



July 2015

Lake Eau Claire Association
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A Note from the President

Hello from our lovely Lake Eau Claire. As I write to you, the Baltimore orioles are gulping down jars of grape jelly from our backdoor deck and Canadian geese are leading their cygnets across our bay.

We are thrilled to report the aeration system is now fully installed and operational. All fifteen aerators are busily bubbling away. Our first set of tests show excellent results. The water temperature in the deep west end of the lake is consistent from top to bottom, so that shows us that the aeration bubbles are mixing the water column thoroughly. This is critical because we need to prevent the formation of a thermocline and its cold, no oxygen layer that allows blue-green algae to grow. We are also finding good oxygen levels which allow game fish to live in deep water.

Please remember we are asking boaters not to anchor in the deep west end of the lake where the aerators are working. Many folks really pitched in to help install the pipelines into the lake and we thank them for their help. Your volunteerism is essential to keeping costs down.

In other news, we are pleased to share with you that the June Triathlon was another success! Special thanks to Vicki Reed, John Selz, and the entire Bechtel family for so much extra effort. 275 chicken dinners were consumed, the silent auction was very popular, and Richard and Patty McHugh's generous donation of Packer tickets helped the raffle sales enormously.

Saturday, July 11, I am happy to announce we installed another 16 half-log fish cribs into the lake. That now makes a total of 167 since we started four years ago, and many fishermen are reporting much improved fishing success. **Walleye limits this year are changed to three fish between 15 to 20 inches, OR two fish between 15 and 20 inches and one fish over 24 inches.** Hopefully, anglers who regularly use Lake Eau Claire will voluntarily release big walleyes in order to allow us to continue to grow the size and numbers of fish in the lake.

The new Lake Eau Claire Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, July 25 at the course in Osseo. Check our website for details: www.lakeeauclaire.org.

And don't forget, our lake district's annual meeting and vote is set for Saturday morning, August 15, and our association's annual picnic that Saturday afternoon at the county park. Please consider attending both!

Association Board Member Positions

The work of your association board has been vital to supporting efforts like the aeration system, fish cribs, dredging operations as well as bringing us all together for things like the Christmas party, the triathlon, and the August picnic. Four board positions are coming up for re-election this August. We also need two or possibly three new replacements. **For more information, please contact Fred Poss at 715.286.9413 or fredposs@gmail.com if you are interested in finding out more about serving on the association board.**

Downed Trees Add Habitat Leader Telegram and Wisconsin DNR-

Trees have benefits that extend beyond their lives above ground, according to a publication developed by UW Extension the UW Stevens Point. A publication titled “A Second Life for Trees and Lakes” describes the benefits of wood when it is submerged in waterways. The useful life of a tree may continue for 300 years as it provides food and shelter for aquatic insects, fish, and wildlife says Scott Toshner, a DNR fish biologist. Within hours after a tree is dropped in water, tadpoles, minnows, and other small fish begin to use it. Game fish may also use the fallen trees for cover and spawning. **If you have an interest in having one or two half-log fish cribs placed out from your shoreline, please contact John Selz at 715.533.8580. For anyone interested in learning more about tree falls, please contact Robin Walsh at 715.286.5469.**

Annual Picnic: County Park

Come one, come all! Our Annual Picnic is scheduled for the Lake Eau Claire County Park dining hall again this year.

Saturday, August 15. Social hour at 4 PM. Dinner at 5 PM with annual meeting to follow. Meal: Roast pork, hot dogs, beans, potato salad, and cole slaw. Plates and utensils provided as well as water and soda pop. Beer can be purchased on grounds. Meal is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children over age 5.

Agenda: Call to order. Approval of last year’s minutes. Treasurer’s report. President’s report and award. Nomination and election of directors to the board.

Emailed Newsletter

ATTENTION VOTERS!

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LAKE EAU CLAIRE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, AT 10 AM IN THE LIONS CLUB HALL IN THE CITY OF AUGUSTA. A PROGRESS UPDATE WILL BE SHARED AND A VOTE TO APPROVE THE TAX LEVY WILL BE HELD.

Don’t forget that we have switched to a mostly emailed newsletter. This switch is one made by the necessities of costs and efficiency. The wide majority of members are willing and supportive of using email instead. **If you live in this area, we will be placing 30 newsletters for you at The Woodland. If you absolutely require a printed copy of the newsletter be sent to you, contact Fred Poss at fredposs@gmail.com or at 715.286.9413.**

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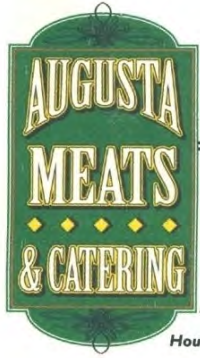
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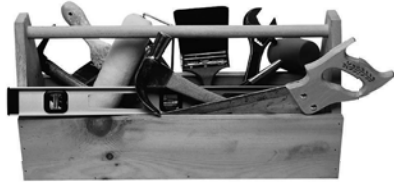


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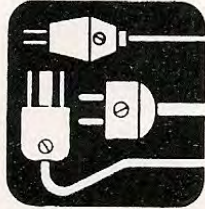
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