM (see info on page 4)
and field trip to
Hansen's Garden Village*

July 31 SLA ANNUAL FLOTILLA

*2:30 - 5:00
Line up begins at 2:30
west of the Big Island*

August 21 SLA MEETING 9:00 AM

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

**Everyone is welcome
to attend!**

FISHERIES COMMITTEE BUILDS FIRST FISH CRIB



...starting the crib assembly

The Fisheries Committee has completed their first fish crib. This one will be used as a prototype for additional cribs that are going to be built. The divers have been asked to mark on a map where existing cribs are located. They have also been asked to recommend good spots to place cribs. The divers go out to 15 feet of water. Cribs will be placed beyond the 15 feet so as not to interfere with diver lines. By DNR regulations, cribs are not suppose to be placed within 100 feet of swimming beaches or swim rafts.



Tom Fuss & Denny Scott, (pictured)

Dale Smith, and Jeff Paddock worked on the fish crib to be placed in Squash Lake.



SQUASH LAKE,
A PLACE TO COME
HOME TO

Landscaping With Native Plants

Time: July 7, 2021 06:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Boating/ Jet Ski Laws

Just a friendly reminder for everyone's safety on Squash Lake this summer, please review with your kids and guests:

Wisconsin law states that these dangerous operating practices are illegal.

Negligent or Reckless Operation of a vessel or the reckless manipulation of water skis, a surfboard, or a similar device is operating in a manner that causes danger to the life, limb, or property of any person. Examples of negligent or reckless operation are:

- Jumping the wake of any vessel that is towing a person on water skis, inner tube, wakeboard, or other similar device
 - Operating a vessel within any area marked off or set aside as a prohibited area or a swim area
 - Operating a motorboat, at a speed in excess of "slow, no wake speed" within 100 feet of the shoreline of any lake. **Personal Watercraft (PWC – jet ski) require a distance of 200 feet.**
 - Weaving your vessel through congested waterway traffic
 - Operating a vessel in a manner that creates hazardous wave or wake conditions while approaching or passing another vessel
 - Steering toward another object or person in the water and swerving at the last possible moment in order to avoid collision
- Chasing, harassing, or disturbing wildlife with your vessel

Improper Speed or Distance is not maintaining a proper speed and/or distance while operating a vessel. Specifically, it is illegal to:

- Operate a vessel at a distance from other vessels or at a speed that exceeds safe and reasonable limits given the waterway traffic, marked speed limits, weather, and other boating conditions.
 - Exceed the speeds posted or charted in any specific zone or area.
 - Operate a vessel repeatedly in a circuitous manner within 200 feet of another vessel or person in the water.
 - Operate a vessel within 100 feet of the shoreline, any dock, raft, pier, or restricted area on any lake at greater than "slow, no wake speed."
 - Operate a vessel at greater than "slow, no wake speed" on lakes that are 50 acres or less and have public access, unless such lakes serve as thoroughfares between two or more navigable lakes.
- Operate a vessel at greater than "slow, no wake speed" within 100 feet of a swimmer, unless the vessel is assisting the swimmer.
- "Slow, No Wake Speed"** means a speed at which a vessel moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steering control.

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.

(Your donation is tax deductible)

Name(s):

Mailing Address:

Lake Address:

Email:

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

\$ _____ CBCW & Landing Inspector

\$ _____ Educational Programs

\$ _____ Other _____

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

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IN MEMORIAM



Albert L. Meinen "Bugsy"

With profound sadness we share the devastating news that Bugsy Meinen left us suddenly and peacefully on Monday, April 19, 2021.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on June 13, 1954, he moved to Muskego, Wisconsin at the age of four and lived the rest of his life as a Muskegoean. Bugs was a junior who adored his parents and selflessly cared for his mother. He was a proud Warrior athlete who graduated from Muskego High School in 1972. He married his high school sweetheart and gave back to the community through serving on the volunteer fire department as well as an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Sandhill Boosters Club. Ho, Ho, Ho!

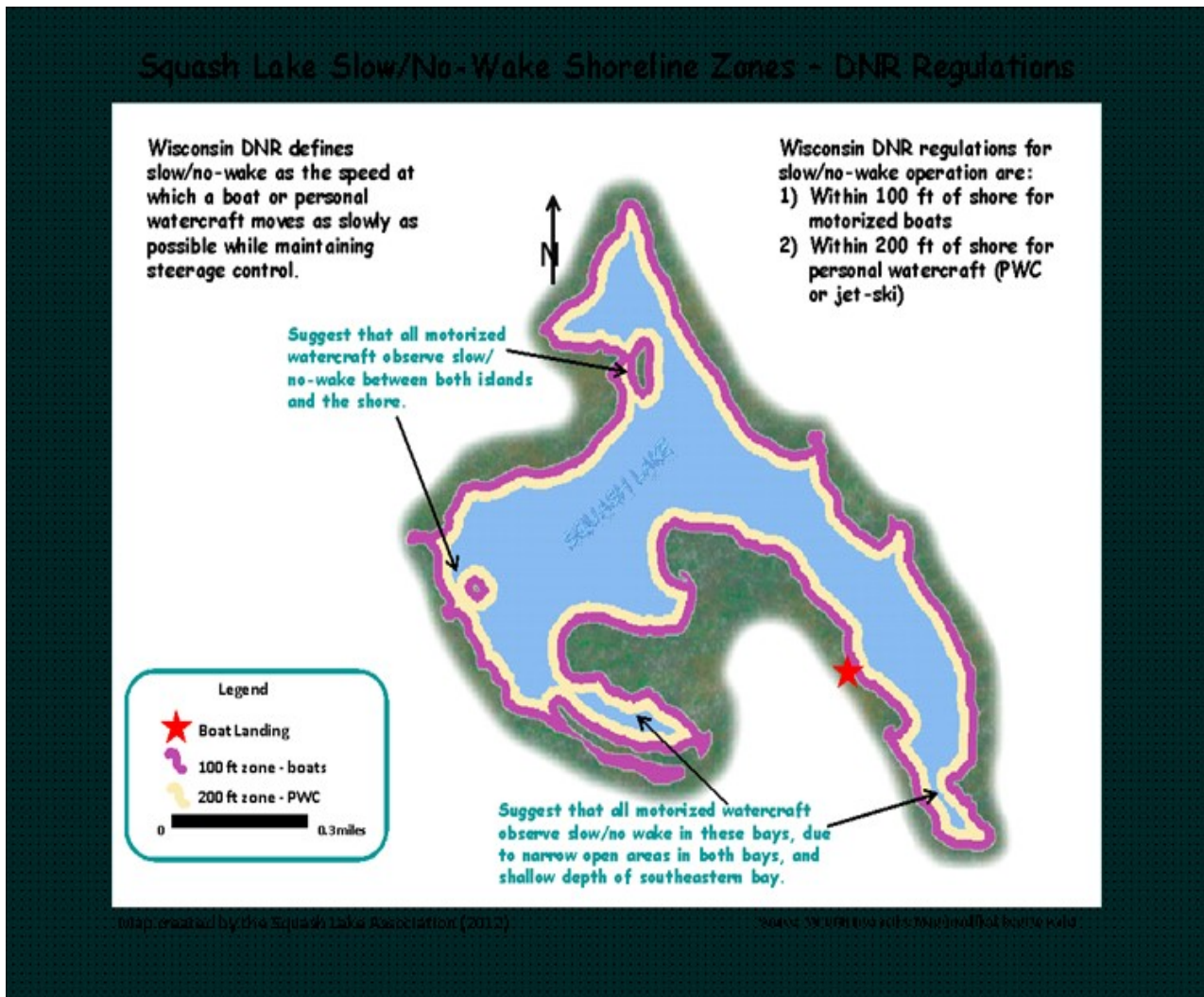
He loved spending time and entertaining at his lake home in Rhinelander on Squash Lake and in Muskego on Little Muskego Lake. He never turned down an opportunity to spend time with his family or friends either at a Brewers Game, enjoying the outdoors, playing a friendly round of golf, or having a cold drink. Cheers!

Bugsy was preceded in death by his wife of 27 years, Sandy Meinen (Pausch) and father, Al Meinen. Bugsy is survived by his partner, Leanne Gaura, mother, Elaine Meinen, sister, Cindy, brother, Earl (Butch), sister, Lisa, son, Jay (Jodi), daughter, Stacey, son, Andrew (Nedra), grandson, Talan (14), granddaughter, Tatum (12), grandson, Hudson (3), grandson, Hendrix (1), granddaughter, Olivia (5) and countless others who loved him like a father, brother, and grandfather.

Bugsy was a great one who will be remembered as an honorable, honest, and humble man living each day to the fullest. He was a protector and rock for his loved ones and could light up a room with his smile. Bugsy was everyone's friend and welcomed all into his home with his kind and warm personality. He was one of the hardest workers who believed in the value of a dollar and the importance of vacation time. His legacy will live on with each of his loved ones and those who have been blessed to know him. He would want us all to live the high life. Probst...

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!



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

District Meeting Notice

Date: July 11, 2021

Meeting Format: Zoom

Time: 1:00 PM

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