



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, boating safety, and the aesthetic values of Squash Lake, as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations.

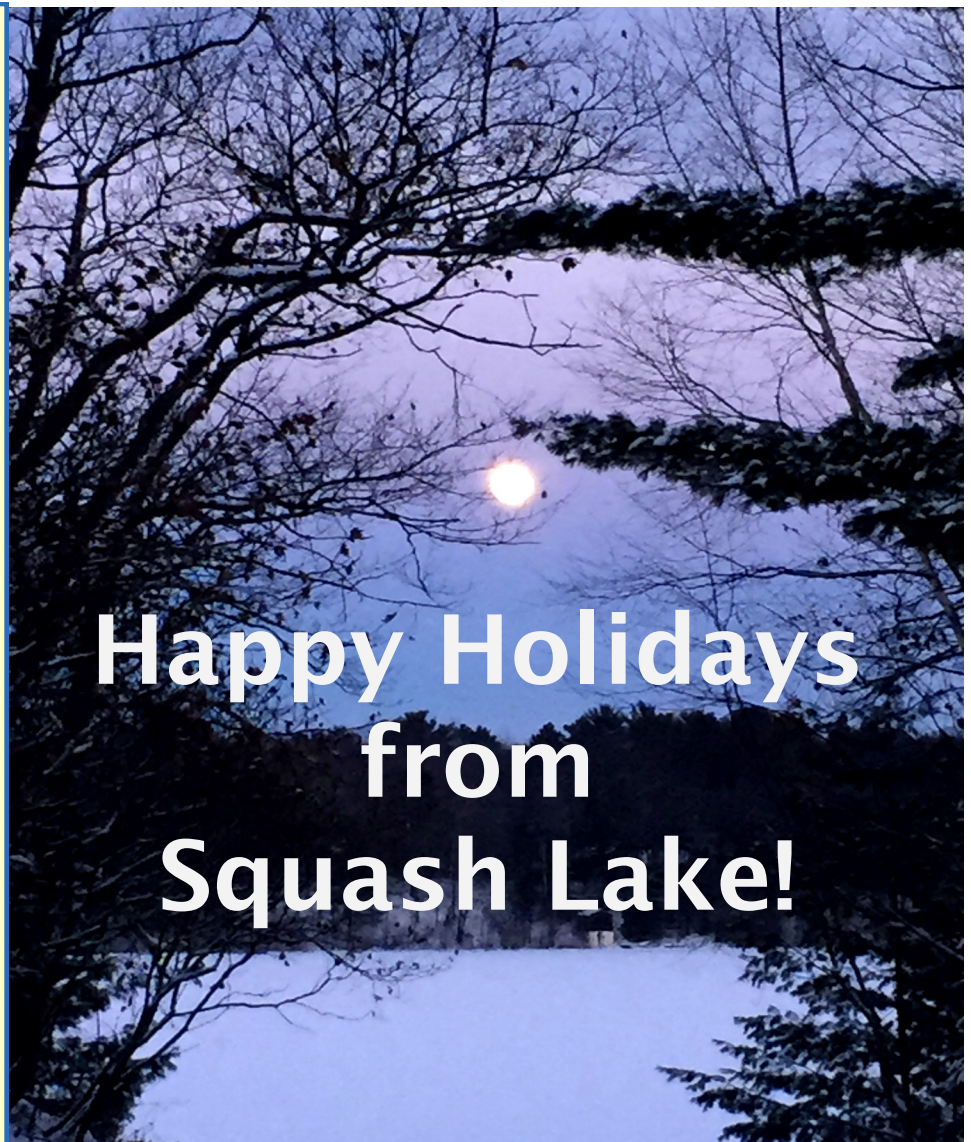
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& submissions to:**

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Always appreciated -
this is your newsletter!



Happy Holidays from Squash Lake!

The Squash Lake Association proudly participates
in the Wisconsin DNR and the UWEX Lakes, Clean
Boats Clean Waters Program.





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

What's Next?

—by Jeff Paddock

The Squash Lake Association is currently going through a transformation. Since its inception, the focus of the SLA has been combatting Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). With the exception of monitoring the boat landing and coordinating EWM monitors, that task will now be the role of the Lake District. So what will be the main role of the Squash Lake Association? Well, we have a lot of great options and we're excited about the opportunities. The Lake Management Plan completed in 2014 listed five management goals, of which EWM and invasive species control was just one of the five. The other four include communication and outreach, maintain current water quality conditions, enhance the fishery and monitor the frog population.

We are always looking to improve our communication with homeowners and increase homeowner input and participation. This year we've included postcards with our annual fund raising letter. We are looking to coordinate work shops and seminars on topics that support the Lake Management Plan and that interest homeowners. Please return your postcard or contact us directly regarding seminars or any suggestions on the future role of the Squash Lake Association.

We have been monitoring surface water quality conditions in Squash Lake for years. This year we are teaming up with the UW Extension to offer homeowners economical well testing. Homeowners will get important information regarding the water quality in their wells. In addition, that data may help us to understand groundwater conditions in the Squash Lake watershed. Since surface water and groundwater are interconnected, this information may eventually help us understand the water quality in Squash Lake.

Finally, we've been working with the Sokaogon Chippewa Community to determine the current state of the fishery in Squash Lake. We feel that the Squash Lake Association and homeowners can play an important role in helping to determine why the walleye population has declined and hopefully restore the population in the future.

We feel very optimistic about the future role of the Squash Lake Association. We welcome comments from homeowners and would love to see an increase in homeowner participation. Keep an eye out for more announcements in the future and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

EWM – Grants by the Numbers

—by Dan Butkus- Grant Administrator

Often times, the Association gets asked the simplest of questions, “How much have we spent on Eurasian Water Milfoil control?” While a simple question, it is not that easy to answer. First, “how much” is pretty broad. How much in state aid have we received? How much was our volunteer effort worth? How much was spent from the donations we contributed? And, just how much EWM have we removed from the lake over the years? Secondly, most of this information is buried in the grant files over the course of 9 years and not easy to extract.

As we draw closer to the hand-off of EWM control from the Association to the District, it seemed appropriate to summarize these questions, and give you grants by the numbers, excluding data on Clean Boats Clean Waters (boat inspections), Lake Management Planning, and Healthy Lakes. This is for EWM control only as of the close of our harvest season in 2017:

How long have we been receiving aid to combat EWM? **9 years (2009-2017)**

How much EWM have we removed from the lake in that time? **27,166 lbs. (13.5 tons)**

How much state aid have we received over 9 yrs.? **\$151,694.75**

How much money came from the Association (unreimbursed) over 9 yrs.? **\$46,113.98**

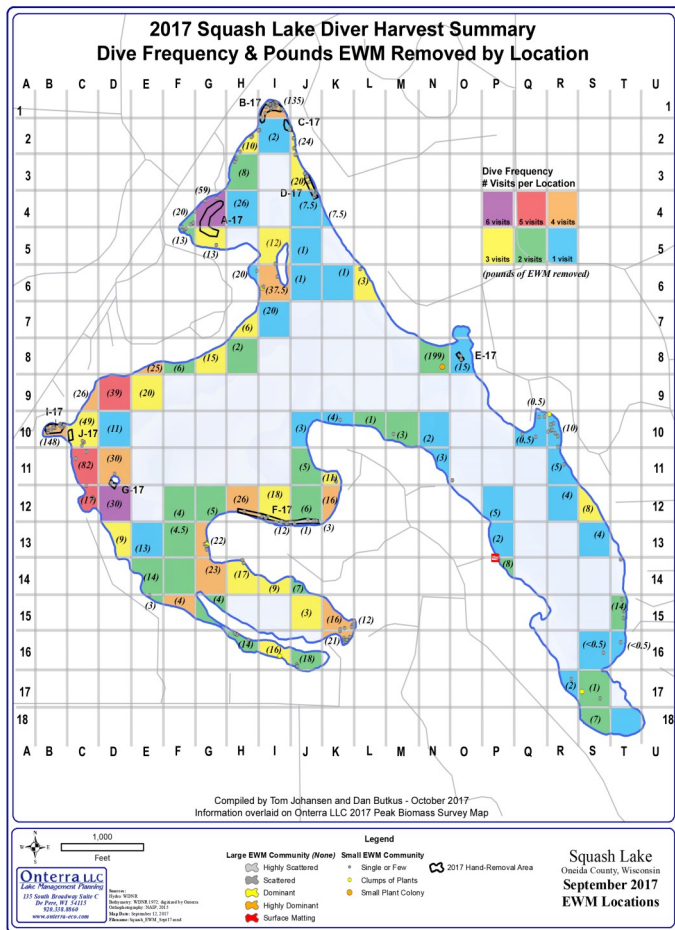
How much “in-kind” volunteer value was donated over 9 yrs.? **\$40,305.29**

(This translates into almost 3,360 hours!)

13.5 tons of EWM...by weight, that's over half a semi trailer full.

EWM Control Another Successful Year

by Dan Butkus- Grant Administrator



The divers, Fred Lintereur, Dan Jesse, and Rachel Lintereur, wrapped up our Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) diver harvesting season on September 22, 2017. Diving started on June 8th, making this the longest diving season we've had in the 8 years of EWM Control on Squash Lake. The divers put in a total of 535 hours in the water, and collected 1585 lbs. of EWM. The efficiencies in diver harvesting we implemented in 2015 and 2016 resulted in a more sparse population of EWM, so fewer pounds needed to be collected in 2017. In addition, we did not need to contract with Many Waters LLC for Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH). In other words, we made significant headway over the last 3 seasons, while being under budget in 2017. Our consultant, Onterra LLC, is still crunching numbers and reviewing Peak Biomass EWM Survey work done in September, comparing it to the Early Season AIS Survey in June. However, Onterra has indicated that we met our objectives by pushing the density of EWM down by one level of severity across-the-board in all priority locations between June and September. This meets our Lake Management Plan goal of demonstrating control over the invasive species.

Good news does not come without some bad news. First, during the Peak Biomass Survey, Onterra found a new small colony of EWM outside of the bay by the walk-in landing/beach (Opalka Landing), in about 18 ft. of water. This colony is in deeper water and in an area not normally patrolled by our volunteer monitors, being more in the main body of the lake. Our divers were dispatched in mid-September to the area. They recovered 199 lbs. of EWM: 189 lbs. on the first visit, and 10 more lbs. on a follow up visit. This was the single largest daily harvest in any one location all season. Secondly, new single/few plants were discovered at the southern shore of Loon Bay. In 2015 and 2016, a single plant has appeared in the center of the mouth of Loon Bay, and it returned again this year. While the divers have removed it from this location, EWM appears to now have a foothold in the bay.

This situation is typical for all lakes that control EWM. It will diminish in some areas, while cropping up in new areas. If you are interested in seeing where our divers were this year, and how much was collected in various locations, the Association will be posting a map showing this information on our website shortly.

Boat Launch Kiosk

By Jeff Paddock

Thank you Russ and Linda Tennesen for taking the time to rehab the kiosk at Gudis Landing. Now that the kiosk looks so good, we hope to use it more often. Keep an eye out for up-to-date announcements regarding fishing regulations, invasive species, Squash Lake Association events and more.



Wanted:

Old Photos and Articles Featuring Squash Lake Landmarks

In an attempt to create a short history of Squash Lake landmarks that preceded 1960, we are requesting that those who have knowledge and/or photographs of Squash Lake landmarks submit them to: Linda Tennesen: russ.linda.tennesen@gmail.com

Landmarks that come to mind are: Paddock's Resort, Peninsula View Resort, Woodboro Bay Resort, Sawmill Cove, Blindman Herman's Cove, Old Man Montag's Farm, Harkin's Horse Farm, and Gudis Landing.

Please submit in Times New Roman 12pt.



Our Squash Lake Theme

***"SQUASH LAKE A PLACE
TO COME HOME TO"***

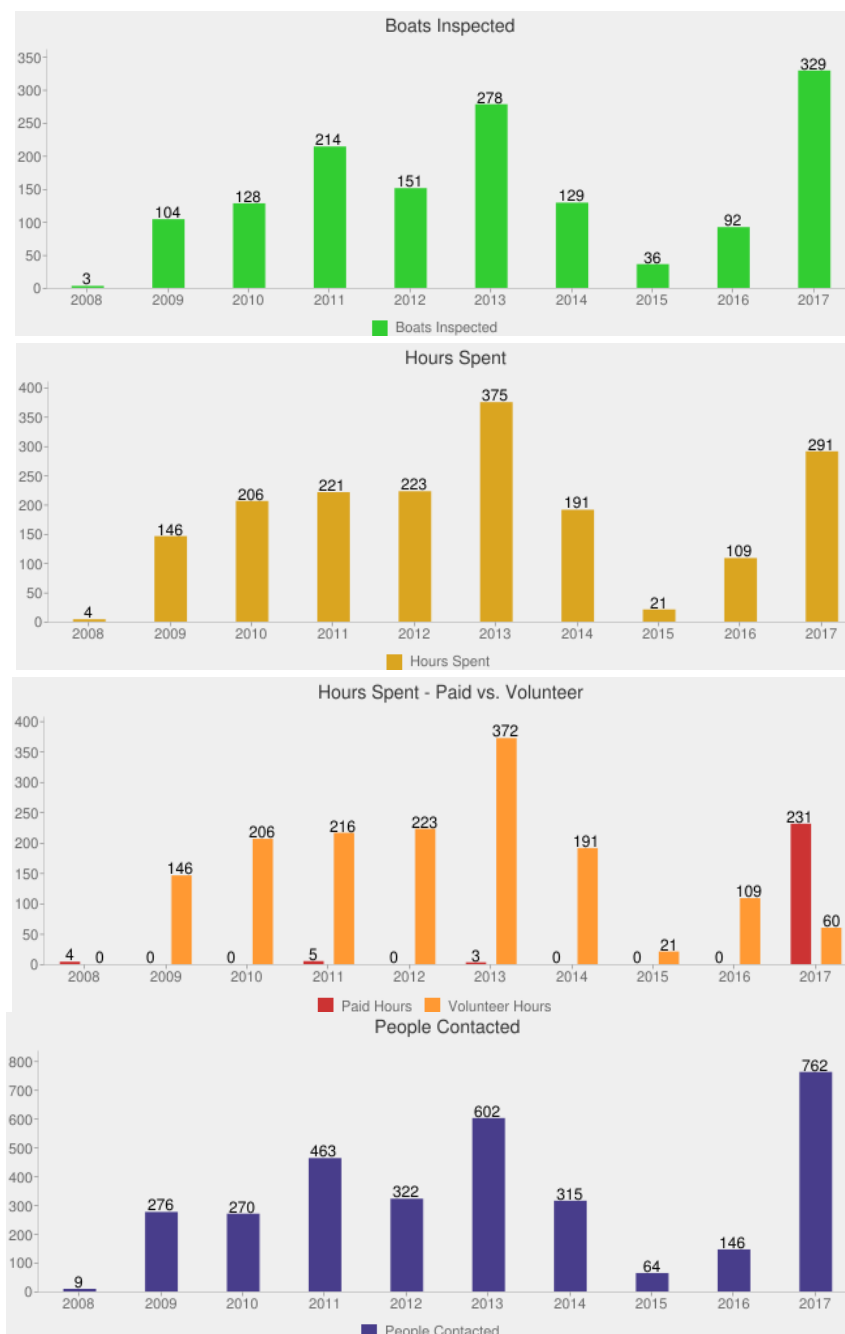


CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATER



With the growing concern over the spread of aquatic invasive species to Wisconsin's inland lakes, many lake association members and other concerned citizens are looking for ways to get involved. The Clean Boats, Clean Waters watercraft inspection program is an opportunity to take a front line defense against the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Squash Lake Information from <http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/invasives>



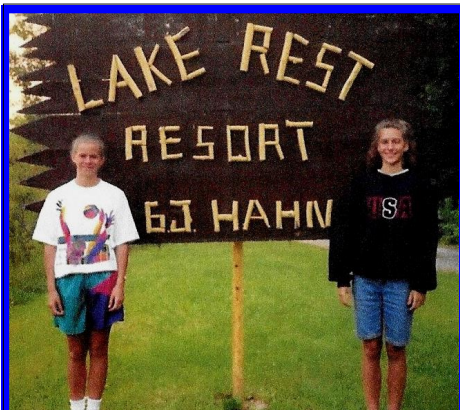
Squash Lake has the following aquatic invasive species:

Banded Mystery Snail, Chinese Mystery Snail, Eurasian Water-Milfoil, Freshwater Jellyfish, Rusty Crayfish

If you would consider sponsoring an inspector @ \$12/hour, please see membership form, page 8.

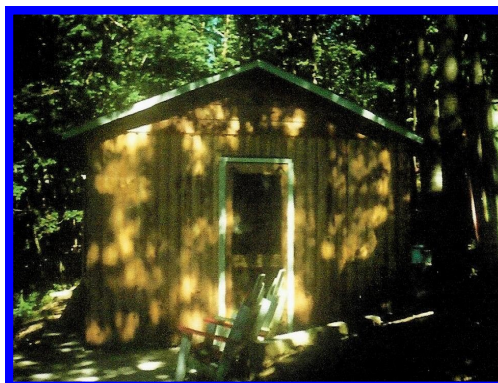
Lake Rest Resort

By Ron Bednar & Connie Smith (Hahn)

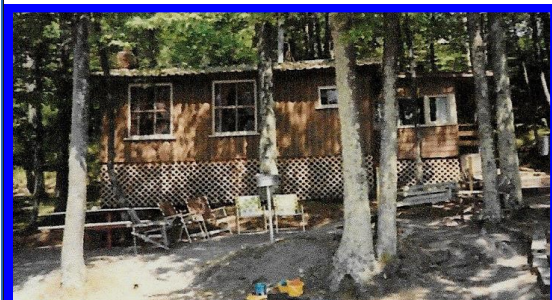


My Grandpa and Grandma (Ernest & Clara Hahn) bought all 40 acres along the shoreline and the inside area back in the 1940's. I believe it was in 1944. Before that the land and lake was used to move huge logs as there is still a small piece of the "old sawmill" located on the property where the resort boat landing used to be. We have found a ton of horse shoes throughout the

years along the shoreline. My grandparents had 2 children, my dad Gary and then my Aunt Karla. My dad was born in 1938 and he helped my grandparents cut the land and build the cabins. There were 7 cabins in all, but shortly after they were all build, my grandparents sold one of them. The only original cabins that still stand are "the office", which was the cabin that we stayed in, and cabin #6. Each cabin was named after a tree with a sign that my dad had made. I have 3 of them which will go up on some trees on our property once our home is built. The resort cabins were built to only rent out for the summer months. A lot of the customers would come back year after year. Ernest and



Cabin #1 Ernie & Clara's Cabin (this cabin still stands as well as cabin #6)



Cabin #5

Clara Hahn ran the resort from the mid 50's and sold off some lots to some of our relatives and some of the customers that became friends over the years. We are now on 5 generations of the Hahn family coming up to Squash Lake. My brother Gary and I still own land on the lake. My parent's names are Gary and Judith Hahn who ran the resort for about 15 years along

with the help of their 4 children (Cheryl, Gary, Connie, David). My grandparents (Ernest and Clara) put in the road back in the day. When my parents were going to close the resort in 1994, the county did not want to take over the road. My parents wrote a letter requesting the road be named "Lake Rest Road." My parents built their new home where cabins #1 & 2 stood and that is when more dreams came true for them!

Circa Mid 50's Gary Hahn and his homemade boat.



Circa 1951, Primitive boats, Martin Outboard Motors could be rented from Ernie Hahn.





Seasonal Boat Lift Installation & Removal (2017 Pricing)

Hoban Dock & Lift
Steve Hoban 715-892-1618

\$165

Pelican Piers
Mike 715-499-0885
West 715-628-0214

\$125

Eagle River Dock & Lift
715-220-4522

\$125

\$100 with a 3 year contract

Eagle River Dock and Pelican Piers both offered discounts if multiple installs/removals were booked together.

(Not recommending any company - just got the information from these companies as they were removing lifts this year.)



ATTENTION ALL LAKEFRONT OWNERS

The association is asking for your help. Please be observant of your lake frontage for new growth of Eurasian Water Milfoil. If you see what you suspect might be EWM, **Mark the spot for the divers. Do not pull it out, but call one of the following people:**

Craig Zarley: 715-282-6554 or cell 715-7741-0286

Marj Mehring: 715-362-6118 or cell 715-360-6573

DNR Changes the Scope of Grant Volunteer/In-Kind Contributions

by Dan Butkus- Grant Administrator

In 2017, the DNR expanded what may be counted towards volunteer/in-kind contributions on grant reimbursements. The decision came late in the 2017 season, but will affect grant reimbursement requests in the future. Volunteers, who monitor or remove Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) on lakes, including Squash Lake, are now allowed to include donated use of personal equipment. In addition to the \$12/hr of in-kind value for volunteer hours, the use of a motorized boat while performing monitoring or removal of EWM will count for \$10/hr as “in-kind donated use of personal equipment”. The use of a row boat, canoe, or kayak (non-motorized boat) will count as \$2.17/hr. All other equipment, such as paddle boards, may not be counted towards in-kind donated use of personal equipment.

All DNR grants require some form of local share from lake organizations. This local share may include a combination of volunteer time, other types of in-kind contributions, and/or shared expenses (monetary share).

While our volunteers do an outstanding job in donating their time, it has been impossible to completely match our grant responsibility with only volunteer hours. This is common to all lake organizations across the state. A portion of our obligation has always included sharing in the expenses. This change will help both the Association and the District by shifting the balance in favor of more volunteer/in-kind contributions being counted so less comes from shared expenses.

Volunteer forms for 2018 will be revised to include a line for noting whether a volunteer used a boat, and if so, what type of boat.

As a reminder, all volunteer forms must be signed, dated, and include contact information (either a phone number or email address). The DNR will not accept forms without this information.



Schedule of Events

SLA Board Meetings
(the meetings are held in the Crescent Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. They are open meetings.)

Jan 27, 2018 10:30 am
Mar 10, 2018 10:30 am
May 19, 2018 8:30 am
July 7, 2018 Annual Meeting, 8:30 am
Aug 4, 2018 8:30 am

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR

If you have something to sell or give away, or are looking for something, this is the place to post it. Just send me an email or give me a call.
 Linda Tennessen: russ.linda.tennessen@gmail.com
 262-994-8493

Wish List for the Terminator Crew

Pontoon boat
 motor 35 hp or larger
 gas cans
 gas gift cards

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.

We will email you a receipt

Date: _____ Name(s) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Lake Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone # _____

NEW for 2018

I would like to help with boat inspections. (Circle: YES or NO)

If YES, I would like to volunteer for _____ shifts. (number of _____ 2-hr shifts at the landing), OR..... Instead, I would like to contribute towards hiring an inspector (\$12/hr increments, please use "Landing" below)

\$ _____ Yearly Membership (limit 2 per property)
 \$25.00 Dues are for July 1 - June 30

\$ _____ Removal of Eurasian Water Milfoil: Scuba Diver Hand Harvesting Fund

\$ _____ Boat, Repair & Maintenance, Etc.

\$ _____ Landing Inspector (please use \$12/hr increments)

\$ _____ Other _____

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

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Squash Lake Association News & Events



Be sure to visit our Facebook page and please Follow and Like it! Share your photos!

SLA WEBSITE

<http://www.squashlakeassociation.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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