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LAKE LUCERNE

ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

ACTIVITIES AT CLUBHOUSE
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

2025 Calendar of Events

JULY 2025

July 4 – Lake Lucerne Boat Parade

@Waters Edge – 10 AM

July 12 – Fun Day Committee Meeting – 9 AM

July 26 – 3rd Annual 5K-ish Run & Walk

Registration at 7:45 AM Race Time 9 AM

July 26 – 1st Annual Best Ball Golf Open

@ Nicolet Country Club – 1 PM

July 26 – Meet The Neighbors Fiesta

– 5 PM to 7 PM

AUGUST 2025

August 1 – Fun Day Set Up – 9 AM

August 2 – FUN DAY – 10 AM to 3 PM

Auction Starts at 9 AM – Events 10 AM to 3 PM

August 3 – Fun Day Clean Up – 9 AM

August 15 – Forest County Association of Lakes Fall Forum – 9:30 AM

August 31 – LLAA Annual Meeting – 9 AM

SEPTEMBER 2025

September 2 – LLAA Golf Outing @ Nicolet Country Club – 1 PM

September 2 – After Golf Dinner @ Waters Edge – 5 PM

September 20 – Board Meeting – Time TBD

OCTOBER 2025

Fall Clean Up – Various Weekends

LAKE LUCERNE CLUBHOUSE RENTAL

Please note a change to clubhouse rentals. **Only members of the association, in good standing are eligible to rent the clubhouse.** If you would like to rent the clubhouse and grounds for a graduation party, birthday party, baby shower, or even a small wedding please let us know. The price of the rental is **\$250** for the rental, plus **\$150** deposit (which will be returned after the event if all is in good condition). New discounts provided to lifetime members; rental fee is reduced to **\$150**. Please contact Mark Orlovsky at 715-889-6623 if interested in a rental.



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www.lakelucernewi.com



PRESIDENTS POINT OF VIEW

Submitted by Mark Orlovsky

ANOTHER SUMMER SEASON IS UPON US

I hope everyone made it through Winter and Spring in good health and good spirits.

First, I'd like to address a question we've heard from many of you:

"Why haven't there been any newsletters?"

When the Pioneer Express closed its doors last year, we lost our local printer and our layout designer. One thing led to another, and unfortunately, no newsletter was produced.

After regrouping this Spring and finding both a new printer and graphic designer, we're excited to bring you a refreshed newsletter design and a renewed commitment to improved communication.

COMMUNICATION GOING FORWARD

• **One printed newsletter** will be mailed each year in the **Spring**.

• **All other updates** will be delivered electronically.

To stay informed, we ask all members to sign up for email updates by visiting: <https://lakelucernewi.com/emailsignup/>

The site is secure, and we will never share or publish your contact information without permission.

In addition:

• **A postcard reminder** will be sent in **late Winter** with dues information and event reminders.

• Ongoing updates will be posted on our website: <https://lakelucernewi.com/>

• And also on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/lakelucerneadvancement>

NEW & REVIVED EVENTS

We're excited to announce 2 **new event** and the return of a community favorite:

Mark Your Calendars! LLAA Has a Full Day of Fun Planned for Saturday, July 26th!

Best Ball Golf Outing at Nicolet Country Club

- Tee off with us in our First Annual Best Ball Golf Outing, right after the 5K Run/Walk!
- This event is in addition to our traditional Lake Lucerne Golf Outing in September.
- Sign-up form is included in this newsletter — grab your spot!

Meet the Neighbors Gathering

- LLAA Clubhouse I Starts at **5 PM**
- All Lake Lucerne residents are welcome — members and non-members!
- Enjoy a free dinner hosted by the LLAA Board: chicken & beef tacos with all the fixings, plus beer, wine, and soda.
- Event wraps up around **7 PM** — don't miss this chance to connect with your community!

Save the Date: LLAA Inaugural Sporting Clay Event

Saturday, August 18th | In partnership with Heritage Hunting Club

Ready to test your aim and have a blast? Join us for a thrilling day of clay shooting, camaraderie, and fun!

All skill levels welcome.

Internet Coming to the LLAA Clubhouse!

We're excited to share that the Lake Lucerne Advancement Association

(LLAA) Clubhouse will soon have internet access!

At our most recent Board meeting, we discussed how internet connectivity would greatly improve many of our events—especially for things like credit card payments, guest speakers, and meeting presentations.

Due to the building's remote location and lack of cell signal, this has been a challenge in the past. However, after working with Astrea, we're happy to report that installing internet is not only feasible, but also affordable.

Installation is expected this summer, and we're looking forward to the added convenience and flexibility it will bring to our community gatherings.

Stay tuned for updates and an official go-live date! shooting, camaraderie, and fun!

Sign-up forms coming soon on our website and Facebook page!

Questions? Contact Jeff Criel at 847-609-1366 or jeffcriel@hotmail.com



BOAT LANDING UPDATE

The boat landing has been a challenge in recent years, but there's good news on the horizon. The **Wisconsin DNR** is actively working on plans to **reconstruct the parking lot and boat ramp**.

Funding is already in place, and if all goes according to schedule,
construction is expected to begin in 2026.

In the meantime, please **avoid power loading** your boat. This action displaces rock at the end of the ramp, creating a hazardous berm or hole.

In 2024, the LLAA spent approximately **\$3,500** to repair this issue.

We'll continue to share updates via email and on our website: <https://lakelucernewi.com>

BOARD ELECTIONS & OPEN POSITION

At the **June LLAA Members Meeting**, nominations were made for several board positions:

•**President:** Mark Orlovsky

•**Board Members:** James Zach and Dano Schultz

As there were no challengers, all were elected by default.

At this time, the **Secretary position remains open**. If you're interested in serving and would like more information, please reach out to **Mark Orlovsky**.

Thank you for your continued support! On behalf of the **Lake Lucerne Advancement Association** and Board, we wish you all a safe, joyful, and relaxing **Summer**.

LAKE LUCERNE ECOLOGY NOTES

Jim Zach

- 1) We are looking for Lucerne property owners to "adopt a shoreline". We are asking you to look for AIS on shorelines and shallow water areas that you are familiar with. Contact Jim Zach if interested, we can communicate via cell at 715-572-4646 or email at jzach@wi-net.com if questions arise, and you can be supplied with WDNR websites to help identify what you find.
- 2) A limited fish survey was done last fall by Mike Preul (Mole lake Fishery) and Greg Matzke (WDNR Fish Biologist). Only a few Walleyes found, there's still a long-standing problem with Walleye natural reproduction. Cisco are successfully reproducing in Lucerne. Cisco were transplanted into Lucerne to provide forage fish for Walleye.
- 3) There are several AIS that have not been found in Lucerne but are in other Forest County and WI lakes. These AIS include Zebra and Quagga mussels, Spiny Water Flea, and Curly Leaf Pondweed.
- 4) It is essential that boat owners thoroughly clean their boats and trailers before entering or leaving Lake Lucerne, drain live wells, and not transport live bait such as minnow between lakes if exposed to that lake's water. Ballast containing boats are a particular risk because many gallons of water taken in remains when emptied. Special disinfecting procedures must be done if such boats are transported between lakes.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: FAMILY FUN DAY AUGUST 2ND

Submitted by Jenny Criel & Mark Orlovsky

We're excited to announce that Fun Days is approaching fast!

Fun Days is our annual tradition that brings our lake families together for an unforgettable day of great food and drinks, games and activities, and the chance to win amazing prizes through our auctions and raffles.

We truly appreciate your enthusiasm, and we'd love to see you there—whether you're attending, volunteering, or both. If you have a passion for helping and being part of the fun, we welcome you with open arms.

Let's make this year's Fun Days the best one yet!



The following are the details of the day:

Inspection for the Action: 8:30 – 9:00 am

Auction: 9:00 – 11:00 am

Food & Beverages: 10:00 to 2:30 pm

Apparel: 10:00 to 2:30pm

Lucerne Raffle/Silent Auction: 10:00 – 2:30 pm

Kids (and Kids at heart) activities/Games: 11:00 – 2:30 pm

Fun Day Paddle Wheel: 11:00 – 2:30 pm

Cash Raffle*: all day! Raffle tickets will be available in the clubhouse to purchase.

* Raffle tickets are being sold all summer and on Fun Day. Price is \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.

Ask any board member for some or contact Dano Schultz 414-828-9634 . 1st place is **\$500.00!**

RAFFLE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT 2 PM.

Winners will be drawn at 2:15 PM for all items!

If volunteering is your thing, spend some time helping while partaking in the events of the day. The shift is about 2 hours, we welcome more time if you are willing to give it. If you have any questions about various areas, please reach out to the lead listed below.

To volunteer please sign up online at- https://lla.ivolunteer.com/funday_2025

Auction- Jim Wienser: Text or call 414-587-2764. Help needed setting items up on Friday and bringing items up to the auctioneer.

Kitchen- Patty Orlovsky: Text or call 715-350-9454. Help with food sales in the kitchen and cashiers.

Grilling – Jim Wienser: Text or call 414-587-2764. Grilling and deep frying.

Bar- Mark Orlovsky: call, text 715-889-6623 or email llaapresident@gmail.com Help serving beverages.

Apparel- Kyle Wienser 414-587-4212. Help selling Lake Lucerne clothing and taking special orders.

Lucerne Raffle/Silent Auction- Jenny Criel: call, text 847-767-1366 or email jenniferevo10@gmail.com. Help selling tickets for various raffle items and answering questions for silent auction items.

Kids Games- Jim Wienser: Text or call 414-587-2764. Help kids as they explore various activities.

Fun Day Paddle Wheel- Dano Schultz 414-828-9634. Help with prizes, selling tickets and taking in money.

Finally, do you want to help by donating? There are 2 ways to do this:

1.We appreciated the donation of lightly used items that will be included in the Auction. This helps to raise money for the LLAA as well as find a new home for things you are no longer in need, of but that still have some life in them.

Please bring them to our LLAA building and leave them outside the garage. We do NOT accept appliances, microwaves, building materials, electronics, radios, computers, printers, laptops, couches, mattresses, air conditioners etc.

2.Do you want to build a basket for our Lucerne Raffle or Silent Auction? We are looking for your ideas/donations. Items will either be included in our ticket raffle or silent auction depending on the value. We are anticipating some fun local gift certificates, tickets for events and activities being included!

For those wishing to donate a Lucerne Raffle or Silent Auction item please contact Jenny Criel: call, text 847-767-1366 or email jenniferevo10@gmail.com. All donations by Sunday July 26th, so we can organize and prepare the event space.

Thank you all and we look forward to a great 2025 Fun Day!

PROTECTING WISCONSIN'S WATERWAYS / LAKE LUCERNE: CLEAN BOATS, CLEAN WATERS PROGRAM COMBATS AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Matt Steeno

Wisconsin's cherished lakes and rivers face a constant threat: Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). These non-native plants and animals can disrupt delicate ecosystems, harm native fish populations, and negatively impact recreation and local economies. However, the Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) program, a collaboration between the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Extension Lakes (UW-Stevens Point), and other organizations, offers a critical defense against this threat. Now that we have identified the presence of Eurasian Watermilfoil on Lake Lucerne, the value of this program comes into sharp focus.

CBCW: A Frontline Defense

The CBCW program focuses on educating boaters and other water enthusiasts about AIS prevention through watercraft inspections and outreach at boat landings. Trained inspectors – both volunteers and paid staff – play a vital role in:



- Educating the public:** They provide information on how to identify and prevent the spread of invasive species.
- Conducting boat inspections:** They check boats and trailers for any attached plants or animals, ensuring no unwanted hitchhikers are transported to other water bodies.
- Distributing information:** They hand out brochures and other materials highlighting key prevention steps.
- Reporting new infestations:** They play a critical role in identifying and reporting new occurrences of AIS, allowing for quick action to control their spread.

Key Prevention Steps for Boaters and Anglers (and it's the law!):

- Inspect:** Check your boat, trailer, and equipment for any attached aquatic plants or animals.
- Remove:** Carefully remove all attached plants or animals before leaving the boat landing.
- Drain:** Drain all water from your boat, motor, livewell, and any other equipment.
- Dispose:** Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash, not in the water body.
- Never move live fish:** Never move live fish away from a waterbody.

A GRASSROOTS SUCCESS STORY:

The Clean Boats, Clean Waters program has a truly inspiring origin story. It began with a group of dedicated seventh-grade students in Minocqua, Wisconsin, who were concerned about the spread of Eurasian watermilfoil in their local lakes. Their student-led STEM project, focused on developing educational kits, gained national recognition and paved the way for the program's success. Since 2004, CBCW inspectors have checked over two million boats and educated countless individuals on the importance of cleaning, draining, and drying their watercraft.

GETTING INVOLVED WITH CBCW ON LAKE LUCERNE IN 2025:

The CBCW program relies on the dedication of volunteers and staff to protect Wisconsin's waterways. If you're interested in making a difference on Lake Lucerne, consider becoming a CBCW watercraft inspector. You can find training resources on the LLAA Website under the Resources tab (<https://lakelucernewi.com/clean-boats-clean-waters-resources/>). Please review that information before you volunteer.

By participating in the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program and following the prevention steps outlined above, you can contribute to protecting Wisconsin's precious water resources for generations to come. Please contact Board Director, Matt Steeno, Chair of the CBCW initiative (mtthwsteen@aol.com) or Patty Orlovsky, CBCW Coordinator (pattyorlovsky@gmail.com) if you intend to volunteer for a two-hour shift at the Lake Lucerne DNR boat landing so we can record your hours. We also have ballcaps, aprons, or t-shirts to hand out to better identify you to our boaters.

Take care,

Matt Steeno

LAKE LUCERNE'S LAKE MANAGEMENT (LMP) PLAN UPDATE

Jim Zach MD

Many of you may be aware that LLAA secured a WDNR Surface Water Grant in 2023 to cover 2/3s of expenses to update our LMP which was last done in 2005. The LLAA Board selected White Water Associates, Inc (WWA) of Amasa MI as our environmental consultants. WWA has a long history, and their staff who have years of experience doing this type of environmental work.

While the initial phase of this project during 2024 had been to convert our 20 years of Lucerne's water quality data collected prior to 2005 from paper to an electronic data base, this is now expected to be completed during 2025. The second phase will be to analyze the last 40+ years of Lucerne's data upon which WWA will provide lake management recommendations.

WWA had been expecting to use the WDNR's extensive 2019 Aquatic Plant Survey which found no new invasive plants. However, the July 2024 discovery of Eurasian Water-Milfoil (EWM) in 2 areas of Lucerne made this endeavor more complicated. A new Aquatic Plant Point Intercept Survey needed to be done to find out where else EWM may be located, as well if other Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) may have been introduced. The AIS survey has been completed this spring, no additional areas of EWM were discovered. The Aquatic Plant Survey work will begin soon. If EWM spreads into the shallow south end of Lucerne, WWA warned it has the potential to choke out the whole area. It is important to learn to recognize that Lucerne has a lot of Northern Water Milfoil (NWM) which is a common and native aquatic plant. We have ID cards provided by the WDNR which compare the two species.

To help cover this additional work, LLAA applied for and received a WDNR Early Detection & Response grant which will cover 3/4s of these additional expenses for up to \$25,000 for the new aquatic plant survey. LLAA needed to cover the expense of the AIS survey, which will be around \$3,000. If there are unspent funds, EWM removal expenses can be paid for from this grant. Thus far, our EWM removal since last summer has been done by Association volunteers, and the value of these hours will be applied toward our 25% match for the ED&R grant.

For those of you who volunteered to serve on a Lake Lucerne Stakeholders Committee to meet with WWA to discuss your thoughts and concerns regarding Lake Lucerne, this will likely now occur in later 2025 or early 2026. If you are interested in participating in this committee, please let me know. I expect that this will not entail more than a couple meetings.

LMP recommendations will be provided based upon any new information acquired in addition to the EWM management. Additional aspects of the plan will include a lake user electronic survey, WWA will ask to meet with a group of lake property owners in 1 or 2 focus group meetings, and later this summer or early next summer there will be floating seminar with WWA biologists and ecologists to discuss findings and answer questions. It is expected that the LMP report will be completed sometime in 2026 and there will be a presentation open to the public at that time. If anyone would like to participate in the focus group meetings and/or help with creating the electronic survey, please contact Mark or me.

Some lake property owners have followed EWM removal recommendations to try to reduce further spread by identifying areas of EWM and do hand removal of plants. In shallow areas this can be done by reaching into and carefully removing the root ball while preventing fragmentation of the plant. In deeper areas, snorkelers or SCUBA divers have been collecting plants, placing them in nets, and removing the plants from the lake. Because is an AIS, it is legal to dispose of them as you would trash.

It is important to realize that EWM propagates by fragmentation, broken segments of the plant can float on the water's surface and eventually take root elsewhere. It is not recommended to chemically treat our EWM areas because the EWM areas are quite localized at this point. Chemical treatments are very expensive, it is very hard to contain the chemical treatments in our large lake, and there can be collateral biological consequences to native plants and critters. Prop wash over EWM areas can mechanically fragment EWM and spread EWM.

3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT 5 K-ISH RUN & WALK

Calling all walkers and runners! The Lake Lucerne Advancement Association (LLAA) Community Support Committee is sponsoring our 5K-ish Run & Walk on Saturday July 26th. The purpose of the committee is to support local non-profit and volunteer organizations that provide important services in Forest County. Our sponsored community charity for 2025 is Crandon Area Rescue.

This year's route has been adjusted due to construction on **HWY 8**, which affects Potawatomi Drive and County HWY W—both originally part of our race course. To prioritize racer safety, the finish line has been relocated to Lake Lucerne Boat Landing.

Registration will begin at 7:45 AM, at the LLAA Clubhouse (4031 County W, Crandon WI 54520), and close at 8:40 AM.



The race will start at 9:00 AM, at the north end of Lake Lucerne and finish at the **Lake Lucerne Boat Landing**. Transportation from the Clubhouse to the race start will be provided, with the last ride leaving at 8:40. Return transportation will also be provided back to the Clubhouse from the Lake Lucerne Boat Landing. Race swag this year will be a 100% cotton Beach

Towel (for the first 100 racers)!

See our ad for details or visit our www.lakelucernewi.com or our Facebook race page [LLAA Annual 5k-ish Run/Walk for the Community](https://www.facebook.com/LLAAAnnual5k-ishRunWalkfortheCommunity), for registration details. This year we are using [runsignup.com](https://www.runsignup.com) for our registration. If you prefer paper registration reach out to Jenny Criel via email (jenniferevo10@gmail.com) or text/phone (847-767-1366).

Early registration is appreciated!

BLUE SPOTTED SALAMANDER *Contributed by Dano Schultz*

The blue spotted salamander is an important species in the ecosystem of Forest County and provides significant contributions to help maintain balance and the health of its environment. Despite their subtle presence, these tiny amphibians contribute to soil health in our forests as they burrow through the ground eating insects, fertilizing and aerating the dirt. They help balance and control the insect population and are even a food source for many of our other native predators

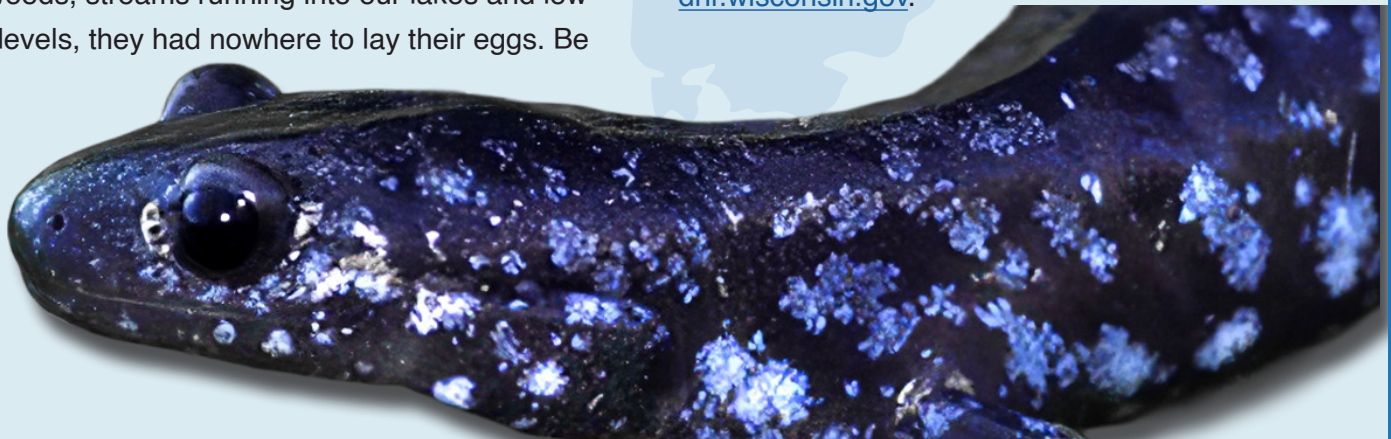
that depend on them for nutrients.

During the draught in 2012-2015 I noticed the salamanders has disappeared. Without the wetlands in the woods, streams running into our lakes and low lake levels, they had nowhere to lay their eggs. Be

fore this time I never really thought about it much, but I could recall a few time periods in my life when they were both abundant and non-existent.

These fragile amphibians are an indicator of a healthy ecosystem, as the smallest changes such as draught, unhealthy soil, fire or deforestation will impact the salamanders' population almost instantly. They are just another one of the many reasons to preserve our lake, forest and soil. If you see one of these amazing little amphibians in your area, take a second to admire the impact they have and the fragility of their environment. There are ways to get involved in research, education and preservation through

dnr.wisconsin.gov.



JULY 26TH
STARTING AT 1PM

**LLAA GOLF
OUTING
First Annual
Best Ball Golf**



Players Up to 4

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

You can complete your own foursome or we'll pair up teams.

Captain Contact Information:

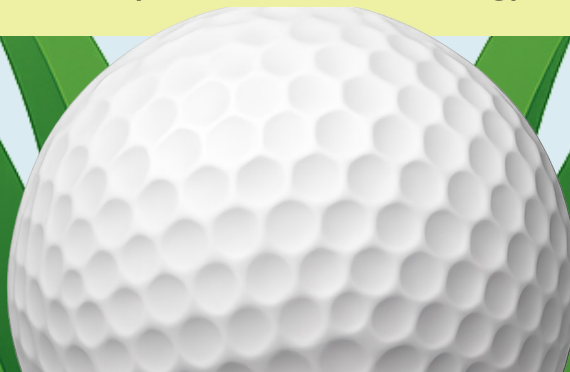
Name: _____

Phone: ____ - ____ - ____

Email: _____

Costs: 9 Holes at Nicolet

**Tournament will be Scramble format with 12 tee times starting at 1PM.
Winners and rewards will be presented at the Meet the Neighbors Event after 5PM.
(Association Building)**



LAKE LUCERNE GOLF OUTING

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Nicolet Country Club, Laona, WI

It's time for the 43rd Annual Lake Lucerne Golf Outing and Dinner. Please spread the word to other Lake Lucerne residents! It's a 9-Hole scramble. Maximum of 48 players so register early! Registration: 1:00 PM. Shot Gun Start: 1:30 PM (Note, if we don't fill nine foursomes, all groups may need to start on hole one)

DINNER WILL BE AT WATER'S EDGE – 6 PM - COCKTAILS START AT 5 PM
BAKED CHICKEN, RIBS, BABY REDS, GREEN BEANS AND BACON + SALAD BAR

REGISTRATION Closes Tuesday, August 26.

Golf & Dinner: \$28 (please tip the server!) (FYI – the additional \$4 helps to cover prizes)

Dinner Only: \$24 (plus tip!)

GOLF FEES paid to Nicolet GC

Greens fees (\$12 was last year's fall rate, so assume \$12) paid on the day of the outing for non-Nicolet members.

Golf cart rental: \$20 (\$10 per person)

In the event of rain, please meet at the Water's Edge at 5 PM

*Please send this registration form by **Tuesday, August 26** to*

Marc Blazich 4072 County Rd W, Crandon, WI 54520 (414-530-0455) Make checks payable to Lake Lucerne Advancement Association.

Name of Golfers

GOLFER	NICOLET MEMBER (YES or NO)

Names for Dinner Only

Payment enclosed: \$ _____

Are you willing to provide a golf cart? Yes: _____ No: \$ _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

ARE YOU CURRENT ON YOUR DUES?

Check the address label on this newsletter. The top line shows the year you are paid up to 9999 indicates you are a Lifetime Member.
If it is blank, you are not currently a member.

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WHY NOT JOIN? Become a member today!

Lake Lucerne Advancement Association- Membership Form

NAME(S): _____

LAKE ADDRESS (FIRE # & ROAD): _____

HOME MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE(S): _____ EMAIL: _____

Check all that apply: ☐ NEW ☐ RENEWAL

☐ 2025 - \$30 ☐ 2026 - \$30 ☐ 2027 - \$30 ☐ Lifetime - \$300

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