

LAKE NEWS

This year the newsletter is a bit smaller. Each brief item is explained in greater detail in emails sent to members from time to time. If you have specific questions, concerns or suggestions please contact one of the board members.

Free Brewer tickets

Bring your membership form to the June 22 Chicken Dinner at Birch Island and upon payment of membership you'll have a chance to win Brewer Tickets.

Walleye limits

Good news on walleye limits!
Duroy 3, Long 3, Wilson 3.

2013 Treatment Report

Only one treatment area in Lake Duroy was allowed. Another area was denied due to objection from the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission. The area was too close to wild rice growths.

The area that was treated responded as expected, with EWM growth reduced from the previous year

The non-treated area continues to be of concern, with EWM growth the same or greater than previous. Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) has been detected in Lake Duroy as well, will be monitored and may require treatment in the future

Blue-Green algae bloom was at elevated levels last year, and is another concern for the future.

Blue-green algae

Increased phosphorus levels is the primary driver of the algae growth. There are other other variables but individuals can help control certain ones

Use lawn fertilizer with zero phosphorus content

Don't mow to the water's edge, leave a vegetative buffer to filter and absorb nutrients before they enter the lake

Don't rake leaves into the lake
Avoid campfire and charcoal grill ashes being washed into the lake.

Help with Clean Boats/Clean Waters program

Contact Bob Fiorelli at 715-339-6332 or any board member if you can help. For the current DNR grant program we need 220 volunteer hours, 200 of which are for CB/CW, the other are monitoring and hand removal of EWM and CLP. On the average we have about 20 people covering the hours, from a total of around 400 on our mailing list.

Walleyes for Tomorrow

A local chapter of Walleyes for Tomorrow if forming and a representative will be at the Chicken Dinner to answer questions.

2014 program highlights

Current grant program and newest AIS threat is Curley-Leaf Pondweed (CLP).

We received notice that our "Early Detection and Response" grant program for the has been approved. Total project costs are estimated at \$21,795 of which 75% will be covered by the State DNR. The 25% that PCOLA is responsible for will be paid off primarily in the form of volunteer labor and personal boat use hours. The majority of the hours are the 200 per year required for the "Clean Boats/Clean Waters" program, in addition to some monitoring and hand removal hours.

CLP is another Aquatic Invasive Species similar to EWM and can have a significantly negative effect on our Chain if not addressed promptly and properly. The first stages of the program are mapping and gaining an understanding of the growth patterns & removing existing plants by hand. Should the growth continue a future program which includes herbicide applications or other means of controlling the growth may be required.

We must follow through with this current/new grant program in order to be eligible for subsequent grant funding which would partially pay for treatments, a very similar path to what we've done with the EWM CB/CW program. 200 hours per year required to meet DNR participation and support targets, along with labor reimbursement benefit to Association total of \$2400 (\$12/hr) toward grant program.

Volunteers will provide boater education and monitoring and prevention in the Chain. Volunteering would be ideal for youth in community who need community service hours for various reasons and, of course any of our association members.

Web Site help

Anyone interested in taking over the web site and improving it please contact one of the board members.

Special recognition

Steve Mangert volunteered over 30 hours last summer and gathered all of the post-treatment water samples on Lake Duroy. Hats off!



This is a picture of Curley-Leaf Pondweed. Another invasive species in the Chain.

**Phillips Chain O' Lakes Association
Membership Sign-Up**

Name: _____

Member Type:

Family (\$25/yr) _____ Business (\$50/yr) _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

Email Address: _____

Comments/suggestions _____

Win Brewer tickets.
Bring this signup to the
chicken dinner for a
chance to win tickets
to a game this summer

Phillips Chain O' Lakes Association
Fourth Annual
JUNE 2014

Chicken Dinner



CHANCE TO WIN FREE Brewer Tickets
upon payment of membership on June 22.

PICNIC/FUNDRAISER
All proceeds to be used for lake treatment of invasive aquatic vegetation

DATE: Sunday, June 22, 2014
WHERE: Birch Island Resort (On Wilson Lake)
TIME: 1 to 3 p.m.
Food, Raffles, Live Auction, Ice Fishing Contest, Membership Drive and Family Fun 339-3151.
Live Remote with WCQM Radio Station.
Great Day to hang with your neighbors & get updated on the events of the PCOLA!



Association meeting will take place at Birch Island after the Chicken Dinner at 3:30 pm

This is a great opportunity to learn more about what PCOLA has done, could do in the future, and how those with an interest can support the effort. We are looking for individuals interested in assuming leadership positions with the Ass'n, project leaders, and project volunteers.

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