

This is a two part piece this time so we can talk a little about things at Lake Lucerne. We had a lovely two plus months where we could breathe in all off the "things" that go on at this great place.

The second half will be about the fall itself. Mother Nature treats us to this session of life just once each year but how great it is.

Back to pre-fall for a moment. Did you treat yourself to the sky activity this year? A glorious display of stars featuring the old famous things – the Big Dipper, a knock out Milky Way and several individual star features including a shooting star display. I imagine a trip to Kovac's star show some 15-20 miles west on Hiway 8 could hold forth lots of knowledge about stars and such if you'd take advantage and go there. I did...twice, once with grandkids.

The abundant rain has brought with it advantageous things such a RISING LAKE, a plethora of flowers, nice garden and good tree growth. The birds couldn't keep up with the mosquito population as food fare but all else was pretty positive in general.

So now the fall begins. Isn't it a little early for some reason? Does abundant moisture cause some greenery to "burn out", turn brown/yellowish or has it been the cooler nights? Who knows? There's talk of bear hunts, the grouse or lack thereof, and of course – are there adequate deer? My count of the deer herd is more positive than in the past few years but the critters a bit smaller.

Other noted early fall activities include the growth of wood piles by the maple syrup producers, the beginning of those lovely fragrances from the woods, the flight south of bird groups and butterflies and the anticipation of winter sports like skiing, ice fishing and snow mobiling.

Hey, it's gonna come. Live with it 'cause after the leaves turn beautiful and fall the white stuff falls and lo and behold all of a sudden green colors return and Wow! It's summer. So, hang in there and we'll see you next spring and summer! Bye.

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## 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ACTIVITIES AT CLUBHOUSE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

### MAY

May 14 - Clean Up Day - 9 a.m.  
May 21 - LLAA Board Meeting - 9 a.m.

### JUNE

June 4 - Club House Rented  
June 18 - Membership Meeting - 3 - 5 p.m.  
& Meet Your Neighbor - 5 - 10:30 p.m.

### JULY

July 16 - Fun Days Organizational Meeting - 9 a.m.  
July 30 - Club House Rented

### AUGUST

Aug.5 - Fun Day Set Up - 9 a.m.  
Aug. 6 - FUN DAY - 10 a.m.  
Aug. 7 - Fun Day Clean Up - 9 a.m.

### SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3 - LLAA Annual Meeting - 9 a.m.  
Sept. 6 - LLAA Golf Outing - 12:30 p.m. -  
Nicolet Country Club  
Cocktails & Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

## LAKE LUCERNE BOARD

### PRESIDENT

Larry Sommer

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Becca and Neal Klemme enjoy volunteering their time to gather data.

Becca Klemme and Neal Klemme are the Citizen Lake Monitors for Lake Lucerne. The volunteer program through the DNR began tracking data on the lake in 1986. Ken Lehner was the volunteer from 1986 to 1999. In 1999 Neal began volunteering time weekly to monitor Lake Lucerne. Becca started to help her dad with lake monitoring when she was about 12 years old. The Citizen Lake Monitoring program was developed to track the lake profile.

As volunteers for the DNR Becca and Neal are responsible for collecting data to track the temperature variations, clarity of the lake, amount of dissolved oxygen in the water, and also levels of phosphorous and chlorophyll.

Temperature is measured at fourteen different depths in the lake. One purpose of the temperature monitoring is to provide information for when spring and fall turnover are beginning and ending. Turnover is a period of time when the water is circling to become a constant temperature at all depths. This generally occurs in October and shortly after the ice is off. The clarity of the lake is identified weekly with a secchi disk measurement. The secchi disk measurement provides information on water clarity and is used as a water quality indicator. Dissolved oxygen is measured by taking a water sample with a Hach meter. The meter is used to take samples at multiple depths in the lake to determine if species are stressed or which fish are able to survive in the lake. An additional water sample is sent off to Madison to identify the levels of chlorophyll and phosphorous. All of the data gathered is entered in an online database to provide a documented record of the lake profile. More information, including Lake Lucerne data, can be found online at [dnr.wi.gov/lakes/CLMN/station.aspx?id=213123](http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/CLMN/station.aspx?id=213123).

### 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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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR ANNUAL DUES

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LAKE ADDRESS (FIRE # & ROAD): \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

IF NEW TO LAKE - FORMER OWNERS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PHONE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:  NEW  RENEWAL

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Another summer season at Lake Lucerne comes to an end. It was a great year! Many things occurred in 2015. First, I must thank the many of you who allowed me to continue as your association president. As our mission states, "Lake Lucerne is a unique special lake and the association desires to maintain and improve it's quality" This will continue to be my goal. Your board of directors is doing an excellent job in planning and executing the many activities that occur each year. A big thank you to Cheryl Hermus, secretary, and Sarah Austin, board member, for their dedication and service on the board and a big welcome to their replacements. Diane Braunreiter is our new secretary and Marc Blazich comes as our newest board member. I look forward to working with our newly elected.

If you weren't able to attend the annual meeting you didn't hear about the very successful Fun Day and Auction! It was the best ever! Thanks again to the many volunteers who gave up their Saturday plans to help at the event.

More good news! All of our building construction is complete. Here too, this project could not be accomplished if not for all of the volunteers! Jack Kloss and Norm Heberer were the leaders of the crew. I believe we have the best set up of any lake association in Forest County. With all that being accomplished, we have no debts and over \$20,000 in the bank. There are no plans at this time to spend any of it. It's great to have cash on hand in the event that more invasives show up on our lake. However, if anyone has any ideas for a future project, please contact any board member.

As was noted at the annual meeting, Todd Veaser, coordinator of volunteers at the boat landing, resigned due to work conflicts. The board is looking for a replacement for next year. This is a paid position and does require most weekends. If any one or more are interested, please contact any board member. The board will meet at a special meeting this fall to discuss.

Please note the change indicated on the cover page. **The Membership Meeting and Meet Your Neighbor is on the same day.** June 18 will have a 3 to 5p.m. a Membership Meeting followed by Meet Your Neighbor Party. Cocktails will be from 5 to 6 p.m., dinner at six and fun until 10:30 p.m. This will free up a Saturday in June for personal activities.

Two communications have been received. The first is from Senator Tom Tiffany thanking our association for the donations to the Humane Society and NEWCAP. The second note, (see below) is regarding the Dillenberg & Bath wedding that was held at our facility on Saturday, September 26.

*Dear board of the Lake Lucerne Association,*

*We would like to express our thanks for letting our family rent your establishment for our daughter's wedding and reception. The yard area was absolutely beautiful for the ceremony.*

*Didn't need much with the natural beauty, it was stunning!*

*The pavilion amenities were perfect for what we needed!*

*Only problem we had was with the breaker system for the band.*

*Thank you so much! Mark and Wendy Bath, Parents*

Ten thousand, 6-9 inch walleye were planted in the lake on October 5. Mike Preul, fish biologist from Mole Lake has been a great influence and supporter of our lake when it comes to the lake studies, obtaining fish and providing grant money. Thank you, Mike! In closing, this letter is loaded with many thank yous! That's a positive sign of a healthy organization. Let's keep it going! I am very proud of our accomplishments! Have a great fall and winter. See you all in the spring!

*Larry Sommer*

President Larry Sommer called the meeting to order at 9:45 A.M. following a breakfast provided by the Lake Association with help from members bringing a dish to pass. Officers present were President Larry Sommer, VP LexAnn Hitchcock, and Board Members Judy Nelson and Wayne Daul. Absent : Treasurer Rick Hermus, Secretary Cheryl Hermus, and Board Members Jack Kloss and Sara Austin. 79 members were present.

At 9:00 A.M. Mark Eversman from Wisconsin Public Service gave an update on new electric and gas services in the Lake Lucerne area. He reported that not all areas around the lake will have underground service. The electric services will be complete by the end of September. Construction bids for the projected gas service will be taken in September and October. Construction will begin in early summer, 2016 at a cost of 1.5 million dollars. This will mean a rate increase to customers to be amortized over a 5 year period. Gas lines will run along driveways and will not destroy any trees. Customers will have 180 days to connect to gas service after lines have been installed. The Lake Association is contacting property owners who have not yet responded to the gas company regarding necessary easements for gas lines. Land owners are encouraged to call the gas company for further follow up if they haven't already done so: Scott Agamaite at 920-433-5508

Paul O'Keefe made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Jim Hammond. The motion was passed by the membership. Jeff Spitzer made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 6, 2015 Membership Meeting, seconded by Clay Schaefer. The motion was passed by the membership. Patty Orlovsky made a motion to approve the Minutes from the July 24, 2015, seconded by Mary Kemp. The motion was passed by the membership. Due to Rick Hermus's absence, President Larry Sommer presented the Treasurer's Report as well as the 2016 Budget. Both reports were approved upon a motion by Jim Hammond, seconded by Pat Becker.

A note from the Crandon Water Ski Club was read which thanked us for our donation.

LexAnn Hitchcock thanked everyone for their help on one of our most successful Fun Days. She reported that we need more strong men to help at the auction. It was recommended that valuable donations to the auction should be sold separately from the auction, or that minimum bids should be placed on these items. The Paddle Wheel was also short on help this year. Rene Daul, who was in charge of children's games, was especially appreciative of the Ski Club volunteers for all their help. Kathy Becker reported that chances on a Board from another lake were being sold along with our boards at Fun Days. Patty Orlovsky made a motion that Board members need to approve all Boards to be used at Fun Days. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership. The possibility of making a donation to Lake Metonga will be brought up next year for budget consideration.

Mark Orlovsky gave a report on the upcoming Annual Golf Outing to be held Tuesday, September 8 at Nicolet Golf Club. 38 golfers have signed up for the event. 48 people will attend the dinner at Nicolet Clubhouse. It was decided after a discussion to keep the Annual Golf Outing on the Tuesday following Labor Day.

President Larry Sommer reported that 2 more lake signs will be erected: one at West Shore Drive and Cty. Trk. W, and another at Cty. Trk. W and Lake Lucerne Drive all facing north. This will make a total of 5 new signs replacing the old white signs which were in ill repair.

Under New Business, Jim Hammond made a motion that the Association should continue our CBCW program and that a grant should be applied for next year. This was seconded by Lois Midvedt and approved by the membership. A discussion followed about the possibility of changing the date of the Annual Meeting. It was decided to keep the date as being the Saturday preceding Labor Day as in the past. A suggestion was made to combine the annual Meet Your Neighbor party with the June Membership Meeting. The motion was made by Carol Tomasi and seconded by Julie O'Keefe. The membership passed the motion. The Meeting will be held in mid to late afternoon followed by the party.

Regarding the fall newsletter, all articles should be submitted to Judy Nelson by September 30, 2015. Her email address is 19jknelson42@gmail.com.

A motion was made by Ed Walerko and seconded by Marc Blazich to bring up ATV issues at our next meeting. The membership passed the motion.

Elections were held for the positions for 2 officers and 2 board members whose terms were up this year. The following people were elected for a 2-year term: President, Larry Sommer, Secretary, Diane Braunreiter, Board member, Wayne Daul, Board member, Marc Blazich.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

This year proved to be a Banner Year for Fun Day. Over \$11,000 profit was realized. WOW! The weather cooperated for Fun Day with sunny skies and warm temps. Huge crowds attended the auction, paddlewheel and kid's games. Many people enjoyed the delicious food served all day. Meat raffles of bacon, steaks and pork loins were new this year on the paddlewheel. On the boards this year we raffled off a kayak, Kuerig coffee maker, weed eater, paddleboard and an anti-gravity chair.

Thank you to everyone that helped set up, work at a station and clean up. Thank you to our new Auctioneer Tim Turriff. Special thank you to the Ski Club members and parents who volunteered to help run kid's games. The success of Fun Day shows all of the hard work each of you put in.

Looking forward (already working on) to next year. Any ideas for items for the Boards, paddlewheel, dinner menu, games, or auction are appreciated to improve our event. Feel free to contact: LexAnn Hitchcock at 920-450-0573 or lhitchcock@frontier.com or Jack Kloss at 715-478-3425 or jmklossonlucerne@gmail.com.

### New Officers Elected at the Annual Metting

Introducing the newly elected officers, Diane Braunreiter, Secretary, and Marc Blazich, Board Member. Thank you to our departing officers, Cheryl Hermus and Sara Austin for their service!



I fell in love with this lake about the same time I fell in love with my husband, Tom - in 1973. The property was his family's since 1956, and shortly after it became ours we tore down the old place and built our current cottage in 1998. Our 3 kids grew up with Lake Lucerne being a big part of their life, and now our 5 grandchildren love coming up here too. Our 3 year old twin granddaughters say, "it's 4 hours, that's 3 movies" (on their DVD players).

Tom and I sold our house in Janesville last October and moved up here to be full-time residents. It was a huge change, but it's working out better than I could have dreamed. Back in Janesville, I was a graphic designer for the local newspaper for 23 years. Now I'm just enjoying retirement.

Last winter we started snowmobiling and snowshoeing. This winter we plan to add ice fishing to our activities. During the other 3 seasons, I enjoy gardening - flowers, veggies, and raspberries. Next Spring I plan on fencing in my garden so I can enjoy more fruits of my labor instead of the deer and bear taking a share. I also enjoy reading, walking, bicycling, card-making and other arts and crafts, as well as a lot of socializing with friends. I'm looking forward to being secretary for LLAA as a way to give back to the lake that gives me so much peace and enjoyment.



I'm Marc Blazich (pronounced BLAH-zik). My wife Val and I have been on the lake since 2006. We're in the bay a few doors south of Water's Edge at 4072 CR-W. We have two grown kids (Makenzie lives in Madison and Aaron lives in Minneapolis). Our yellow lab, Bueller, often hosts impromptu play groups with a half dozen other dogs in our bay. In the summer, we're either pulling skiers and tubers behind our yellow Malibu, or we're puttering around with Bueller in our little fishing boat. Snowshoeing is one of the things we like to do during the winter, followed by helping friends make maple syrup in the spring.

We raised our kids in Wauwatosa, and now spend well over half the year on Lucerne. We still maintain a condo in the Milwaukee area so that I can work there when I need to. I have held a variety of leadership roles in the technology field, and currently work at Omni Resources.

We have been blessed to make several great friendships with folks who love the lake as much as we do. I'm looking forward to representing LLAA members as one of the new board members. E-mail is the best way to reach me (mblazich@yahoo.com) or just stop by the house and say hello!

# Walleye Planted in Lake Lucerne

Submitted by Larry Sommer



On October 5, 2015, ten thousand 6 - 9 inch Walleyes were planted in Lake Lucerne off the Water's Edge boat landing. In the photo above is Rick Hermus, Club Treasurer, Norb Nunway from the Mole Lake Fishery, Tyler Sikora from the DNR, and Mike Preul, Fish Biologist from Mole Lake.

## 2015 Lake Lucerne Advancement Association Golf Outing

Submitted by Judy Nelson. Scores and winners provided by Mark Orlovsky

Thanks to Mark and Patti Orlovsky for a very successful golf outing. What started out as rainy morning turned out to be an excellent day for golf. Nicolet Country Club was the host for 35 golfers at the Lake Lucerne Advancement Association golf outing on Tuesday, September 8th, 2015.

Even though the fairways were soggy, everyone had a great round of golf. The afternoon ended with a happy hour that included some great snacks donated by various golfers or their spouses. Then we all enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner served up by the staff of Nicolet Country Club.

Put Tuesday, September 6th, 2016 on your calendar for the next LLAA Golf Outing.

### Congratulations to the following teams

1st Place with a score of 34 – Captain Mary Lou Collins, Jean Broman, Jim Nelson and Roy Conrad

2nd Place with a score of 36 – Captain Steve Bunda, Jack Liethen, Sara Austin

Tied for 3rd Place with a score of 37 – Captain Dick Rippey, Ed Tatro, Mark Orlovsky, Trent Zellmer & Captain Norm Heberer, Marcia Rippey, Mike Hitchcock

### Hole winners

Longest Drive – Men – Steve Bunda, Women – Mary Lou Collins

Closest to the Pin – Men – Steve Bunda, Women – Mary Lou Collins

Longest Putt – Men – Dave Brackob, Women – Jean Broman

Closest to the Pin (1st Shot) – Men – Norm Heberer

Closest to the Pin (2nd Shot) – Women – Mary Lou Collins

Longest Putt – Men or Women – Ann Spitzer

### Thanks to the following volunteers

Mark and Patti Orlovsky – Chairpersons

Hole Watchers - Patty Orlovsky, Chris Hosler, Marion Kloss, and Diane Braunreiter

Photographer – Larry Sommer and his driver, Clay Schaefer

Submitted by Judy Nelson

Random photos by Larry Sommer



Sharon Halsted, Richard Hosler, Gerry Vanselow and Ken Erickson



Chairperson Patti Orlovsky & helper Chris Hosler



Reenie Heberer, Marlene Erickson, Dave Brackob, and Carroll Halsted



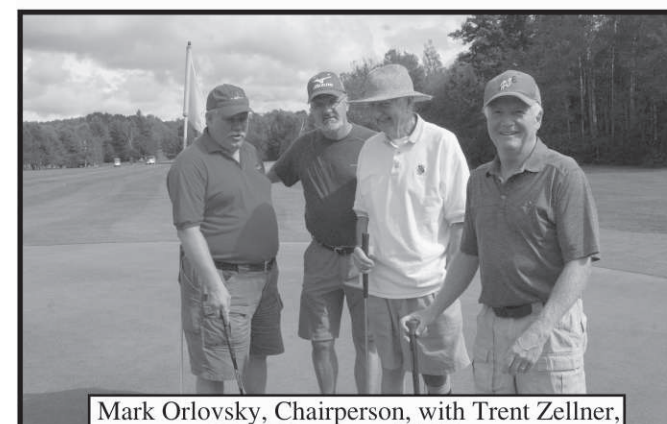
Jerri Brackob, Tom Cassini, Ann Spitzer, and Jack Kloss



Norm Heberer, Diane Braunreiter, Marcia Rippey, Marian Kloss, and Mike Hitchcock



Diane Braunreiter, Marian Kloss, and Marcia Rippey



Mark Orlovsky, Chairperson, with Trent Zellner, Dick Rippey, and Ed Tatro



Tom Austin, LexAnn Hitchcock, Betty Conrad, and Jeff Spitzer