

PRESIDENTS POINT OF VIEW

Submitted by: Rick Hermus

As we slowly eek our way out of the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is great to see family, friends and neighbors once again gathering on Lake Lucerne. The Lake has long been a refuge to help us ease our minds and recharge our spirits, but never so much as in the past 18 months. The magic of “the lake” continues to bring together relaxation, recreation and memories that last a lifetime. My hope is that you make some of those memories this summer!

It was great to once again hold our June Membership Meeting. Withstanding any hiccups with COVIC-19, Fun Days and our Annual Meeting will also be held as usual. Come on out and enjoy what your Association has to offer.

In this newsletter, please review the candidates who were nominated for leadership positions on the Lake Lucerne Advancement Association Board of Directors. It is great to have such interest to continue to lead the organization forward. Even with the pandemic, the LLAA accomplished a tremendous “fish stick” project, and we look to further this and other projects to continue to maintain this unique waterway for generations. This will be the LLAA's first election using absentee ballots. **Please know that in order to cast any ballot, you must be a member in good standing, with dues paid by Fun Days (August 7.)** Membership status is checked prior to any ballots being counted.

We have also learned some new things in the last year. “Loons and Lead” is a very interesting concept. If you are a fisherman, please educate yourself about your alternatives to protect these birds that are just as unique as Lake Lucerne! The Healthy Lakes Program is once again being explored. Individuals interested in participating can contact Steve Kircher, the Forest County Conversationist.

It has been an honor to serve you for the past couple decades. Leadership is not about being in charge, it is about learning from those you serve with and knowing that many viewpoints are needed to make decisions to better the organization. I have learned a great deal about Lake Lucerne over the past two decades. But most importantly, I have made many new friends during that time. As a Boy Scout, I was taught to always leave someplace better than we found it. That has always been the focus of my service.

Have a great summer, and I will see you on “The Lake”

Regards,
Rick Hermus
President

LOONS AND LEAD

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Years of research has proven that lead jigs and sinkers are the leading cause of death in mature Loons over the past 25 years. Ingestion of lead is almost always fatal to loons (and other wildlife.) Loons are most susceptible because they swallow their prey whole, and any lead in the fish (ie. a jig from the “one that got away”) is ingested by the loon. These deaths are slow and cruel for the loons.

Loons, like many other birds, also ingest small pebbles to aid in digestion. Unfortunately, they sometimes mistake lead sinkers that have fallen off of fishing line as these pebbles. They pick them off the bottom of the lake unknowingly.

The good news is that there are alternatives. Local bait shops are starting to stock lead free alternatives. Please consider the alternatives, and ensure that the call of the loons can be heard for generations.

Check out article by UWSP on Three Common Walleye Myths Your Lake Group Should Know About at uwsp.edu in their Lake Tides publication Spring/Summer 2021 issue.

Fun Day August 7th

Submitted by Lexanne Hitchcock

We are looking forward to hosting our annual event. Set up for Fun Day is Friday Aug 6th at 9am. Please come and help us get ready for the big event!

We need help in all areas of our event. Please volunteer for an hour or two, or maybe all day. Times are from 10:00 to 4:00. Shifts are 10-12, 12-2, 2-4. Come and have some fun!

Auction- Tim Turriff: Text or call 920-655-7309. Help needed setting items up on Friday and bringing items up to auctioneer.

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

Grillers- Mark Orlovsky: call or text 414-255-4271. Help grilling brats, hot dogs and hamburgers. Deep frying cheese curds and French fries.

Bar- Amy Coughlin: call, text 414-378-8373 or email awcoughlin26@gmail.com Help serving beverages.

Lucerne Raffle- (Boards) Mary Heilmann: text to 920-435-7753. Selling tickets for items purchased.

Fun Day Raffle- Jack Kloss/LexAnn Hitchcock: call or text 920-450-0573 or email lexhitchcock@gmail.com Help selling tickets on paddles for raffle. Putting tickets on paddles and taking in money.

Apparel- Joe Heilmann: text or call 612-991-3291 email jheilmann11@msn.com Help selling Lake Lucerne clothing and taking special orders.

Kids Games- Jodie Landgraf: text or call 262-748-5689 or email hddyena@aol.com

Sell tickets, had out prizes and help run each game.

Mark your calendar!! July 17th we will be hosting our 2nd brat fry at the clubhouse. Drive through or sit and picnic in the pavilion. Apparel will be available to purchase.

Serving 11:00 to 2:00. We are in **need** of some volunteers to car hop, and serve brats and hot dogs. Please contact LexAnn Hitchcock at 920-450-0573. Text or call.

Brat and chips \$4.00

Hot dog and chips \$2.50

Water \$1.00

Candidates Corner

Diane Braunreiter Introduction

Hi Friends,

I didn't realize how long my history on Lake Lucerne was until I just did the math 48 years! Tom and I became full-time residents 6 years ago, when I became involved in various activities - Friends of the Library, Master Gardeners, the LMT Snowmobile Club, and the LLAA as secretary. At this time I would like to come onboard again to share my time and talents. My priority has always been to be a caretaker of this lake. We're all here because we enjoy the beauty of Lake Lucerne, and I will always be a part of trying to keep it clean and beautiful for the next generations to enjoy.

Diane Braunreiter

Jennifer Criel Introduction:

I have been coming to Lake Lucerne my entire life with my family. Recently, my husband and 2 teenage sons built our own place on the lake. My intention as board member, if elected, is to protect the quality and recreational enjoyment of our wonderful lake. Some of my greatest memories are centered around this lake and I want future generations to make those same kinds of memories. I am a graduate from the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and hold a senior leadership position with Alight Solutions, a company that is focused on enriching employee's health, wealth and work.

Joe Heilmann Introduction

My family has been coming to Lake Lucerne since 1961. I have been coming here my whole life. I have enjoyed the lake with my grandparents, parents, kids, and grandkids. I have been on the board of directors for four years. I will continue to promote what is best for the lake. Vote Joe!

Thanks, Joe

Mark Orlovsky Introduction

My name is Mark Orlovsky and I am seeking the office of President of the Lake Lucerne Advancement Association. My wife Patty and I have been property owners for 18 years and full-time residents for 6 years. I am currently employed by Milwaukee Tool as a Senior Project Leader where I lead corporate construction/operations projects.

As a life member of the association while I have been in the background, I have been extremely active. Whether running the kitchen at Fun Days with Patty, chairing the annual golf outing, or leading the creation of the first lake protection grant, I see the lake as place where all can share no matter what your interests are.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions (414-255-4271) regarding my vision of the LLAA and I ask for your vote as the next president.

Jim Wienser Introduction

I have enjoyed Lake Lucerne since 1970, buying my first cabin in 1986. In 2020 I became a full-time resident on the lake. I am in my second term on the board and proud of what has been accomplished. If elected as your president I would have several priorities. Improve the boat landing with the DNR, continue the Fish stick project working with shoreline owners. Please join me in my efforts to preserve this Beautiful resource we have been blessed with.

For more information please Google Search my name or Visit LinkedIn to be an informed voter.

James (Jim) Wienser

ARE YOU CURRENT ON YOUR DUES?

Your address label is updated to show the year you are paid up to. If it is blank it means you are not a member. Lifetime members will have 9999. Email pattyvoigt38@gmail.com for address changes.

2021
JOHN DOE
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Why Not Join? Become a member today!

NAME(S): _____

LAKE ADDRESS (FIRE # & ROAD): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

IF NEW TO LAKE - FORMER OWNERS: _____
(For record keeping purpose)

PHONE(S): _____ E-MAIL (optional): _____

Check all that apply: NEW RENEWAL

2021 - \$20 2022 - \$20 2023 - \$20 Lifetime - \$225 + Embroidered Cap

Make checks payable to:
Lake Lucerne Advancement Association

Mail to: Lake Lucerne Advancement Association
P.O. Box 517, Crandon, WI 54520

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and the Association desires to maintain
and improve its quality.

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2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ACTIVITIES AT CLUBHOUSE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

JULY

July 17 – Fun Day Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.

AUGUST

August 6 – Fun Day Set Up 9:00 a.m.

August 7 – FUN DAYS

August 8 – Fun Days Clean Up 9:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

September 4 – LLAA Annual Meeting 9:00 a.m.

September 7 – LLAA Golf Outing

OCTOBER

October 23 – Fall Clean Up 9:00 a.m.

October 23 – LLAA Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. @ Waters Edge
Lodge

LLAA Clubhouse Rental

If you would like to rent the clubhouse and grounds for a graduation party, birthday party, baby shower, or even a small wedding, contact me. The price is \$150 for the rental, plus \$150 deposit (which will be returned after the event if all is in good condition). Covid-19 guidelines will be followed.

Diane Braunreiter - 608-322-0995

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www.lakelucernewi.com

Our Neighbors are in trouble....!!!!

Sometimes they surprise us by coming unannounced into our cabins and thrashing around seeking an exit. Other times children (and even adults) fear they will get stuck in our hair. And despite the fact that less than 6% of the wild ones are rabid, we avoid, fear them, and chase them with brooms and fly swatters.

Yet, truth be known, they eat vast quantities of beetles, moths, leafhoppers and spiders. They feast on pests that would ruin many plants. Are our neighbors batty? Or simply BATS !!!!!

Yes, these are the critters we all remember appearing at dusk, dive bombing our docks, silhouetted against the night sky. And, have you noticed, they are far fewer now-rarely joining us at the lake edge?

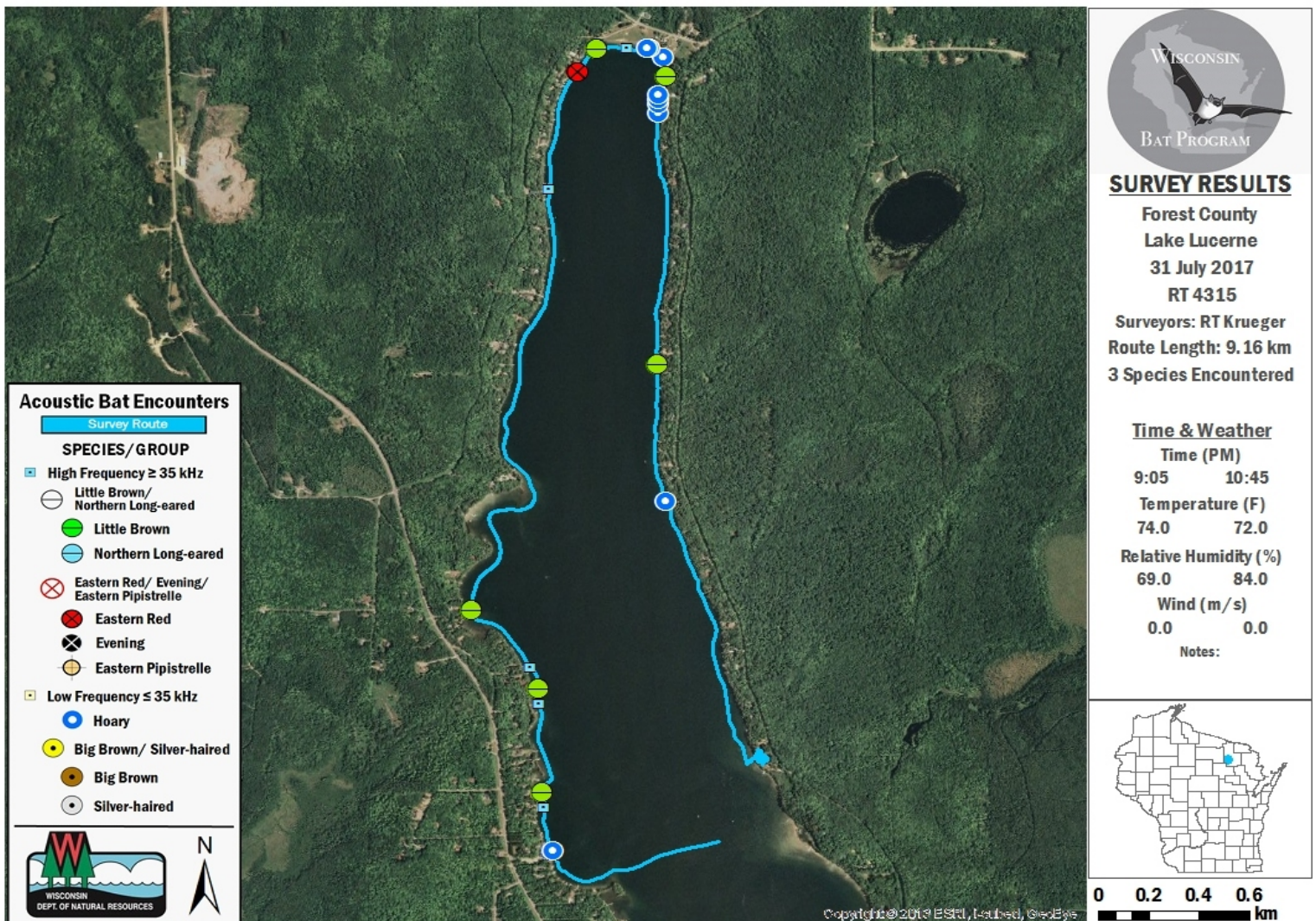
White Nose Syndrome has been described as “the most precipitous decline of a species in the past century in North America.” This disease affects and has killed hundreds of thousands of hibernating little brown bats, northern long-eared, and the endangered Indiana bat. WNS causes a white fungus to grow on the mouth, nose and ears of bats. This irritates them when they should be hibernating, causing them to become active in winter and they either starve or freeze during this season.

One bat can consume between 600 and 1000 mosquitos in just one hour. If bats disappear, insect populations will boom causing crop failures, economic loss and even human illness from insects.

Several years ago two intrepid citizen scientists-one a certified Master Naturalist- borrowed equipment from a northern Wisconsin environmental center and cruised the northern half of Lucerne looking for bats. The high tech, acoustically sensitive equipment hears and records bat sounds, identifies the species and pinpoints the location where that species was heard on the route. The southern half of the lake remains to be surveyed at a date to be determined. The attached map shows the species found and their locations on the lake during the first survey. You will note that only a few bats were found on several miles of shoreline.

Bats are certainly declining, but they are crucial to controlling bugs, pollinating and dispersing seeds, and occupying a valuable ecological niche in our world. We can help them by planting and maintaining native vegetation, keeping shorelines wild, avoiding toxic sprays, and placing bat houses in appropriate locations.

Let’s try to help our little neighbors, and in turn, help all of us also.



Lake Lucerne Golf Outing
Tuesday, September 7, 2021
Nicolet Country Club, Laona, WI

It's time for the 39th Annual Lake Lucerne Golf Outing and dinner. Please spread the word to other Lake Lucerne Advancement Association Members! GOLF Nine Hole Scramble, Maximum of 48 Players so register early! Registration: 1:00 PM. Shot Gun Start: 1:30 PM
 DINNER & COCKTAILS at Water's Edge, Lake Lucerne, Cocktails/Cash Bar after Golf 5 PM Dinner: 6 PM Chicken, Ribs, Beef Tips (With Gravy), Salad, Potato & Dessert

REGISTRATION Closes Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Golf & Dinner - \$30.00 (Includes Tip)

Dinner Only - \$26.00 (Includes Tip)

GOLF

An additional greens fee of \$18 required on day of outing for non-Nicolet members (includes cart)

Golf Cart Rental Only - \$18 (\$9 per person)

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

Please send the following registration form by Friday, September 3rd, 2021 to:

Mark Orlovsky 3924 Portwood Ln, Crandon, WI 54520 (414-255-4271)

Make checks payable to Mark Orlovsky.

Names of Golfers

Golfer	Nicolet Member (Yes or No)

Names for Dinner Only:

Name	Name

Payment enclosed: \$ _____

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

Contact Phone Number: _____